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CALL TO ORDER
The mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM in the Municipal Building, 1 Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, NJ. Those assembled saluted the flag and the mayor read the open public meetings statement in accordance with the law.

ROLL CALL
Present: Baldassare, Bianchi, Gaziano, Malay, Carpenter
Absent:
Also Present: Assistant Administrator Monaco, Attorney Belardo, Engineer Timko, and Municipal Clerk/Assist. Admin. Szabo

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Resolution #2018-0156
Motion by Malay, second by Baldassare, and unanimously agreed that Resolution #2018-0156 be approved. The meeting temporarily adjourned to Executive Session at 6:31 PM.

WHEREAS, NJSA 10:4-12 allows for a public body to go into closed session during a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of the Township Committee will reconvene.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in NJSA 10:4-12; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Committee hereby declares that the discussion of subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Township Attorney advises the Township Committee that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the Township or any other entity with respect to said discussion. That time is currently estimated as the time of said matter.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Township Committee, hereby declares that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the discussion(s) shall take place and hereby directs the Municipal Clerk to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

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The meeting resumed in open session 8:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Nesa Ross, Culberson Road, commented on school safety
Al LiCata, East Oak Street, commented on the budget
Bill Allen, Holmesbrook Road, commented on the promotions of Pat Monaco and Michael Shimsky
Paul Damurjian, 181 Douglas Road, commented on the proposed development at 180 Douglas Road in Far Hills
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS
Committee and staff members reported on their activities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
None.

FIRE & RESCUE APPOINTMENT
Resolution #2018-0185 - Appointment to Membership in Township of Bernards Volunteer Liberty Corner First Aid Squad, Inc. Gabryelle Trelstad, Full Member
Motion by Malay, second by Gaziano, and unanimously agreed that Resolution #2018-0185 be approved.

WHEREAS, § 2-16.1 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards, there shall be a first aid department known as the "Township of Bernards First Aid and Emergency Department" consisting of the First Aid Squad of the Basking Ridge Fire Company #1 and the Liberty Corner First Aid Squad, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Liberty Corner First Aid Squad, Inc. is recommending Gabryelle Trelstad, 7 Apgar Ave., Gladstone, NJ 07934 for appointment as a full member.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that Gabryelle Trelstad is hereby appointed as a member of the Liberty Corner First Aid Squad, Inc. effective this date.

NEW BUSINESS
Resolution #2018-0190 - Personnel Appointment, Pat Monaco – Township Administrator – Administration
Motion by Gaziano, second by Bianchi, and unanimously agreed that Resolution #2018-0190 be approved.

WHEREAS, the full time Township Administrator position will become available due to a retirement occurring on June 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the current Township Administrator and Chief Financial Officer/Human Resources Officer have deemed it necessary to fill this position; and

WHEREAS, Pat Monaco has applied for and is qualified to fill said position; and

WHEREAS, the current Township Administrator and Chief Financial Officer/Human Resources Officer recommend appointment of Pat Monaco to full time Township Administrator.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that Pat Monaco be appointed full time Township Administrator with a hire date of Monday, May 14, 2018 at an annual salary of $164,000 for a 40 hour work week.

Resolution #2018-0191 - Personnel Appointment, Michael Shimsky – Police Chief – Police Department
Motion by Malay, second by Baldassare, and unanimously agreed that Resolution #2018-0191 be approved.

WHEREAS, the full time Police Chief position will become available due to a retirement occurring on April 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator and Chief Financial Officer/Human Resources Officer have deemed it necessary to fill this position; and

WHEREAS, Mike Shimsky has applied for and is qualified to fill said position; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator and Chief Financial Officer/Human Resources Officer recommend appointment of Mike Shimsky to full time Police Chief.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that Mike Shimsky be appointed full time Police Chief with a hire date of Sunday, April 1, 2018 at an annual salary of $163,000 for a 40 hour work week.

Resolution #2018-0196 - Authorizing Township Settlement Agreement with Bernards Plaza Associates, LLC and Court Associates, LLC
Motion by Malay, second by Baldassare, that Resolution #2018-0196 be approved
Belardo commented on the current situation the township faces with regard to affordable housing obligations.

