

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 March 13, 2018.

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor McCauley 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 13, 2018.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- *Approval of the February 27, 2018 Regular Session Meeting Minutes*

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Tomson, seconded by Committeeman DelCore, the minutes of the February 27, 2018 Regular Session were approved upon the call of the roll.

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

Committeeman Burchette

Committeeman Burchette reported there have been reports of a local telephone scam in which it was a plot to defraud residents of money that allegedly came from a township number. As a reminder, never provide your banking information over to a non-trusted source over the telephone.

Committeeman Burchette stated the Police Department would like to announce that they will be deploying supplemental patrols targeting impaired drivers. In preparation of St. Patrick's Day celebrations plan ahead and use a designated driver, public transportation or other paid service. This weekend's initiative is a statewide effort. Play it safe. Don't Drink and Drive.

Committeeman Burchette announced the next Hillsborough Business Association Business Social will be Thursday April 19th at The Landing. Details to purchase tickets will be out soon through the HBA e-News. To sign up for the HBA e-News, go to Hillsboroughbusiness.org

Committeeman Burchette reminded residents to be a sponsor for the 5th Annual Run Around the Park, a non-competitive, family friendly 3 mile run/walk through at Ann Van Middlesworth Park and Woodfield Park - please contact Jessica Gonzalez, Recreation Program Coordinator at 908-369-4832.

Committeeman Burchette also reminded residents Grant Applications are now being accepted for non-profit organizations serving Township youth and seniors to apply for up to a \$2,000 Grant through the Affinity Hillsborough Rewards Credit Card Program. Please visit the website for more details and also how to secure your own Hillsborough Rewards Credit Card.

Committeeman DelCore

Committeeman DelCore stated due to laryngitis he has no report for this evening.

Committeeman Suraci

Committeeman Suraci reported due to changes enacted and mandated by the New Jersey Department of Consumer Affairs, work once considered to be "Minor Work" may now fall under "Ordinary Maintenance." Work considered to be Ordinary Maintenance does not require a permit. Some of the most significant changes include:

- Roof repair or replacement (1 & 2 family detached dwellings only)
- Replacement of Plumbing Fixtures (like for like and no piping changes)
- Installation of burglar or security system in a 1 & 2 family dwelling

Committeeman Suraci urged residents to refer any questions to the Building Department and see the Hillsborough Township Website for a link to the NJDCA summary of changes. http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/codes/alerts/pdfs/OM_MW_03052018.pdf

Committeeman Suraci stated the Engineering Department would like to inform residents that any tree or tree branches that fall into your yard even if it is from your neighbors tree you become responsible for clean up and/or damage to your property. If your tree falls into the roadway or sidewalk the D.P.W. will clear the obstruction in those areas and place the downed tree in the resident's property for their removal. If you have a Homeowners Association with private roads you can contact your Association Representative.

Committeeman Suraci further explained neighbors trees that fall on your property is considered a civil matter between neighbors. The Township has no authority to require a neighbor to pay to remove the fallen tree. There are standard laws not Township Regulations about tree requirements. Please contact your Homeowners Insurance Company for advise.

Committeeman Suraci noted the 2018 Annual Clean Up Program Tickets can now be obtained online! Complete instructions can be found on the Township website or by using the QR code on a mobile device. Questions can be sent to dpw@hillsborough-nj.org.

Committeeman Suraci noted he along with Mayor McCauley, Business Advocate David Kois and members of the EBDC attended a business opening for Dr. Marion Rowlings and a ribbon cutting for International Martial Arts.

Deputy Mayor Tomson

Deputy Mayor Tomson reported the Township recently received a request from the residents of the Sanitary Sewer Project to be given the ability to pay their Quarterly Special Assessment via the online system. The Finance Department was able to work with the 3rd party vendor and those residents will be able to make a free online payment from their checking account effective with the June installment. The link for payments can be found on the Township's website www.hillsborough-nj.org beginning May 1st.

Deputy Mayor Tomson reminded residents about the Annual Green Living and Wellness Fair on Saturday, June 2nd. Check out the enews for all the details.

Deputy Mayor Tomson stated the 56th annual national poison prevention week is March 18-24, 2018. Accidental poisonings are a major public health problem. It is estimated that more than 2 million poisonings each year are called in to poison control centers across the country. More than 90% of these occur in the home, and most of the poisonings involve children under age 6. However, about 92% of the poisoning related deaths involve adults.

