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PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT
CALL TO ORDER
The mayor called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. Those assembled saluted the flag and the mayor read the Open Public Meetings Act in accordance with the law.

ROLL CALL
Present: Baldassare, Carpenter, Esposito, Harris, Bianchi
Absent:
Also Present: CFO McCarthy, Administrator Monaco, Attorney Belardo, Engineer Timko, Deputy Municipal Clerk Pisano

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for those killed and affected by the Easter day attack in Sri Lanka.

PUBLIC WORK SESSION
Stormwater Ordinance
Timko provided an overview of DEP regulations requiring inspection of private stormwater systems which currently affects 129 residential and 218 commercial properties. Timko recommends an ordinance requiring owners to perform their own inspections with no fee for residential and a nominal fee for commercial. The township committee directed Timko to move forward with drafting an ordinance.

Mine Brook / Canterbury Intersection – Mine Brook Canterbury FAQ’s; Plan - Traffic Calming at Mine Brook Road Canterbury Way
Timko reviewed the last plan presented to the engineering sub-committee and to township committee members. All agreed that the plan is acceptable and directed Timko to move forward with the bidding process.

CORRESPONDENCE
Nothing listed.

PUBLIC COMMENT
The following people commented on Mine Brook Rd & Canterbury intersection:
Patrick Hennessy - 45 Mine Brook Rd.
Mr. Schmidt - 34 Mine Brook Rd.
Cody Smith – 36 Royal Oak Dr.
Todd Edelstein – 172 Riverside Dr.

Todd Edelstein – also commented on the Police Department lobby, and the Board of Health plumbing inspection fee and website.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS & STAFF COMMENTS
Comment and staff member reported on their recent activities and boards.

FIRE & RESCUE APPOINTMENT
None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
2019 Municipal Budget & Golf Utility Presentation (State Budget Document) (User Friendly Budget)
CFO McCarthy provided an overview of the 2019 Budget. A budget preview was presented in Feb and the budget introduction was in March. No change have occurred since introduction except for the receipt of a $350,000 grant for N Maple Ave.

Resolution #2019-0227 - Adoption of 2019 Municipal Budget and 2019 Golf Utility Budget
The deputy clerk read the budget by title and the Mayor opened the public hearing.

Todd Edelstein – 172 Riverside Dr. proposed a “charge back” to Somerset County and Bd of Education for collecting their taxes, commented on the cost of road paving, and encouraged electric vehicles in future years.

The mayor closed the public hearing.
Motion by Baldassare, second by Esposito, that Resolution #2019-0227 be approved.

Roll Call
   Aye: Baldassare, Carpenter, Esposito, Harris, Bianchi
   Nay:  
   Abstain:  
   Motion carried.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards declares that the statutory requirements found in NJSA 40:A:4-8 subsection 1.a. and 1.b. for posting a complete copy of the approved budget have been met, permitting the budget to be read by title; and

WHEREAS, the budget was read by title and a public hearing was held on April 23, 2019 in accordance with the law.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, County of Somerset that the budget hereinafter set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

$ 20,314,913.39 for Municipal Purposes, and
$ 2,400,487.00 for Municipal Library

MUNICIPAL BUDGET
SUMMARY OF REVENUES

GENERAL REVENUES
Surplus Anticipated $ 12,950,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated $ 5,543,723.01
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes $ 305,000.00

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES $ 20,314,913.39
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL LIBRARY $ 2,400,487.00
Total Revenues $ 41,514,123.40

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS
Within “CAPS” $ 24,824,802.12
Operations Including Contingent $ 2,989,127.15
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures—Municipal
Excluded from “CAPS” $ 3,454,350.52
Operations – Total Operation Excluded from “CAPS” $ 6,098,950.00
Capital Improvements
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes $ 4,146,893.61
Total Appropriations $ 41,514,123.40

SELF-LIQUIDATING GOLF UTILITY
GOLF GENERAL REVENUES $ 393,869.40
GOLF GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS $ 393,869.40

Ordinance #2414 - An Ordinance Updating and Amending the Specific and General Licensing Regulations of Chapter 4 entitled “General Licensing” of the General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards - Public Hearing

The deputy clerk advised that a small change was added to section 4-8.9b to include the term of a license granted for limousines to coincide with the vehicle registration term for said limousine. Attorney Sordillo had opined that this amendment was not a material change that would require reintroduction.
The clerk read the amended ordinance by title and the Mayor opened the public hearing. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

Motion by Baldassare, second by Esposito, that the amended ordinance be adopted and advertised as required by law.

