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CALL TO ORDER
The mayor called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Those assembled saluted the flag and the mayor read the open public meetings statement in accordance with the law.

ROLL CALL
Present: Carpenter, Esposito, Fields, Harris, Baldassare, Jr.
Absent:
Also Present: Administrator Monaco, Attorney Belardo (8:00 PM), Engineer Timko (8:00 PM), Municipal Clerk Pisano

AMEND AGENDA
Baldassare recused himself. Motion by Carpenter, second by Fields, and unanimously agreed to remove Resolution #2020-0147 from the agenda. Baldassare rejoined the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Resolution 2020-0151
Motion by Esposito, second by Harris, and unanimously agreed that Resolution #2020-0151 be approved and the meeting temporarily adjourned to Executive Session at 7:32.

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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<td>✗ Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as lawyer. Under certain circumstances, if public disclosure of the matter would have a potentially negative impact on the Township’s position in the litigation or negotiation, this information may be withheld until such time that the matter is concluded, or the circumstances no longer present a potential impact. Contract Negotiations – Shared Court</td>
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The meeting resumed in open session at 7:55 PM and stood in recess until 8:00 PM.

PRESENTATIONS
Resolution #2020-0135 - Commendation on Completing the Requirements for All 137 Merit Badges - Within the Boy Scouts of America - Troop 65, Ryan Arrazcaeta
The mayor read and presented Resolution #2020-0135 to Ryan Arrazcaeta.

Motion by Carpenter, second by Harris, and unanimously agreed that Resolution #2020-0135 be approved.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is pleased to recognize the outstanding personal effort of Ryan Arrazcaeta for completing the requirements for all 137 merit badges within the Boy Scouts of America organization. This accomplishment led him to over 210 camping nights, 325 hiking and backpacking miles, 140 conservation service hours, 300 hours on the water, and 100 miles of riding; and
WHEREAS, Ryan Arrazcaeta, a 10th grade student at the Pingry School in Basking Ridge, and a member of Scouts BSA Troop 65 in Cedar Grove, NJ 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, Ryan is a member of the Lenapehoking IX Lodge of the Order of the Arrow, Scouting’s National Honor Society; he is a Leave No Trace Trainer and currently serves as his troop’s Outdoor Ethics Guide; he previously served as Troop 65’s Senior Patrol Leader; he is certified in Arrowmen Conservation Level I, NOLS Wilderness First Aid and scuba PADI Advanced Open Water Diving; he completed National Youth Leadership Training, National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience, and NYLT Leadership Academy; and

WHEREAS, this achievement is very rare and has only been achieved by a few hundred Scouts since the BSA was founded in 1910, which Ryan Arrazcaeta will carry as a badge of honor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee offers its best wishes to Ryan Arrazcaeta 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 #2020-0140 - Recognizing Ridge Youth Sports, Inc.’s (RYSI) Senior Rec Cheerleader’s First Place Win at the National Championship in the “Game Day” Cheer Division, at the ESPN Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Florida on 02/07/2020

The mayor read and presented Ridge Youth Sports, Inc.’s (RYSI) Senior Rec Cheerleaders with Resolution #2020-0140.

Motion by Fields, second by Harris, and unanimously agreed that Resolution #2020-0140 be approved.

WHEREAS, Ridge Youth Sports Inc. (RYSI) is a community-based child-focused organization which provides instructional and competitive programs for children focusing on life and athletic skill development, personal growth, and fun, with the goal of instilling lifelong enjoyment and understanding of sports; and

WHEREAS, Coach Kim Grimaldi, a founding board member of RYSI and Director of the Competition Cheer Program started in 2005 has coached the Senior Rec Division for 8 years; and

WHEREAS, Coach Lydia Kerrick has coached the Senior Rec Division since 2018 and Coach Sara Zuccalmaglio, a previous Ridge High School cheerleader and student coach while at Ridge HS, is in her second year coaching the Senior Rec Division; and

WHEREAS, Ridge High School cheerleaders Abby Szikman, Jillian Ring, Sophia Giordano, Brianna Vick, Samantha Vassallo and Lauren Kennedy volunteer their time with the RYSI program, serving as student coaches for the Senior Rec Division team; and

WHEREAS, the RYSI Competition Cheer team has earned a bid to the National Competition for the past 7 years, earning various awards, won First Place in the 2020 National Championship in the “Game Day” Cheer Division at the ESPN Wide World of Sports in Orlando, FL on 02/07/2020; and

WHEREAS, the RYSI Senior Rec team consists of 17 girls in grades 6, 7, and 8 who practice and compete from August through February and the team had to overcome various obstacles including injuries and illnesses preceding the Championship, and exhibited tremendous teamwork, flexibility, and ingenuity under the Coaches’ leadership to get to Nationals; and

WHEREAS, the team competed against nine other talented teams from New Jersey and other states, and on Championship day delivered a flawless performance and exhibited the most energy and spirit earning them First Place in the National Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Team also won 3rd place in the World School Competition competing against international teams and other USA teams. In addition, they also placed 4th in the Nation for their Senior Rec "traditional routine" performance at the 2020 Nationals Championship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that we do hereby recognize and congratulate the RYSI Senior Rec Cheerleaders and their Coaches on their impressive accomplishments and their extraordinary commitment to teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship.