Deputy Mayor Tomson advised the 2018 Spring Program Brochure as well as the 2018 Summer Sports Camps Brochure has been released. Registration is ongoing for programs such as Spring Soccer, Spring Softball & Summer Day Camps. Follow the Recreation Department on Instagram @Hillsboroughrec.

Mayor McCauley

Mayor McCauley reported the Township has been working with Senator Bateman and Assemblyman Freiman regarding the issue of people going down Raider Blvd the wrong way. Hillsborough Township Police Chief Powell has requested the installation of center line extension pavement markings for northbound Route 206 turning left onto west bound Raider Blvd and also for southbound Route 206 turning left onto eastbound Raider Blvd. This will help people avoid going the wrong way. We look forward to these safety improvements and we thank Senator Bateman and Assemblyman Freiman for their assistance with this issue.

Mayor McCauley reminded residents March is Women's History Month. The theme for 2018 is, "Nevertheless She Persisted: Honoring Women Who Fight All Forms of Discrimination Against Women."

- Women of every race, class and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways.
- Women have continued to play critical economic, cultural and social roles working inside and outside of the home as well as providing the majority of the country's volunteer labor force.
- They were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic and cultural institutions in the U.S. and served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement.
- Women have served our country courageously in the military, have been leaders, and served in many movements, especially the peace, which creates a more fair and just society for all.

Mayor McCauley stated this past Saturday was the last day for the Winter Farmers Market. She thanked all the participants, especially the local farmers, as well the visitors who supported the markets over the past several months. Mayor McCauley stopped in and picked up local honey, cheese and meats and participated with Tony from Martinette Farms with showing children how to grow their own plants.

Mayor McCauley thanked Pack 389 for the opportunity to meet with the Webelos Arrow of Light Scouts on Local Government. The Mayor always enjoy meeting with the youth of the community, especially helping to educate them on what their local government does.

Mayor McCauley noted it takes a lot of team work to ensure safety and quick response to any type of storm. She thanked all of the DPW and Emergency responders who worked nonstop over the last few storms, they always do an outstanding job. It was reported that 15 inches of wet heavy snow which caused many wires to go down along with trees and poles. There was constant communication throughout the storm and during restoration with the power companies ensuring resident safety and getting power restored as soon as possible. Mayor McCauley also thanked Pam Borek the PIO (Public Information Officer), and the Health Department and Social Services who visited areas without power for a few days to ensure the residents were aware of resources and to see if they were safe.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

- *Proclamation honoring Branchburg Beef, Dairy & Livestock 4-H Club*

***WHEREAS**, Branchburg Beef, Dairy and Livestock 4-H Club is part of the Somerset County 4-H. The members learn about the care and management of raising livestock including feeding, breeding and proper handling in and out of the show ring; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Branchburg Beef, Dairy and Livestock 4-H Club's members consist of Kara Johnson, Hannah McCray, Alex Norz, Megan Norz, Susie Norz, Cailin Parise, Lauren Parise, Megan Parise, Michael Powell, Elijah Staats and Will Staats; and*

***WHEREAS**, the club created a project to raise pigs and donate the meat to the Food Bank Network of Somerset County. The club housed the two hogs at Norz Hill Farm and raised \$760 in five weeks to pay for feed and processing of the hogs ; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Branchburg Beef, Dairy and Livestock 4-H Club donated approximately 600 pounds of meat to the Food Bank.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that we, the Mayor and Hillsborough Township Committee, do hereby recognize and extend our sincere congratulations to Branchburg Beef, Dairy and Livestock 4-H Club for their outstanding accomplishments in the Somerset County 4-H.*

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and Hillsborough Township Committee, further commend the Branchburg Beef, Dairy and Livestock 4-H Club for the honor the club has brought itself, the Somerset County 4-H, and the community through its many achievements.

- Proclamation honoring Brianna De la Cruz - Girl Scout Award

WHEREAS, Brianna De la Cruz, currently a freshman at Rowan University, a graduate of Hillsborough High School, and member of Girl Scout Troop 60045, has earned her Gold Award; and

WHEREAS, we, the Hillsborough Township Committee, recognize the many hours Brianna devoted towards earning her Girl Scout Gold Award, working with diligence in order to achieve this highly coveted recognition; and

WHEREAS, Brianna's Gold Award project involved creating and repairing paths at Hillsborough High School. Brianna had to obtain approval from the Principal, Athletic Director and Vice Principal. The work consisted of digging up new paths and graveling the same with approximately 3 tons of gravel. The project involved 15 people and over 80 hours of work; and