The committee agreed to open public comment on the resolution. The following individuals commented and asked questions regarding the settlement.

Al Licata, East Oak Street
Debra Dewitt, 140 Spencer Road
Rita Zarabara, Thackeray Drive
Bill Allen, Holmesbrook Road
Maureen Knapp and Husband, owner of Frozen Falls in Dewy Meadow
Steve Chaiken, Haas Road
Sharon Vopel, Evergreen Place
Alexandra Schwarz, 67 Bernards Drive
Kathy Straub, S. Finley Avenue
Richard Huckins, Woodstone Road
Linda Marcus, Alexandria Way
Greg Raustad, Stonehouse Road
Walter Pardo, owner of Postal Anex at Dewy Meadow

Roll Call:
Aye: Baldassare, Bianchi, Malay, Carpenter
Nay: Gaziano
Abstain:
Motion carried.

WHEREAS, the TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, County of Somerset, having an address at Town Hall, One Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 (hereinafter the “Township”); and BERNARDS PLAZA ASSOCIATES, LLC, a New Jersey limited liability company, having an address at 820 Morris Turnpike, Short Hills, NJ 07078, (hereinafter “Bernards Plaza”); and CROWN COURT ASSOCIATES, LLC, a New Jersey limited liability company, having an address at 820 Morris Turnpike, Short Hills, NJ 07078, (hereinafter “Crown Court”); collectively, the Township, Bernards Plaza and Crown Court shall be referred to as the “Parties,” now desire to enter into a Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the New Jersey Supreme Court’s decision in In re Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97 by N.J. Council on Affordable Housing, 221 N.J. 1 (2015), on or about July 2, 2015, the Township filed an action with the Superior Court of New Jersey (“Court”), entitled In the Matter of the Township of Bernards Compliance with Third Round Mount Laurel Affordable Housing Obligation, Docket No. SOM-L-899-15, seeking a Judgment of Compliance and Repose approving its Affordable Housing Plan in addition to related reliefs (the “Compliance Action”); and

WHEREAS, on or about July 16, 2015, Bernards Plaza and Crown Court filed a Motion to Intervene in the Compliance Action (“Bernards Plaza and Crown Court Intervention”) and such intervention was granted by the Court on September 16, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Bernard Plaza owns real property known as the Dewy Meadow Shopping Center, known and designated as Block 8501, Lots 39 and 43 (“Bernards Plaza Property”) according to the Township’s tax and assessment maps; and

WHEREAS, Crown Court owns real property known as the Crown Court Apartments, known and designated as Block 8501, Lots 7, and 9 through 25 (inclusive) (“Crown Court Property”) according to the Township’s tax and assessment maps; and

WHEREAS, the Settlement Agreement does not purport to resolve all of the issues in the Compliance Plan, and, after a determination as to its affordable housing obligation, the Township intends to prepare a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (hereinafter “Affordable Housing Plan”), that will be adopted by the Planning Board, endorsed by the Township Committee, and submitted to the Court for review and approval in the Compliance Plan; and
WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Plan will include the Bernards Plaza Property by including the Multifamily Housing Overlay Zone within the B-5 Village Center Zone to permit 198 residential units, including a 15% set aside for units to be affordable to very low, low, and moderate income households; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Plan will include the Crown Court Property by including the Crown Court Overlay Zone within the R-5 Zone. The Crown Court Property presently contains a total of 96 housing units, including 19 low- and moderate income units, which shall have their affordability controls extended for at least 30 years from the present expiration date of June 11, 2021. The Crown Court Overlay Zone will permit 24 additional housing units, including 4 low- and moderate-income units on the Crown Court Property, to permit in total up to 120 housing units, including a total of 23 low- and moderate income units; and

WHEREAS, the Township will, in the future, seek the Court’s approval of the Affordable Housing Plan in connection with the Compliance Action and, regardless of the Court’s approval or disapproval of the Affordable Housing Plan and the ultimate disposition of the Compliance Action, the Parties intend to be bound by the Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Bernards Plaza and Crown Court are amenable to fully and finally resolving the Bernards Plaza and Crown Court Intervention premised upon securing the right to construct a 198-unit residential inclusionary development on the Bernards Plaza Property, including a maximum of 30 low- and moderate income units, and an additional 24 housing units on the Crown Court Property ("Inclusionary Developments"); and