Roll Call
Aye: Baldassare, Carpenter, Esposito, Harris, Bianchi
Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried.

Ordinance #2415 - An Ordinance of the Township of Bernards, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey Amending Chapter 21, Article XIII Affordable Housing to Address the Requirements of the Fair Housing Act, the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls (UHAC) Regulations, and the Court-Approved Settlement Agreement with Fair Share Housing Center Regarding Compliance with the Township’s Affordable Housing Obligations (Planning Board Report) – Public Hearing
The clerk read the ordinance by title and the committee acknowledged the Planning Board’s report finding that the ordinance was not inconsistent with the Master Plan. The Mayor opened the public hearing. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

Motion by Baldassare, second by Harris, that the ordinance be adopted and advertised as required by law.

Roll Call
Aye: Baldassare, Carpenter, Esposito, Harris, Bianchi
Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried.

Ordinance #2416 - An Ordinance of the Township of Bernards, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, Amending, Revising and Supplementing the Code of the Township of Bernards, Chapter 21, “Revised Land Use Ordinances”, Regarding Multifamily Housing in the B-5 Village Center Zone (Planning Board Report) – Public Hearing
The clerk read the ordinance by title and the committee acknowledged the Planning Board’s report finding that the ordinance was not inconsistent with the Master Plan. The Mayor opened the public hearing. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

Motion by Baldassare, second by Esposito, that the ordinance be adopted and advertised as required by law.

Roll Call
Aye: Baldassare, Carpenter, Esposito, Harris, Bianchi
Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS
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 Baldassare, second by Esposito, that Resolutions #2019-0230 and #2019-0229 be removed from the Consent Agenda, and that the remaining items be approved.

Roll Call
Aye: Baldassare, Carpenter, Esposito, Harris, Bianchi
Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried.
Approval of Minutes:
04/09/2019 - Open Session
These minutes were approved for content and release.

Resolution #2019-0183 - Commendation on Attaining Eagle Scout Designation John Patrick Maloney, Jr.
WHEREAS, the Township Committee is very pleased to recognize the outstanding personal effort of John Patrick Maloney Jr, reaching the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, John Patrick Maloney Jr., a member of Troop 351 in Basking Ridge, has been an active scout, demonstrating outstanding leadership within the Troop, and has contributed many service hours to his community during his years in scouting; and

WHEREAS, of the total national enrollment of the scouting program, only a small percentage reach this prestigious rank, which John Patrick will carry as a badge of honor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee offers its best wishes to John Patrick Maloney for continued success, and congratulations for a personal achievement that will serve as a reminder of the importance of the pursuit of excellence throughout his life.