WHEREAS, Brianna was also involved in cross country, indoor/outdoor track and ran statistics for the boys and girls Varsity Basketball Team at Hillsborough High School. Brianna is in the Honors Program at Rowan University and in the top seven on Rowan's Cross Country and Track team; and

WHEREAS, Brianna serves as an example to the youth of Hillsborough Township through her achievements, leadership, and community service, and we are very proud that Brianna is a member of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and the Hillsborough Township Committee, do hereby recognize and extend our sincere congratulations to Brianna De la Cruz for having earned her Girl Scout Gold Award, an honor for both her and for those who have guided her, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

- Proclamation honoring Girl Scout Service Unit 72 - President's Award

WHEREAS, the mission of the Girl Scouts Heart of NJ is to instill courage, confidence and character in girls to help make the world a better place; and

WHEREAS, the President's Award is the Girl Scout's most prestigious volunteer award which recognizes the efforts of a service delivery team or committee whose exemplary service, in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, surpassed team goals and resulted in a significant, measurable impact toward reaching the Council's overall goals; and

WHEREAS, the President's Award encourages citizens to live a life of service through Presidential gratitude and national recognition; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scout Service Unit 72 was awarded the President's Award for their work with local agencies, seniors, clothing and food drives, Veteran causes and their work with the Samaritan Homeless Interim Program; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scout Service Unit 72 has demonstrated a significant commitment to inclusivity, the outdoors, leadership opportunities, community partnership and community service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and the Hillsborough Township Committee, do hereby recognize and extend our sincere congratulations to Girl Scout Service Unit 72 for having earned the President's Award, an honor for both the local troop and Girl Scouts Heart of NJ.

- Proclamation honoring Multiple Sclerosis Awareness

WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous system, affecting 2.3 million people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society - New Jersey Metro Chapter reports that in our state more than 14,000 people are living with MS, and that the disease generally strikes people in the prime of life, between ages 20 through 50, and the cause and course of the often debilitating symptoms of MS remain unknown and no cure currently exists; and

WHEREAS, since 1946 the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force of research committed to a world free of MS by heightening public knowledge and insight into the disease, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatments and a cure, and has invested more than \$900 million in groundbreaking research; and

WHEREAS, Funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fuel \$42.1 million, funding 380 research projects at the best medical centers, universities and other institutions throughout the U.S. and abroad, leading to many breakthroughs in the treatment of MS; and

WHEREAS, Stopping MS in its tracks, restoring what has been lost, and ending MS forever is the mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and one that all Americans and New Jerseyans should support; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough Township recognizes the importance of finding the cause and cure of MS and expresses its appreciation for the dedication that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society - New Jersey Metro has shown toward creating a world free of MS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, hereby declare March 11-17, 2018 as MS Awareness Week and encourage all to learn more about Multiple Sclerosis and what they can do to support individuals with MS and their families.

PRESENTATIONS

- Healthier Somerset- Farmers Market Recognition 2017

NEW BUSINESS

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS AND MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCES

2018-01 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH APEX LAND ASSOCIATES, LLC, FOR LEASE OF AN OUTDOOR SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP AS BLOCK 175, LOT 23.01

WHEREAS, the Township is authorized pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (“LRHL”), to determine whether certain parcels of land within the Township constitute an area in need of rehabilitation and/or an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2008, the Township Committee adopted a Resolution determining that the properties identified on the Tax Map of the Township as Block 175, Lots 39.01 and 39.03 and Block 177, Lots 23.01, 23.03, and 23.04 which property based on a 2017 Subdivision is now known as Block 175, Lots 39.01 and 23.01 and Block 177, Lot 23.04 (“Belle Mead GSA Depot Redevelopment Area”) are an “area in need of redevelopment” under the LRHL; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee subsequently arranged for Bruce Rydel of CME Associates, a licensed professional planner of the State of New Jersey, to prepare a proposed redevelopment plan for the Belle Mead GSA Depot Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, CME Associates prepared a proposed redevelopment plan for the Belle Mead GSA Depot Redevelopment Area, dated October 2008 (the “Redevelopment Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee thereafter referred the Redevelopment Plan to the Township of Hillsborough Planning Board (“Planning Board”) for the Planning Board’s review and recommendation in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7e; and