WHEREAS, to ensure that the Inclusionary Developments generate affordable housing credits to be applied to the Township’s Round 3 affordable housing obligations, the affordable units within the Inclusionary Developments shall be developed in accordance with COAH prior round regulations, the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls, N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq. ("UHAC"), and all other applicable law, including a requirement that 13% of all affordable units are available to very low income households, and shall be deed restricted for a period of at least 30 years pursuant to the Settlement Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties state the purpose of the Settlement Agreement is to settle the Bernards Plaza and Crown Court Intervention and to create a realistic opportunity for the construction of the Inclusionary Developments, and to generate affordable housing credits for the Township to apply to any Round 3 obligation assigned to it. The concept site plans attached to the Settlement Agreement and made a part and hereof as Exhibits A1 and A2 have been reviewed and approved by the Township and the Township’s professionals, who have determined that the concept plans are substantially consistent with the ordinances attached to the Settlement Agreement as Exhibits B1 and B2.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bernards Plaza and Crown Court Inclusionary Developments shall be further subject to the following requirements:

1. Density. The residential development of the Bernards Plaza Property shall be developed with a density of 198 residential units, inclusive of an affordable housing component. The residential development of the Crown Court Property shall be developed with an additional 24 residential units, for a total of 120 housing units on the Crown Plaza Property, inclusive of the affordable housing component.

2. Height. The residential development of the Bernards Plaza Property shall be included in buildings with a permitted maximum height of four stories and 55 feet for the multifamily building, and with a permitted maximum height of three stories and 48 feet for the townhouse units. The residential development of the Crown Court Property shall be included in buildings with a permitted maximum height of three stories and 48 feet in height.

3. Amenities. The residential development of the Inclusionary Developments shall be designed to have the amenities typical for inclusionary development at the discretion of the Developer.