Resolution #2019-0197 - Resolution Approving the Design of the Lafayette Lane Pedestrian Bridge Replacement
WHEREAS, Bernards Township proposes to undertake construction of a public improvement within Bernards Township, commonly referred to as the Lafayette Lane Pedestrian Bridge Replacement; 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 “Replacement of Pedestrian Bridge Over Harrison Brook at Lafayette Lane,” dated February 2019, and prepared by Andrew Cangiano, PE of the firm Keller & Kirkpatrick, Inc., for a certain public improvement generally described as the Lafayette Lane Pedestrian Bridge Replacement; 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 #2019-0198 - Resolution Approving the Design of the Stonehouse Road and Southard Park Pedestrian Bridge Replacements
WHEREAS, Bernards Township proposes to undertake construction of a public improvement within Bernards Township, commonly referred to as the Stonehouse Road and Southard Park Pedestrian Bridge Replacements; 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 “Stonehouse Road and Southard Park Pedestrian Bridge Replacements,” dated September 10, 2018, and prepared by Andrew Cangiano, PE of the firm Keller & Kirkpatrick, Inc., for a certain public improvement generally described as the Stonehouse Road and Southard Park Pedestrian Bridge Replacements; 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 #2019-0199 - Resolution Approving the Design of the Lyons Road Pedestrian Bridge Replacement
WHEREAS, Bernards Township proposes to undertake construction of a public improvement within Bernards Township, commonly referred to as the Lyons Road Pedestrian Bridge Replacement; 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 “Superstructure Replacement for The Pedestrian Bridge at Lyons Road (County Route 640),” dated July 25, 2018, and prepared by Andrew Cangiano, PE of the firm Keller & Kirkpatrick, Inc., for a certain public improvement generally described as the Lyons Road Pedestrian Bridge Replacement; 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 #2019-0200 - Resolution Approving the Design of the Old Army Road Retaining Wall Repair
WHEREAS, Bernards Township proposes to undertake construction of a public improvement within Bernards Township, commonly referred to as the Old Army Road Retaining Wall Repair; 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 “Bernards Township Old Army Road Retaining Wall Repair,” dated May 31, 2018, revised March 1, 2019, and prepared by Daren J. Phil, PE of the firm Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc., for a certain public improvement generally described as the Old Army Road Retaining Wall Repair; 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 #2019-0216 - Resolution in Recognition of the Bernards Township Police Department’s 100 Anniversary
WHEREAS, members of the Bernards Township Police Department are proud to be part of this significant milestone recognizing its 100 years of service; and

WHEREAS, since the humble beginnings, the police department has grown along with the township into the modern day agency that it is today; and
WHEREAS, currently, thirty-eight full-time police officers and four civilian staff comprise the organization; and

WHEREAS, from the original rules and regulations published in the Bernardsville News in 1919, the Bernards Township Police Department is proud to have evolved into becoming an accredited law enforcement agency; this process involves undergoing a rigorous periodic assessment of policies and operating procedures ensuring compliance with national law enforcement best standards and practices in order to maintain efficiency and reduce exposure to liability; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the present day Bernards Township Police Department proudly serve the residents today as a full service agency focusing on cooperative relationships with the citizens and addressing quality of life issues important to the residents; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission and vision of the Bernards Township Police Department to safeguard the lives and property of the people they serve, to reduce incidence of crime, and to enhance the public safety while working with citizens to improve their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Bernards Township Police Department does this with honor and integrity, while at all times conducting themselves with the highest ethical standards to maintain public confidence.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that we do hereby congratulate the Bernards Township Police Department on its 100th Anniversary of service.

Resolution #2019-0217 - Approval of Special Event Permit Paramount Multisport aka Pace Race, Inc. – Hills Kids Triathlon – June 09, 2019

WHEREAS, Pavel Nouel representing Paramount Multisport aka Pace Race, Inc., 4 Smoke Rise Lane, Bedminster, NJ 07921 “the applicant,” has requested a special event permit for their Hills Kids Triathlon on June 09, 2019 from 7 AM to 11 AM for the purpose of promoting health and fitness; 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 Municipal Clerk, Police Chief and Recreation Director and Director of Public Works have reviewed the application and find it complete; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will hire an off-duty officer to control traffic.

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

Resolution #2019-0218 - Approval of the Bill List Dated 04/23/2019

BE IT RESOLVED, that the bill list dated 04/23/2019 be audited, and if found correct, be paid.
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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
04/23/2019
WHEREAS, Eric Palmisano, Cheldon O. Campbell, Ajit Dalal, and Juan Mera Coca of Altice USA Inc., 275 Centennial Ave, Piscataway, NJ 08854, has applied for a Solicitor’s License for the license period of 01/01/2019 to 12/31/2019, effective 04/23/2019, for the purposes of door-to-door sales of cable, internet and phone services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 4, Section 2 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards, the applicant has provided required documentation and paid the applicable fee; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk, the Chief of Police and the Zoning Officer have reviewed said application and found it complete.