WHEREAS, on October 23, 2008, the Planning Board adopted a Resolution determining the Redevelopment Plan to be consistent with the Township’s Master Plan and recommending the Township Committee adopt the Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee reviewed the Redevelopment Plan and the recommendations of the Planning Board and determined that it is was in the public interest to adopt the Redevelopment Plan for the Belle Mead GSA Depot Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2009, the Township Committee adopted Ordinance 2008-42 approving the Redevelopment Plan for the Belle Mead GSA Depot; and

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2017, Apex Land Associates, LLC, (“Apex”) and Somerset County Improvement Authority entered into an “Agreement for the Purchase and Sale of Real Property” for that portion of the Belle Mead GSA Depot Redevelopment Area identified on the Tax Map of the Township as Block 175, Lot 23.01 (“Property”); and

WHEREAS, the “Agreement for the Purchase and Sale of Real Property” is contingent upon Apex being named by the Township as the redeveloper of the Property; and

WHEREAS, Apex proposes to develop the Property in accordance with Redevelopment Plan adopted by the Township as amended by Ordinance 2017-21 with three (3) outdoor synthetic turf fields (one such field being designated as the Township Turf Field) and a state of the art indoor athletic and recreational facility of approximately 210,000 square feet with two (2) domes to be used for youth sports, training programs, clinics, camps, sports performance, fitness training, youth and adult leagues, tournaments and events (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to lease from Apex one of the outdoor synthetic turf fields (“Township Turf Field”) to be constructed at the Property pursuant to the terms and conditions set for in a Lease Agreement between the parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows: (1) the Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to execute the attached Lease Agreement with Apex Land Associates, LLC, for the lease of an outdoor synthetic turf field (“Township Turf Field”) to be constructed at the Property; and (2) this Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication according to law.

Mayor McCauley stated this agreement allows the Township’s recreation department to utilize up to 400 hours for programs on turf fields.

Upon motion by Committeeman Burchette, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tomson, to introduce the ordinance, the motion was unanimously approved upon call of the role.

2018-02 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF FIVE (5) YEAR TAX EXEMPTION AND ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH APEX LAND ASSOCIATES, LLC, FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP AS BLOCK 175, LOT 23.01

WHEREAS, the Five Year Exemption and Abatement Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 *et seq.*, authorizes municipalities to grant exemptions and/or abatements from taxation pertaining to development projects in areas designated by the Township to be in need of rehabilitation or redevelopment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 *et seq.* (“LRHL”); and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2008, the Township Committee adopted a Resolution determining that the properties identified on the Tax Map of the Township as Block 175, Lots 39.01 and 39.03 and Block 177, Lots 23.01, 23.03, and 23.04 which property based on a 2017 Subdivision is now known as Block 175, Lots 39.01 and 23.01 and Block 177, Lot 23.04 (“Belle Mead GSA Depot Redevelopment Area”) are an “area in need of redevelopment” under the LRHL; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee subsequently arranged for Bruce Rydel of CME Associates, a licensed professional planner of the State of New Jersey, to prepare a proposed redevelopment plan for the Belle Mead GSA Depot Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, CME Associates prepared a proposed redevelopment plan for the Belle Mead GSA Depot Redevelopment Area, dated October 2008 (the “Redevelopment Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee thereafter referred the Redevelopment Plan to the Township of Hillsborough Planning Board (“Planning Board”) for the Planning Board’s review and recommendation in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7e; and

WHEREAS, on October 23, 2008, the Planning Board adopted a Resolution determining the Redevelopment Plan to be consistent with the Township’s Master Plan and recommending the Township Committee adopt the Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee reviewed the Redevelopment Plan and the recommendations of the Planning Board and determined that it is was in the public interest to adopt the Redevelopment Plan for the Belle Mead GSA Depot Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2009, the Township Committee adopted Ordinance 2008-42 approving the Redevelopment Plan for the Belle Mead GSA Depot; and

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2017, Apex and Somerset County Improvement Authority entered into an “Agreement for the Purchase and Sale of Real Property” for that portion of the Belle Mead GSA Depot Redevelopment Area identified on the Tax Map of the Township as Block 175, Lot 23.01 (“Property”); and

WHEREAS, Apex proposes to develop the Property in accordance with the Redevelopment Plan adopted by the Township as amended by Ordinance 2017-21 with three (3) outdoor synthetic turf fields (one such field being designated as a Township Turf Field) and a state of the art indoor athletic and recreational facility of approximately 210,000 square feet with two (2) domes to be used for youth sports, training programs, clinics, camps, sports performance, fitness training, youth and adult leagues, tournaments and events (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined Apex possesses the proper qualifications and experience to implement and complete the Project in accordance with the Redevelopment Plan and all other applicable laws, ordinances and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Township negotiated a Redevelopment Agreement with Apex for develop of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Township also negotiated a Lease Agreement with Apex for the use of a designated Township Turf Field to be constructed at the Property; and