4. Parking. Parking shall comply with RSIS standards for the residential development and township zoning ordinances.

5. Crown Court Signage. The Township agrees to permit a monument sign to be installed at the entrance for the Crown Court Property up to 30 square feet per municipal zoning ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Crown Court, its successors and/or assigns shall have an obligation to deed-restrict fifteen percent (15%) or a maximum of thirty (30) of the residential units on the Bernards Plaza Property as very low, low, or moderate income affordable units. Crown Court, its successors and/or assigns shall have an obligation to deed-restrict four of the additional 24 units on the Crown Court Property as very low, low, or moderate income affordable units. Any such affordable units shall comply with UHAC, applicable COAH affordable housing regulations, the FHA, any applicable order of the Court, and other applicable laws.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in addition to the foregoing, the affordable units shall remain affordable rental units for a period of at least thirty (30) years (“Deed-Restriction Period”) so that the Township may count the units against its obligations to provide family rental housing. This obligation includes, but is not limited to, the required obligation to comply with the bedroom distribution requirements, very low (13%) / low (37%) / moderate (50%) income split requirements, pricing requirements, affirmative marketing requirements, candidate qualification and screening requirements, and deed restriction requirements; and the distribution of the affordable housing units shall be in compliance with COAH’s Round Two substantive regulations, N.J.A.C. 5:93, which the Parties believe will govern the issue, or as approved by the Special Master and the Court; and Bernards Plaza and Crown Court shall further contract with the Township’s administrative agent Central Jersey Housing Resources Center or its successor (“Administrative Agent”) for the administration of the affordable units in accordance with UHAC and other applicable laws for the Deed-Restriction Period. The Administrative Agent shall work with the Township regarding any affordable housing monitoring requirements imposed by COAH or the Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon receipt of building permits for the Inclusionary Developments, Bernards Plaza and Crown Court shall no longer continue to participate in the Compliance Action, and shall formally file a Stipulation of Dismissal with Prejudice with the court from the Township’s Compliance Action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that subject to the timeline set forth in Section 3.5 of the Settlement Agreement, Bernards Plaza shall purchase and close upon real property (“Open Space Parcel”) from the Township known and identified on the Township tax maps as Block 8501, Lot 44 for the amount of $125,000.00, provided the Township can convey the land free and clear of all encumbrances impending marketability. The Open Space Parcel adjoins the Bernards Plaza Property, is land-locked and is significantly constrained from development due to environmental features. Bernards Plaza shall have no obligation to continue to maintain the Open Space Parcel as a municipal soccer field and shall be permitted to incorporate the Open Space Parcel as a passive or active recreation space for the Inclusionary Development on the Bernards Plaza Property subject to Planning Board approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Crown Court Property presently contains a total of 96 housing units, including 19 low- and moderate income units. Provided the approvals with the time periods set forth in Section 3.5 of the Settlement Agreement have been obtained, Crown Court shall extend the affordability controls for these 19 affordable units for a period of at least 30 years beyond the present expiration date of June 11, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, within forty-five (45) days of the execution of this Agreement, the Township shall introduce ordinances (hereinafter the “Rezoning Ordinances”, which are attached to the Settlement Agreement as Exhibit B1 and B2) that will permit the development of the Bernards Plaza Property and Crown Court Property consistent with the Rezoning Ordinances, and reasonably consistent with the attached concept site plans (Exhibit A1 and A2) that allows for the development of the Bernards Plaza Property and Crown Court Property and the construction of the Inclusionary Developments. The Rezoning Ordinance will indicate that the affordable units will be constructed in accordance with all applicable UHAC and COAH regulations. Upon introduction of the Rezoning Ordinances, the Township shall refer the Rezoning Ordinances to the Planning Board for review and recommendation at the Planning Board’s next regularly scheduled meeting. At the next regularly scheduled Township Committee meeting after a recommendation has been made to the Township by the Planning Board regarding the Rezoning Ordinances, or after the expiration of the thirty-five (35) day referral period, whichever is earlier, the Township will vote on the approval of the Rezoning Ordinances. In the event that the Township votes to reject or disapprove the Rezoning Ordinances, Bernards Plaza and/or Crown Court may go back to the Court for further relief and resume its role as Intervenor in the Township’s Declaratory Judgment Action. Notwithstanding the time period set forth in this Section, the Rezoning Ordinances shall be adopted within the time period set forth in Section 3.5 of the Settlement Agreement.

Consent Agenda
The items listed within the consent agenda portion of the meeting have been referred to the Township Committee for reading and study, linked to the posted agenda on the website, are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Township Committee with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is required, the item may be removed from the agenda by township committee action and placed on the regular agenda under new business.

Motion by Malay, second by Bianchi, that Resolution #2018-0180 be removed from the Consent Agenda and that the balance of items be approved.
**Resolution #2018-0179 - Approval of the Bill List Dated 03/27/2018**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the bill list dated 3/27/2018 be audited, and if found correct, be paid.
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Resolution #2018-0181 - Approval of Special Event Permit St. James Men of Charity, 5K Race on 05/17/2018 Utilizing Various Roads in Bernards Township

WHEREAS, Bill McDermott, representing St. James Men of Charity “the applicant,” has requested a special event permit for 05/17/2018 from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM for the purpose of holding a 5K Charity Run on various township roads; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has satisfied the requirements of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards § 4-4. et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed to hire an off-duty police officer to assist with the event; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk, Acting Police Chief, and Recreation Director, have reviewed the application and recommend approval.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the request be approved as submitted.

Resolution #2018-0182 - Acknowledgement of 2017 Annual Report Submitted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70.1 requires the Board of Adjustment annually to prepare and adopt by resolution a report on its findings on zoning ordinance provisions which were the subject of variance requests and to report its recommendations for zoning ordinance amendment or revision; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70.1 further requires the Board of Adjustment to send copies of its report to the governing body and planning board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards hereby acknowledges receipt of the Zoning Board of Adjustment’s 2017 Annual Report which is on file with the Municipal Clerk.