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

Resolution #2019-0221 - Personnel Appointments, Teresa Van Allen, Sarah Henderson, Julie Kosakowski & Dara Tanzola Fill-In Municipal Court Staff
WHEREAS, there is a need for part-time Municipal Court staff to fill in, as needed, when either the Court Administrator or Deputy Court Administrator is out due to vacation, sick time or other permitted leave; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Court Administrator, Township Administrator Human Resources Manager have deemed it necessary to fill this position; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Van Allen, CMCA, Sarah Henderson, DCA/CMCA, Julie Kosakowski, DCA/MCA and Dara Tanzola, DCA/MCA are qualified to fill said position; and

WHEREAS, the Court Administrator, Township Administrator and Human Resources Manager recommend appointment of Teresa Van Allen, Sarah Henderson, Julie Kosakowski and Dara Tanzola.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that Teresa Van Allen, Sarah Henderson, Julie Kosakowski and Dara Tanzola be appointed as part-time Municipal Court fill in staff effective May 1, 2019, at an hourly rate of $25.00 during municipal court operations.

Resolution #2019-0222 - Recognizing Municipal Clerk’s Week May 5 - 11, 2019
WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk is one of the oldest positions of public servants in local government, established when the early colonists came to America and began setting up forms of local government; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels; and

WHEREAS, a Municipal Clerk is a professional who provides continuity in government from administration to administration, seeing to it that the business of local government continues uninterrupted while providing experienced and dedicated public service to the governing body, colleagues and residents; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all; and

WHEREAS, a Municipal Clerk has core duties prescribed by state statute, including but not limited to (1) acting as secretary to the municipal corporation; (2) acting as secretary to the governing body; (3) serving as chief administrative officer in all elections; (4) serving as chief registrar of voters in their municipality; (5) serving as the administrative officer responsible for accepting and issuing various licenses and permits; (6) serving as coordinator and records manager; and (7) performing other such duties as are imposed by statute, regulation of municipal ordinance or resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that we do hereby recognize the importance of the role and functions of the Municipal Clerk’s Office and the impact it has on the public, and acknowledge Municipal Clerk’s Week (May 5 - 11, 2019)
Resolution #2019-0223 - Reaffirming our Support for the Mayors Wellness Campaign

WHEREAS, across New Jersey, communities are facing a rise in health care costs; and

WHEREAS, physical activity levels have been decreasing and obesity rates increasing; and

WHEREAS, local leaders wish to promote active living, healthy eating, and overall wellness in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayors Wellness Campaign works with Mayors and key leaders to shape healthier lifestyles for the men, women and children in their communities; and

WHEREAS, communities can work toward the goal of healthier citizens and lower health care costs by championing practices and programs that promote active living; and

WHEREAS, the Mayors Wellness Campaign will work to implement a comprehensive program of outreach, education and technical assistance activities to combat obesity and inactivity issues for the Township of Bernards; and

WHEREAS, Bernards Township is currently a member town in the program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that we do ask that all residents of this community join us in supporting the Mayors Wellness Campaign, and be it further resolved that we encourage the residents of the Township of Bernards to participate in activities to promote exercise, eating properly and living healthier and better life.

Resolution #2019-0224 - Reaffirming Procurement of Environmentally Sound and Cost Effective “Green” Products and Services

WHEREAS, Bernards Township established a Green Team Advisory Committee in a cooperative effort to bring an awareness of “green” initiatives in education for an environmentally friendly community and municipal government; and

WHEREAS, Bernards Township is committed to the procurement of environmentally sound “green” products and services benefiting the community sustainability program; and

WHEREAS, Bernards Township has developed a policy setting forth guidelines to use that when feasible and fiscally prudent encourages buying green products and materials; and

WHEREAS, the Bernards Township Committee supports promoting and achieving initiatives and benefits through a green sustainability community.

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 that when in the best interest of Bernards Township approves “green” purchasing initiatives for the township.