WHEREAS, Apex completed and submitted to the Township an “Application for Five (5) Year Tax Exemption and Abatement for New Construction” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:21-9; and

WHEREAS, as an incentive for Apex to construct the proposed Project and provide a designated Township Turf Field at the Property for use by the Township and Hillsborough based 501(c)(3) organizations, the Township wishes to grant Apex a Five Year Tax Exemption and Abatement in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:21-10.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows: (1) the Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to execute the attached Five Year Tax Exemption and Abatement Agreement with Apex

Land Associates, LLC, for the redevelopment of the Property and provision of a designated Township Turf Field; (2) the Township Clerk shall forward a copy of this Ordinance and the Five Year Tax Exemption and Abatement Agreement to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs within 30 days; and (3) this Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication according to law.

Mayor McCauley stated this authorizes the financial agreement between the Township and Apex for this area in need of redevelopment.

Upon motion by Committeeman Burchette, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tomson, to introduce the ordinance, the motion was unanimously approved upon call of the role.

CONSIDERATIONS

1. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APEX LAND ASSOCIATES, LLC, AS REDEVELOPER OF THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH AS BLOCK 175, LOT 23.01 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Township is authorized pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 *et seq.* (“LRHL”), to determine whether certain parcels of land within the Township constitute an area in need of rehabilitation and/or an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2008, the Township Committee adopted a Resolution determining that the properties identified on the Tax Map of the Township as Block 175, Lots 39.01 and 39.03 and Block 177, Lots 23.01, 23.03, and 23.04 which property based on a 2017 Subdivision is now known as Block 175, Lots 39.01 and 23.01 and Block 177, Lot 23.04 (“Belle Mead GSA Depot Redevelopment Area”) are an “area in need of redevelopment” under the LRHL; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee subsequently arranged for Bruce Rydel of CME Associates, a licensed professional planner of the State of New Jersey, to prepare a proposed redevelopment plan for the Belle Mead GSA Depot Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, CME Associates prepared a proposed redevelopment plan for the Belle Mead GSA Depot Redevelopment Area, dated October 2008 (“Redevelopment Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee thereafter referred the Redevelopment Plan to the Township of Hillsborough Planning Board (“Planning Board”) for the Planning Board’s review and recommendation in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7e; and

WHEREAS, on October 23, 2008, the Planning Board adopted a Resolution determining the Redevelopment Plan to be consistent with the Township’s Master Plan and recommending the Township Committee adopt the Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee reviewed the Redevelopment Plan and the recommendations of the Planning Board and determined that it is was in the public interest to adopt the Redevelopment Plan for the Belle Mead GSA Depot Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2009, the Township Committee adopted Ordinance 2008-42 approving the Redevelopment Plan for the Belle Mead GSA Depot; and

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2017, Apex Land Associates, LLC (“Apex”) and Somerset County Improvement Authority entered into an “Agreement for the Purchase and Sale of Real Property” for that portion of the Belle Mead GSA Depot Redevelopment Area identified on the Tax Map of the Township as Block 175, Lot 23.01 (“Property”); and

WHEREAS, the “Agreement for the Purchase and Sale of Real Property” is contingent upon Apex being named by the Township as the redeveloper of the Property; and

WHEREAS, Apex proposes to develop the Property in accordance with the Redevelopment Plan adopted by the Township as amended by Ordinance 2017-21 with three (3) outdoor synthetic turf fields (one such field being designated as a Township Turf Field) and a state of the art indoor athletic and recreational facility of approximately 210,000 square feet with two (2) domes to be used for youth sports, training programs, clinics, camps, sports performance, fitness training, youth and adult leagues, tournaments and events (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined Apex possesses the proper qualifications and experience to implement and complete the Project in accordance with the Redevelopment Plan and all other applicable laws, ordinances and regulations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the LRHL, the Township desires to designate Apex as Redeveloper of the Property and enter into a Redevelopment Agreement with Apex setting forth the terms and conditions pursuant to which the Project is to be constructed and implemented and the Property is to be redeveloped.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows: (1) Apex Land Associates, LLC, is hereby designated the Redeveloper of the Property; and (2) the Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to execute the attached Redevelopment Agreement with Apex Land Associates, LLC, for the redevelopment of the Property.