Resolution #2018-0183 - Confirmation of Environmental Commission Chairman – David Tancredi

WHEREAS, pursuant to §2-18.2 of the Bernards Township Revised General Ordinances, the Environmental Commission will yearly recommend one of its members to the Mayor, to serve as chairperson and presiding officer. Following receipt of such recommendation, and with the advice of the Township Committee, the Mayor shall designate one of the members of the Commission to serve as its chairperson and presiding officer; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission has recommended to the Mayor that David Tancredi be designated as chairperson and presiding officer for the year 2018.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that we do hereby approve of the designation of David Tancredi as the designated chairperson and presiding officer of the Environmental Commission for the year 2018.

Resolution #2018-0184 - Proclamation for Building Safety Month May

WHEREAS, The Township of Bernards is committed to recognizing our growth and strength depends on the safety and economic value of the homes, buildings and infrastructure that serve our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, our confidence in the structural integrity of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building, electrical, plumbing and fire protection officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and
WHEREAS, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a U.S. based organization, that brings together local, state and federal officials that are experts in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, play; and

WHEREAS, our nation benefits economically and technologically from using the International Codes® that are developed by a national, voluntary consensus codes and standards developing organization, our government is able to avoid the high cost and complexity of developing and maintaining these codes, which are the most widely adopted building safety codes in the nation; these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquake; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities’ largely unknown guardians of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings that are essential to keep America great; and

WHEREAS, “Building Codes Save Lives” the theme for Building Safety Month 2018, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction; fire protection; disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2018 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and

WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, county and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that we do hereby proclaim the month of May 2018, as Building Safety Month.

Resolution #2018-0186 - Award of Purchase Orders for Identified Vendor(s) – The Flooring Gallery LLC
WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Bernards has adopted Ordinance #1854 “Known as Pay to Play” and P. L. 2004, Chapter 19; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the ordinance window contracts determined to exceed $17,500.00 and within the bid threshold of $40,000.00 requires governing body approval; and

WHEREAS, the purchasing agent has determined that the value of the vendor(s) listed below will exceed $17,500.00 in purchases; and

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WHEREAS, in anticipation of the listed expenditure, a Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been secured in compliance with N.J.S.A.19:44A 20-4 et seq., and that the principals of the said companies, have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Bernards in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the principals of said companies from making ANY contributions through the term of the contract pursuant to Bernards Township Ordinance #1854 adopted on February 28, 2006, that would prohibit any business entity or professional that procures goods, services or contracts from the Township without the formal bid process from making “any” contribution whatsoever in the prior calendar year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, Somerset County, New Jersey that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue purchase orders to the vendor listed above to maintain continuity and facilitate the ordering process through December 31, 2018.

Resolution #2018-0187 - Authorization for Tax Refund
WHEREAS, a tax overpayment exists because the property owner or mortgage company erroneously prepaid for the year 2018 taxes; and

WHEREAS, the owner or mortgage company has requested from the tax collector that a refund be issued.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that we do be hereby approve and authorize the following refunds.
Resolution #2018-0188 - Awarding a Professional Services Contract for the Appraisal of 3638 Valley Road, Basking Ridge, NJ to Russell K. Sterling, MAI, AI-GRS, CRE, NJ SCGREA Lic. No. 42RG00288 of the firm Sterling DiSanto & Associates, 145 West End Avenue, Somerville, NJ 08876, In the Not to Exceed Amount of $4,500.00

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards requires services for an appraisal of Block 7703 Lot 24, 3638 Valley Road, Liberty Corner Prop/Enhancement Technologies, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 in determining compensation to a property owner for the acquisition of an easement; and

WHEREAS, a construction easement is required for the storage of equipment and materials during construction of a replacement bridge; and

WHEREAS, Sterling DiSanto & Associates, has submitted a proposal dated March 14, 2018 outlining the estimated fair market value and damages to the remainder, if any, of a temporary construction easement to be acquired; and

WHEREAS, section N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) exempts such professional services from competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, this professional services contract is not subject to the requirements of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et seq and Section 2-34 of the “Township Ordinances” as the Contract is under the threshold for the ordinance as well; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds will be made available in the 2018 Budget in the Pedestrian Bridge Improvements line item appropriation account # C-04-55-337-A06.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that a contract be awarded to Russell K. Sterling, MAI, AI-GRS, CRE, NJ SCGREA, Lic # 42RG00288 of the firm Sterling DiSanto & Associates, 145 West End Avenue, Somerville, NJ 08876 as follows:

1. The contract will encompass services as outlined in the submitted proposal dated March 14, 2018.
2. The contract term is from March 27, 2018 through March 26, 2019 at a cost not to exceed $4,500.00.
3. Billings must be rendered by the contractor within 45 days of service delivery.
4. Any modification to this contract shall be requested in writing, approved by the Township Committee, and signed by both parties and upon obtaining said signatures shall immediately become part of the contract.
5. No payments in excess of the “not to exceed” contract amounts will be approved, unless such services/expenditures are negotiated, agreed upon, and approved by the Township Committee in advance of service delivery.
6. As required by law, the parties to this contract agree to incorporate into this contract the mandatory affirmative action language promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to P.L. 1975, c.127, which is attached to this resolution as Exhibit A.

7. This contract shall, for all purposes, be deemed a New Jersey Contract and any provisions of this contract shall be governed and interpreted with the Laws of the State of New Jersey.

8. The contractor shall report directly to John P. Belardo, Esq., Township Attorney and Thomas Timko, PE, CME, Township Engineer, who will be the contacts for the Township of Bernards on this project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that notice of this contract award be published in the official township newspaper, and a copy of this resolution be placed on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Bernards Township Purchasing Agent.

I agree to the terms as stated in the Resolution and by signing this document I am committed to follow all terms of this award.

Russell K. Sterling, MAI, AI-GRS, CRE, NJ SCGREA, Lic # 42RG00288

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS CERTIFICATION

I, Terri Johnson, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Bernards, hereby certify that adequate funds are available in the Capital Improvement Fund for the above referenced purchase in the amount not to exceed $4,500.00. Monies are available in the 2016 Pedestrian Bridge Improvements Capital line account #C-04-55-337-A06.

Date: March 19, 2018

Terri Johnson
Chief Financial Officer

Resolution #2018-0189 - Proclaiming Arbor Day in Bernards Township

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees in our township increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards does hereby proclaim April 27, 2018 as ARBOR DAY; and

IN THE COMMUNITY OF Bernards Township, we urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands to support our town’s urban forestry program; and

FURTHER, we urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

Resolution # 2018-0192 - Authorization for the Use of Competitive Contracting Solicitations of Request for Proposals for Janitorial Services

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards seeks to advertise for competitive contracting for Janitorial Services for Municipal Facilities Buildings, Police Department, Engineering Services Building, Health Dept, Parks/Pleasant Valley Pool and Municipal Library; and

WHEREAS, the enacted 1999 Amendments, P.L. 1999, c. 440 to the Local Contract Laws N.J.S.A.40A: 11-4.1 et seq. requires the governing body to pass a resolution authorizing the use of competitive contracting in lieu of public bidding for this service; and
WHEREAS, it is the combined recommendation of the Director of Public Works and Purchasing Agent to use the competitive contracting method in the procurement of specialized goods and services such as janitorial services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, Somerset County, New Jersey that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to use competitive contracting for the above mentioned service.

Resolution #2018-0193 - Authorizing and Approving Purchase from MorphoTrak Inc., 5515 East LaPalma Avenue, Suite 100, Anaheim CA 92807 NJ State Contract # A-81520 for a MorphoTrak Integrated Live Scan Tenprint/Palmprint Capture with Integrated MugPhoto In the Amount Not to Exceed $25,380.10

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards Police Department wishes to purchase a MorphoTrak Integrated Live Scan Tenprint/Palmprint Capture with Integrated MugPhoto and associated products from the lowest responsible bidder under the NJ State Contract A-81520; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Police Chief and the Purchasing Agent to award this purchase to MorphoTrak Inc., 5515 East LaPalma Avenue, Suite 100, Anaheim CA 92807; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the 2018 budget; the line item appropriation to be charged is Capital Ordinance #2382 line account #C-04-55-382-C01; and

WHEREAS, the Township is authorized to make purchases through cooperative and state contracts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10 and 12.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the Purchasing Agent be authorized to issue purchase orders to MorphoTrak Inc., 5515 East LaPalma Avenue, Suite 100, Anaheim CA 92807 in the amount not to exceed $ 25,380.10.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I, Terri Johnson, Chief Financial Officer, hereby certify that adequate funds are available for the above referenced purchase in the amount not to exceed $25,380.10. Monies are available in Capital Ordinance #2382 line account #C-04-55-382-C01.