Resolution #2019-0225 - Reconfirm the Adoption of the Sustainable Jersey Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy

WHEREAS, Bernards Township supports policies that encourage sustainable municipal operations, promote healthy communities, waste reduction, biodiversity and water quality protection and conservation; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Jersey Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy is such a policy; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 the Bernards Township Committee adopted An Integrated Pest Management Plan for the Township of Bernards Parks System and Municipal Grounds Including all Public Lands pursuant to Resolution #080520 which is in keeping with principles of the Sustainable Jersey Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that we do hereby reconfirm our commitment made through Resolution #080520 by adopting the following principals from the Sustainable Jersey Green Ground and Maintenance Policy which includes efficient landscape design, minimized water consumption, recycled materials and composting, and integrated pest management that encourages sustainability.

- Compost landscape wastes (e.g. leaves, prunings, etc) or use the waste as mulch.
• Use native species instead of exotic plants whenever possible. Native species require less maintenance and provide valuable habitat for local wildlife.
• Minimize lawn areas to reduce required maintenance and replace lawn areas with higher value landscaping.
• Design landscaping with stormwater management in mind. Consider property contours and create plantings that will slow water flows and filter runoff to improve groundwater recharge and prevent erosion.
• Significantly reduce or eliminate the use of conventional pesticides through an Integrated Pest Management program.
• Avoid excessive fertilizer use.

Improve operations with efficient watering schedules, improved irrigation equipment, and rainwater capture. Water the landscape only when needed instead of setting schedules that are not sensitive to weather and species-specific needs. Minimize evaporation, and utilize efficient irrigation techniques, such as drip irrigation systems. Be sure to search for and fix leaks promptly.

Resolution #2019-0226 - Reconfirm the Adoption of “2008 Pesticide Management System Resolution”
WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Bernards to promote matters which benefit the health, welfare, comfort and safety of the citizens of the community; and
WHEREAS, scientific studies associate exposure to pesticides with asthma, cancer, development and learning disabilities, nerve and immune system damage, liver or kidney damage, reproductive impairment, birth defects and disruption of the endocrine system; and
WHEREAS, infants, children, pregnant women, the elderly and people with compromised immune systems and chemical sensitivities are especially vulnerable to pesticide effects and exposure; and
WHEREAS, lawn pesticides and synthetic fertilizers are harmful to pets, wildlife, soil microbiology, plants, and natural ecosystems and can run off into streams, lakes and drinking water sources; and
WHEREAS, Integrated Pest Management is coordinated use of pest and environmental information and all available pest control methods (sanitation, mechanical, biological and “least toxic” chemical) to prevent unacceptable levels of pest damage by the most economical means with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment; and
WHEREAS, Integrated Pest Management has been investigated and considered by the Environmental Commission and it’s recommended by the Environmental Commission as a desirable and appropriate policy in order to reduce or eliminate the use of pesticides; and
WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards does maintain public properties at which pest management issues are an ongoing concern; and
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee have determined that it is in the best interest of the health, welfare, comfort and safety of the Township’s citizens to reconfirm adoption of Integrated Pest Management as the Township’s pest management policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the Township does hereby reconfirm the adoption of the Integrated Pest Management, as the pest control policy and strategy to be employed in the maintenance of the Township’s public properties and facilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Bernards encourage all citizens to make every effort to participate in this endeavor on their own property, and that the Township will designate certain public properties such as community parks as “Pesticide Free Zones”. These areas will be posted with a sign indicated that chemical pesticides have not been applied at the site.