Mayor McCauley stated redevelopment law requires the Township to name a redeveloper for an area deemed in need of redevelopment, as such Apex Land Associates, LLC shall be named.

Susan Gulliford, Hunt Club Road asked for clarification regarding Apex’s purchase of the property for redevelopment. Township Attorney Bill Willard explained Apex is purchasing and redeveloping a 40 acre site off of Mountain View Road. Somerset County is acquiring the 19.5 acre parcel on Hillsborough Road.

Press Quakenbush, 207 Brokaw Court stated on behalf of Hillsborough Travel Basketball he supports the facility as planned which will provide much needed practice and game space to the Basketball community.

Jaime Moore, 822 Atkins Circle stated there is a need for field space with lights in town for the athletic programs that continue to grow exponentially. This is a tremendous opportunity for the Hillsborough community.

Niles Johnson, 2 Woodville Terrace stated as a representative of the Hillsborough Soccer Club consisting of 360 members and 27 teams the Apex Facility will be a most welcome addition to Hillsborough

Township. Due to the numerous snow storms this March the Soccer Club has had to cancel many practices because of a lack of an indoor facility. The Soccer Club is ready to commit \$25,000 to Apex that was previously spent outside of Hillsborough.

Rick Mantz, 16 Bateman Way commended the Mayor and Township Committee for working with Apex to solve a huge problem in Hillsborough with regard to sports fields and related parking without placing a huge tax burden on residents.

John Warn, 14 Arthur Road lives off of Mountain View Road and expressed a concern about the resulting traffic from the Apex Facility. Mayor McCauley, Committeeman Suraci and Committeeman Tomson stated traffic issues will be discussed at the Planning Board meeting and a traffic study will be conducted.

Mike Snowdon, 55 Oxford Place stated he is most concerned with the traffic and height of the dome. Mayor McCauley noted this discussion is more appropriate at the Planning Board meeting.

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

Deputy Mayor Doug Tomson stated the Township will have 400 hours of field time for free and 501(c)(3) organizations will get a 50% reduction on fees. This is a huge savings for the Township even with the 5 year tax break. It would be very costly for the Township to build turf fields for the Parks and Recreation department. This is a perfect example of why public/private partnerships are so advantageous.

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF MARGARET SHELTON TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME FLOATER IN THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK'S OFFICE, AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$14.50 PER HOUR, NOT TO EXCEED 29 HOURS PER WEEK, EFFECTIVE MARCH 14, 2018

WHEREAS, there is the need for a part-time Floater in the Township Administrator/Clerk's office; and

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk recommends the hiring of Margaret Shelton as a part-time Floater, effective March 14, 2018, at a rate of \$14.50 per hour, not to exceed 29 hours per week.

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 Township Clerk is hereby accepted and approved.

Mayor McCauley stated Ms. Shelton has been interviewed by the Administrator and Township Clerk. Welcome Ms. Shelton.

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

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH AND CABLEVISION LIGHTPATH NJ, INC., AND ITS SUBSIDIARY 4 CONNECTIONS, LLC

WHEREAS, Cablevision Lightpath NJ, Inc., and its subsidiary 4Connections, LLC, (“Lightpath”) are telecommunications service providers authorized by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to do business as a competitive local exchange company in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Lightpath wishes to install fiber optic cable on exiting utility poles and within existing underground conduit located within the public right-of-way along Route 206 from Doctors Way to Opie Road, Falcon Road, Sunnymeade Road and Weston Road; and

WHEREAS, Lightpath entered into an agreement with Verizon New Jersey, Inc., authorizing the installation of fiber optic cable on exiting utility poles and within existing underground conduit located within the public right-of-way along Route 206 from Doctors Way to Opie Road, Falcon Road, Sunnymeade Road and Weston Road; and

WHEREAS, Lightpath seeks permission from the Township pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:17-10 et. seq., to install fiber optic cable on exiting utility poles and within existing underground conduit located within the public right-of-way along Route 206 from Doctors Way to Opie Road, Falcon Road, Sunnymeade Road and Weston Road; and

WHEREAS, the Township is empowered to enter into an Agreement for such purpose pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:17-10 through 48:17-12.

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 the attached Right of Way Agreement between the Township of Hillsborough and Cablevision Lightpath NJ, Inc., and its subsidiary 4Connections, LLC, to install fiber optic cable on exiting utility poles and within existing underground conduit located within the public right-of-way along Route 206 from Doctors Way to Opie Road, Falcon Road, Sunnymeade Road and Weston Road.