Date: 03/20/2018

Terri Johnson
CFO/HRO

Resolution #2018-0194 - Resolution Approving the Design of the, Beechwood Road Storm Sewer

WHEREAS, Bernards Township proposes to undertake construction of a public improvement within Bernards Township, commonly referred to as the Beechwood Road Storm Sewer; and

WHEREAS, Bernards Township has caused a plan and design for the aforementioned improvement to be prepared; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has reviewed the aforementioned plan or design and exercised its judgment and/or approved the judgments of others as represented by the plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Township of Bernards hereby formally approves the plan entitled “Beechwood Road Storm Sewer,” dated January 4, 2018, and prepared by Thomas Timko, PE, Township Engineer, for a certain public improvement generally described as the Beechwood Road Storm Sewer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be placed in the permanent project file, together with one copy of the plan referred to above with a notation referring to the Resolution of Approval placed thereon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Bernards Township’s Joint Insurance Fund Risk Managers.
Resolution #2018-0195 - Approval of Maintenance Surety and Return of Improvement Performance Bond for Millington Quarry Subdivision-Bettlar Tract (South Maple Ave) Keystone Court

WHEREAS, the Engineer of the Township of Bernards, Somerset County, New Jersey, 07920, has received the following Maintenance Surety:

Name of Applicant: Millington Quarry Inc.
Address: PO Box 367, Millington, NJ 07946
Maintenance Surety: # B1197559
Dated: 02/26/2018
Insurance Company: Selective Insurance Company of America
Address: 40 Wantage Ave., Branchville, NJ 07890
Amount: $65,217.42

WHEREAS, the aforesaid applicant is requesting return of their Improvement Performance Bond:

Name of Applicant: Millington Quarry Inc.
Address: PO Box 367, Millington, NJ 07946
Performance Bond #: B1034221
Insurance Company: Selective Insurance Company of America
Address: 40 Wantage Ave., Branchville, NJ 07890
Amount: $391,304.52 Cash Portion: $43,478.28

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, after inspection, advises that the site has now been completed in compliance with Township regulations and recommends return of the Improvement Performance Bond to the applicant; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has approved the Maintenance Surety as to its form and sufficiency.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the Improvement Performance Bond be released to the above named applicant.

NOW, THEREFORE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the aforesaid Improvement Performance Bond be released to the above named applicant.

**End Consent Agenda**

Resolution #2018-0180 - Appointment to Sewerage Authority

Motion by Malay, second by Gaziano and unanimously agreed to approve Resolution #2018-0180.

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Sewerage Authority due to resignation of Carol Bianchi.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that we do hereby appoint James Baldassare, Jr., to fill the unexpired 5 year term of Carol Bianchi, expiring 1/31/2020.

Ordinance #2383 - An Ordinance Accepting Keystone Court - Introduction

The clerk read the ordinance by title. Motion by Malay, second by Gaziano, that Ordinance #2383 be introduced on first reading, advertised as required by law, and schedule for a public hearing on 04/10/2018.

Roll Call:

Aye: Baldassare, Bianchi, Gaziano, Malay, Carpenter
Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that Keystone Court, dedicated to public use be hereby accepted by the Township.

Said roadway, being shown on a map entitled “Preliminary Major Subdivision of Block 3501 Lot 5 (Tax Map Sheet 35), Township of Bernards, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey,” as prepared by Page Engineering Consultants, P.C., dated 11-26-2008 and filed in the Somerset County Clerk’s Office on March 16, 2010, Book 6307, Pages 3573-3574.
EXECUTIVE SESSION – (continuation of earlier session if required)
Not required.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting resumed in open session at 10:11 PM and immediately adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Denise Szabo
Municipal Clerk/Assistant Administrator

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John Carpenter
Mayor