**End Consent Agenda**

Resolution #2019-0230 - Commendation on the Occasion of Your Retirement - Denise Szabo
Motion by Carpenter, second by Harris, and unanimously agreed that Resolution 2019-0230 be approved.
WHEREAS, Denise has had an honorable history working as a public servant with a career that has stretched over 35 years, working for the Township of Passaic and the Borough of Watchung before beginning her employment with Bernards Township in 1987; and

WHEREAS, in Bernards Township Denise began working part time in Parks & Recreation for the pool and served in the capacity of Pool Commission Secretary, Environmental Commission Secretary, and Board of Adjustment Secretary; and

WHEREAS, Denise began full time in 1994 and was promoted to the Municipal Clerk position in 1996, serving in this role with distinction for the past 23 years, elevating Bernards Township’s municipal clerk’s position from a mainly clerical role to one of leadership and respect, both within the Township and throughout the County and the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Denise was also appointed Township Assistant Administrator in 2007, in addition to serving in her capacity as the Municipal Clerk, to ensure that the citizens of Bernards Township always had a strong leader at the helm; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure as Municipal Clerk, Denise attained and maintained her Registered Municipal Clerk Certification from the State of NJ in 1996, Certified Municipal Clerks designation in 2000, and Master Municipal Clerk’s designation in 2008, both from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks; and

WHEREAS, Denise provided leadership and support to other Municipal Clerk’s through her involvement in the Municipal Clerk’s Association of Somerset County serving on the Education Committee from 2004 – 2006, as the Secretary 1999 - 2000, and as President 2001 - 2002; and

WHEREAS, Denise continued to act as a mentor, providing structure for uniform procedures, and implemented technology protocol to benefit the members of the Municipal Clerk’s Association of New Jersey, serving on the membership committee in 2000, the Education Committee in 2001, the Professional Development Committee in 2003, and as a member of the Executive Committee for 6 years from 2012 - 2018 as Secretary, Treasurer, 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President, President, and Past President; and

WHEREAS, Denise served on the New Jersey League of Municipalities’ Legislative Committee bringing important issues to the forefront for Municipal Clerk’s and the municipalities they represent from 2000 – 2007; and

WHEREAS, Denise’s personal achievements include a robust records management program, which included organizing, indexing, purging, and scanning years of records, and Denise successfully initiated and implemented a document imaging system in 2001 making Bernards Township the first municipality in the State of NJ to have a registered document imaging system for long term and permanent records, and Denise also led the disaster recovery initiative with each department for record protection ensuring that every location has a tote with supplies and directions in the event there is an emergency; and

WHEREAS, Denise developed a database Bernards Township Ordinances and Resolutions (BTOR), along with the IT department, to store and track ordinances, resolutions, contracts, agreements, and other pertinent long term and permanent records and has successfully registered this database with the State of NJ as an approved document imaging system; and

WHEREAS, Denise has lent structure to public meetings, promptly recording meeting minutes with brevity and accuracy, demonstrating neutrality and impartiality, and is an effective manager and leader of people and processes, utilizing technology to improve office productivity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that we do hereby recognize Denise for her dedication and exemplary service to the residents of Bernards Township and thank her for her selfless work as the Municipal Clerk; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Committee wishes Denise the best of luck as she embarks on this new and exciting chapter of her life as she retires from her position as Bernards Township’s Municipal Clerk.
Resolution #2019-0229 - Authorizing the Township to Provide Indemnification and Defense to the Township’s Record Custodian in connection with the GRC Complaint No. 2018-148GRC Resolution

Motion by Esposito, second by Harris, that 2019-0229 be approved.

Roll Call

Aye: Baldassare, Carpenter, Esposito, Harris, Bianchi
Nay:
Abstain: Motion carried.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Tort Claims Act, N.J.S.A. 59:1-1, et seq. (“the Claims Act”), specifically N.J.S.A. 59:10-4, and Section 2-21A of the General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards, the Township has the ability to provide a defense and indemnification of municipal employees; and

WHEREAS, Christopher W. Hager, Esq., filed a complaint with the Government Records Council (“GRC”) against the Township in connection with the Township’s denial of his OPRA Request for being overly broad and failing to seek a specific identifiable governmental record, entitled Christopher W. Hager Esq., v. Township of Bernards, GRC Complaint No. 2018-148 (the “GRC Complaint”); and

WHEREAS, Denise Szabo, Township Clerk, is the records custodian for the Township and is the responsible party for all OPRA denials pursuant to OPRA and subject to appeals to the Superior Court or the GRC pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, -6 and -11; and