Mayor McCauley stated this resolution authorizes dark fiber to be placed in existing conduit either on existing poles or underground.

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

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR THE REPAIRS/REPLACEMENT OF THE LIBRARY HEAT PUMP WITH BINSKY & SNYDER SERVICE LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,707.00

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillsborough solicited quotes for repairs/replacement of the Library heat pump and three (3) quotes were received as follows:

Binsky & Snyder Service LLC	\$8,707.00
Industrial Cooling Corp.	\$9,000.00
Thermal Service of NJ Inc.	\$9,750.00

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works and the Qualified Purchasing Agent have recommended that the Township award the contract to Binsky & Snyder Service LLC in an amount not to exceed \$8,707.00; 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 Binsky & Snyder Service LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$8,707.00.
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the contract provided by Binsky & Snyder Service LLC for their services.

Mayor McCauley stated this resolution authorizes this through the building maintenance fund.

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

5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LANDSCAPE CHEMICAL TREATMENT AND FERTILIZATION FOR THE PARKS DEPARTMENT BY TRUGREEN COMMERCIAL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,259.20 THROUGH THE SOMERSET COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT #CC-0110-14, COOPERATIVE PRICING BID #2 SOCCP

WHEREAS, the Supervisor of the Department of Parks has requested authorization for the landscape chemical treatment and fertilization of the parks; and

WHEREAS, these services are available through the Somerset County Cooperative Purchasing Contract #CC-0110-14, Cooperative Pricing Bid #2 SOCCP, of which the Township of Hillsborough is member; 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 hereby authorizes and approves the landscape chemical treatment and fertilization of the parks by Trugreen Commercial in an amount not to exceed \$7,259.20.

Mayor McCauley stated this is for field maintenance at out parks.

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

6. RESOLUTION INCREASING THE 2018 TEMPORARY EMERGENCY BUDGET

WHEREAS, there is a need to increase the 2018 Temporary Emergency Budget for unforeseen expenditures prior to the adoption of the 2018 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the amount of said increase is not to exceed \$115,000.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough that the following increase to the appropriation be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be given to the Chief Finance Officer for her records:

Police	
Other Expense	\$ 40,000.00
Snow Removal	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 25,000.00
Other Expense	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>
	<u>\$115,000.00</u>
SUBTOTAL APPROPRIATIONS: INSIDE CAP	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$115,000.00</u>

Mayor McCauley stated due to recent weather events it has become necessary to adjust the temporary budget to have funds available for the expenses related to the storms.

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

7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ERIC MATTSON, AS A PART TIME BUILDING INSPECTOR FOR THE HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP BUILDING DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE MARCH 14, 2018, AT THE RATE OF \$30.00 PER HOUR NOT TO EXCEED 29 HOURS PER WEEK

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a part time Building Inspector in the Township’s Building Department; and

WHEREAS, John Fiedler, Construction Official, recommends the hiring of Eric Mattson as part time Building Inspector, effective March 14, 2018, 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 the Construction Official is authorized to hire Eric Mattson as a part time Building Inspector, effective March 14, 2018, at the rate of \$30.00 per hour not to exceed 29 hours per week..

Mayor McCauley stated Mr. Mattson has been interviewed and recommended to fill this open position. Welcome Mr. Mattson.

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

8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MASER CONSULTING, P.A. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SURVEYING SERVICES FOR THE PREPARATION OF AN EASEMENT ACQUISITION MAP REQUIRED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE CISTERN AT DEER PATH IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,350.00

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillsborough requires the preparation of an easement acquisition map which is required for the installation of the cistern at Deer Path; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the contract for professional services awarded by the Township to Maser Consulting, P.A. through the Fair and Open procurement process (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4-5 et seq.) appointing Maser Consulting, P.A. as the Township Engineer, Maser Consulting, P.A. prepared a proposal dated March 2, 2018, to provide professional surveying services for the preparation of the easement acquisition map in an amount not to exceed \$1,350.00; 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 Maser Consulting, P.A., is authorized to provide professional surveying services for the preparation of an easement acquisition map in an amount not to exceed \$1,350.00 pursuant to their contract with the Township and the proposal submitted on March 2, 2018.

Mayor McCauley stated this resolution authorizes engineering services for the cistern to be replaced in this development.