WHEREAS, in the complaint, Mr. Hager is seeking, among other things, damages in the form of attorney’s fees and costs of suit; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Szabo is retiring and will no longer be the records custodian for the Township as of April 30, 2019; however, the GRC may not have rendered a decision on the GRC Complaint by that time; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted, the Township Committee finds it to be in the best interests of the Township to authorize the defense and indemnification to Denise Szabo as records custodian for the Township in connection the GRC Complaint.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes the provision of a defense for Denise Szabo, as Township Clerk and records custodian; and further authorizes the Township to indemnify Ms. Szabo in connection with the GRC Complaint, which shall continue after Ms. Szabo’s retirement and until the conclusion of the GRC Complaint.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

Resolution #2019-0219 - Unused Vacation Accrual Due Ryan Caparoni Bernards Township Police Department

Baldassare recused himself.

Motion by Esposito, second by Harris, that Resolution #2019-0219 be approved.

Roll Call

Aye: Carpenter, Esposito, Harris, Bianchi
Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2019-0066 at their regularly scheduled meeting of January 2, 2019, accepting the Personnel Policies and Procedures that outline guidelines for pay-outs when employees leave the Township’s payroll; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Caparoni’s employment will terminate on April 13, 2019; and
WHEREAS, per the requirements of the Township’s Personnel Policy, Ryan Caparoni is entitled to a Vacation Time Accrual payment for vacation time as calculated below based on an hourly rate of $24.03. If the employee uses vacation time prior to his resignation date, the calculation below could be less but not more.

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<td>$1,369.71</td>
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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the unused accrued vacation payment be approved and distributed in the next available pay cycle.

CFO CERTIFICATION
I, Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Bernards, do hereby certify that there are adequate funds for this expenditure. Funds are available in the Police S&W, Line Account #9-01-25-240-101 for an amount not to exceed $1,369.71. Should any accrued vacation time be used prior to this payment, the final payout amount will be adjusted accordingly.

Date: April 5, 2019

Resolution #2019-0228 - Unused Vacation Accrual Due Mark Leopold – Captain Bernards Township Police
Baldassare recused himself.
Motion by Harris, second by Esposito, that Resolution #2019-0228 be approved.

Roll Call
Aye: Carpenter, Esposito, Harris, Bianchi
Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2019-0066 at their meeting of January 2, 2019, accepting the Personnel Policies and Procedures that outlines pay-outs due at the time of retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mark Leopold, will be retiring from the Bernards Township Police Department effective May 1, 2019 with 25 years of service; and

WHEREAS, per the requirements of the Township’s Personnel Policy, Mark Leopold is entitled to a Vacation Time Accrual payment for unused vacation time as calculated below based on an hourly rate of $74.67. If the employee uses vacation time prior to his retirement date, the calculation below could be less but not more:

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<td>$1,978.76</td>
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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that the unused accrued vacation payment be approved and distributed in the next available pay cycle.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER CERTIFICATION
I, Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Bernards, do hereby certify that there are adequate funds for this expenditure. Funds are available in the Police S&W, Line Account #9-01-25-240-101 for an amount not to exceed $1,978.76.

Date: 04/17/2019

Baldassare returned.

Ordinance #2417 - An Ordinance of the Township of Bernards Appropriating $6,098,950.00 for Various Capital Improvements – Introduction
The clerk read the ordinance by title. Motion by Baldassare, second by Harris, that Ordinance #2417 be introduced on first reading, advertised as required by law, with a public hearing on 05/14/2019.
BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards in the County of Somerset, New Jersey that the sum of $6,098,950.00 is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund, for the following purposes:

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<td>$4,005,000.00</td>
<td>Engineering Improvement Projects including but not limited to Roadway Management and Reconstruction, Sidewalk and Drainage Improvements, and Pedestrian Bridges &amp; Paths.</td>
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<td>$340,000.00</td>
<td>Facility Improvements including but not limited to Town Hall HVAC, Repairs and Improvements to the following structures: Engineering Services Building, Health Dept., Police HQ, Various Parks &amp; Recreation Facilities, and Municipal Building.</td>
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<td>$445,000.00</td>
<td>DPW Projects and Equipment including but not limited to: Various Roadway Repairs, Bituminous Concrete Facility Repair; Guardrail Repair and Replacement; Repair and Retrofit Drainage; Small Equipment.</td>
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<td>$78,400.00</td>
<td>Various Systems Improvements including Hardware and Software Upgrades, and Police Mobile Data Terminals.</td>
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<td>$110,000.00</td>
<td>Purchase of Various Emergency Equipment and Emergency Vehicles for the Basking Ridge First Aid Squad.</td>
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<td>$225,000.00</td>
<td>Purchase of Various Emergency Equipment and Self Contained Breathing Apparatus for the Basking Ridge Fire Company.</td>
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<td>$178,000.00</td>
<td>Purchase of Various Emergency Equipment and Emergency Apparatus for the Liberty Corner Fire Company.</td>
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<td>$215,000.00</td>
<td>Purchase of Various Grounds Maintenance Equipment, including but not limited to Mowers, and Small Equipment.</td>
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<td>$30,000.00</td>
<td>Parks and Recreation Facility Improvements including but not limited to Playgrounds, Tennis Courts, Parks, and Field infrastructure, equipment and lighting.</td>
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<td>$12,550.00</td>
<td>Purchase of Police Equipment including, but not limited to, Patrol Car Equipment; Radar Units and Message Trailers.</td>
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<td>$65,000.00</td>
<td>Pleasant Valley Pool Facility Improvements including, but not limited to Painting, Replacement of Soft Surfacing, and Equipment.</td>
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<td>$395,000.00</td>
<td>Purchase of Motor Vehicle Fleet Replacements including, but not limited to DPW Equipment Vehicles, Roll-Off Truck, Brush Chipper, 1.5 Ton Roller and Passenger Vehicles.</td>
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Any grant moneys received for the purposes described above hereof shall be applied to direct payment of the cost of the improvements and shall reduce the amount authorized from the capital improvement fund to the extent that such funds are so used.

The period of usefulness is five years or more. The capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistencies herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Township Clerk and are available for public inspection.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

Ordinance #2418 - Accepting a Temporary Construction Easement on Property Located at 41 Lafayette Lane, Block 7703, Lot 11, from Richard & Lisa Cialone to the Township of Bernards – Introduction
The clerk read the ordinance by title. Motion by Baldassare, second by Esposito, that Ordinance #2418 be introduced on first reading, advertised as required by law, with a public hearing on 05/14/2019.

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards is undertaking a project to replace the pedestrian bridge spanning Harrison’s Brook located in the lane easement running through the property identified as Block 7703, Lot 11, 41 Lafayette Lane, in the Township of Bernards (the “Property”); which property is owned by Richard and Lisa Cialone; and
WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Township to obtain access to a portion of the Property to complete the project; and

WHEREAS, in connection with improvements being undertaken by the Township in furtherance of the project, Mr. and Ms. Cialone agreed to convey a Temporary Construction Easement to the Township; which Easement is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et seq., specifically, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-3, -4, and -5, the Township is authorized to acquire and accept the Easement by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Bernards finds it to be in the best interest of the Township and its citizens to access the Temporary Construction Easement for the completion of the pedestrian bridge project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township hereby accepts from Richard and Lisa Cialone a Temporary Construction Easement on Block 7703, Lot 11, 41 Lafayette Lane in Bernards Township.
2. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the attached Temporary Construction Easement in substantially the form attached hereto.
3. The Easement is on file with the office of the Township Clerk.
4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage and publication according to law.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Todd Edelstein – 172 Riverside Dr. thanked Timko, Harris and McCarthy for their explanations, commented on residents and politicians attending meetings, and commented on the Board of Health website and the Board of Health plumbing inspection fees.

Nancy D’Andrea – 3 Vanderveer Dr. commented on electric vehicles.

John Crane – 39 Decker St commented on Szabo’s career and retirement.

ADJOURNMENT
By unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Pisano
Deputy Municipal Clerk

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Carol Bianchi
Mayor