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

9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MASER CONSULTING, P.A., TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE UPDATE OF THE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) PARCEL UPDATES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000.00 PURSUANT TO MASER'S PROPOSAL DATED MARCH 9, 2018

WHEREAS, on January 2, 2018, as a result of the fair and open procurement process, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4-5 et seq., Maser Consulting, P.A., was awarded a professional services contract designating Maser Consulting, P.A., as the Township of Hillsborough Engineer; and

WHEREAS, there is now the necessity for professional engineering services; namely, to perform professional services associated with the update of the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Parcel Updates for the Township of Hillsborough, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00, as described in a proposal from Maser Consulting, P.A., dated March 9, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that: (1) Maser Consulting, P.A., is authorized to perform professional services outlined in its proposal, dated March 9, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00, for the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Parcel Updates for the Township of Hillsborough; (2) the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an amendment to the Professional Services Contract with Maser Consulting, P.A., for these services in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00; and (3) this Amended Contract is awarded, as a result of the Fair and Open Selection Process as "Professional Services" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)a of the Local Public Contracts Law

and the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4-5 et seq.) because these services will be performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, the performance of which service requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instructions as distinguished from general academic instruction or apprenticeship and training.

Mayor McCauley stated this resolution allows for updates to the GIS updates related to the migration to GovPilot.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, Hillsborough Township is an active participant and Silver Certified community in the Sustainable Jersey Program; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee strives to save tax dollars and is committed to pursue the path towards a sustainable future for the Township of Hillsborough; and

WHEREAS, a \$2,000 grant proposal and scope of work has been developed to create an community education and outreach program to be administered by the Sustainable Hillsborough Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey Program is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues, and they have created a grant program called the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program.

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

1. It authorizes its Business Advocate/Sustainability Director to take all action necessary to completing the Grant Application and submitting any related documents or information to Sustainable Jersey.
2. It authorizes the appropriate municipal officials to execute the application and any related materials and documentation necessary for a complete application and necessary for the obtainment of such grant funding.

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION FOR THE ARC OF SOMERSET COUNTY 2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Community Development Block Grant Applications are due on March 23, 2018; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough to endorse the submission of said grant by The Arc of Somerset County, requesting funds for the roof and siding replacement on the Respite Group Home located in Hillsborough.

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 the roof and siding replacement on the Respite Group Home located in Hillsborough, be and hereby is endorsed and that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Municipal Certification for the ARC of Somerset County 2018 Community Development Block Grant Application.

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZATION THE TOWNSHIP QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR CUSTODIAL SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2018 THROUGH MARCH 30, 2020

WHEREAS, there is a need for custodial services for the Township of Hillsborough Municipal Buildings when the current contract expires; and

WHEREAS, the Township Qualified Purchasing Agent is authorized to advertise for bids for Custodial Services for the period April 1, 2018 through March 30, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Township Qualified Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for Custodial Services for the period April 1, 2018 through March 30, 2020.

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF RECREATION PROGRAM FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 989.00

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 \$989.00.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Melvin Arguello	\$100.00	Lydia Prendergast	889.00

5. RESOLUTION APPOINTING DAVID KOIS AND ANTHONY FERRERA AS DEPUTY ZONING OFFICIALS

WHEREAS, there exists a need for Hillsborough Township to appoint Deputy Zoning Officials; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to appoint David Kois and Anthony Ferrera as Deputy Zoning Officials in order to support the Township's statutory obligations and enforcement goals.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that David Kois and Anthony Ferrera are appointed as Deputy Zoning Officials effective immediately and for a duration of the year 2018.

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

CLAIMS LIST

Mayor McCauley asked to approve Claims List 2018-05.

Upon the motion of Committeeman Burchette, seconded by Committeeman Suraci, Claims List 2018-05 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, P.L. 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:
 - i. Personnel Matter:*
 - a. Mark Amerman*
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 Committeeman Suraci, seconded by Committeeman DelCore, the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the role. The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 8:41 pm.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Tomson, seconded by Committeeman Suraci, the public meeting was re-opened at 9:34 pm.

Township Clerk Pamela Borek stated present in Executive Session were Township Labor Attorney Steven Siegler, Department of Public Works Director Rich Resavy, Union Representative Michael Broderick, Shop Steward Ron Mil and Department of Public Works employee Mark Hamerman upon a Rice notice to discuss the issue at hand pertaining to his CDL license. The Township Labor Attorney will proceed with agreement setting out timetable for Mr. Hamerman to obtain the written and driving CDL license.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Committeeman Suraci, seconded by Committeeman Burchette, the meeting duly adjourned at 9:36 pm. Said motion was carried unanimously upon voice vote.

Attested:

Pamela Borek
Township Clerk