REPORTS
Veteran’s Appreciation Task Force Report – Jennifer Donohoe
Jennifer Donohoe stated that Mona Shaw has joined in helping the Veteran’s Appreciation Committee. The first goal of the group is to implement a banner program and Jennifer reported the following:

- Current or past Bernards Township residents who are veterans will be eligible
- Banner sign-ups will be run through the Parks and Recreation department
- DPW will put banners up 1 week before Memorial Day
- Initial location will be 25 light poles located on the drive of the Municipal building with possibly 2 banners on each pole (unfortunately, there are a limited number of poles surrounding Basking Ridge green available due to ownership issues, types of poles, and/or other restrictions)
- Initial banners will have pictures on one side due to the one-way driveway, but future locations could include double sided banners.
- A lottery will determine location (poles numbered and drawing of numbers performed)
- $75 donation to cover cost of flag. No one will be turned away due to cost. $900 in donations has been received so far.
- A partnership with Bernardsville VFW has been established.

Township committee members thanked Jennifer and agreed that the plans she discussed be implemented.

**Resolution #2020-0149 - Acknowledgement of the Veteran’s Appreciation Task Force Report to the Township Committee**

Motion by Fields, second by Harris, and unanimously agreed that Resolution #2020-0149 be approved.

WHEREAS, Resolution #2020-0110 establishes the Veteran’s Appreciation Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the mission identified in Resolution #2020-0110 was to:

1. Research vendors who specialize in veteran banners for municipal use.
2. Explore methods of receiving and processing applications and payment for banners.
3. Determine the best location in Bernards Township to erect the banners.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that the report of the Veteran’s Appreciation Task Force is hereby acknowledged.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

*02/19/2020 – Request from Millington Baptist Church to utilize the parking area at Farmstead Park, Block 8502, Lot 2*

Scott Rajoppi representing Millington Baptist church addressed the committee.

Committee members did not support the request citing Ordinance #2216 which prohibits parking in park lots when it is not for the intended use and a state law which prohibits religious entities from utilizing public property.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Mayor opened public comment.

Todd Edelstein, Riverside Dr. – commented on Farmstead soccer field parking, ADA accessibility of the meeting room, and the RAVE notification system.

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE/LIAISON & BOARD REPORTS AND STAFF COMMENTS**

Committee members reported on their appointed boards and activities and staff provided comments.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE #2441 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Township of Bernards to Sell the Affordable Housing Unit Identified as Lot 5.08, Block 9203 on the Tax Map of Bernards Township, Located at 56 Baldwin Court, Located Within "The Society Hill" Condominium Complex. - Public Hearing**

The clerk read the ordinance by title and the Mayor opened the public hearing. Todd Edelstein, Riverside Dr questioned the affordability requirements, answered by Belardo. No additional comments were heard, and the hearing was closed.
Motion by Esposito, second by Fields, that ordinance #2441 be adopted and advertised as required by law.

Roll Call

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards (“Township”) acquired a two (2) bedroom affordable housing unit identified as Lot 5.08 in Block 9203 on the Tax Map of Bernards Township, located at 56 Baldwin Court within “The Society Hill” condominium complex (the “Property”) as the result of foreclosure sale ordered on October 23, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Order of Sale was filed and recorded at the Somerset County Clerk’s office on October 28, 2018, in Book 7080, at Pages 1695, Instrument #201840750; and

WHEREAS, through the Bernards Township’s Affordable Housing program, the Township negotiated an offer to sell the two (2) bedroom affordable housing unit at 56 Baldwin Court in “The Society Hill” from Pamela Robertson in the amount of $130,000.00; and

WHEREAS, that in accordance with Bernards Township’s Affordable Housing program, Ms. Robertson is a qualified buyer for this affordable housing unit; and

WHEREAS, the Township and Ms. Robertson negotiated and entered into a Contract for Sale of Affordable Housing Unit for 56 Baldwin Court, which was authorized by Resolution #2020-0132; and

WHEREAS, the Contract for Sale sets forth the terms and conditions of the Township’s sale of the Property, along with certain contingencies which must be satisfied prior to closing of title; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires hereby to approve Contract for Sale, and to ratify the execution of the Contract by the Township Mayor and Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to authorize the Township Administrator, Township Attorney and appropriate Township officials to take all required actions to satisfy all contingencies contained in the Contract for Sale, and to arrange to close this transaction on behalf of the Township at the earliest possible time; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee finds it in the best interest of the Township to sell the Property, and desires to adopt this Ordinance as the vehicle for the sale of the Property.

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. This Ordinance shall, upon final adoption, authorize the Township of Bernards to sell the affordable housing unit identified as Lot 5.08 in Block 9203 on the Tax Map of Bernards Township, located at 56 Baldwin Court within “The Society Hill” condominium complex (the “Property”).

2. The execution by the Mayor and Clerk of the Contract with Seller for the sale of the Property for the total purchase price of One Hundred Thirty Thousand ($130,000.00) Dollars, which Contract has been reviewed by the Township Committee, is hereby authorized, approved and ratified.

3. The Township of Bernards is to proceed to closing of title to the Property and accept the entire purchase price.

4. The Township Administrator, Township Attorney, and other appropriate Township official are hereby directed to take all required actions to satisfy all contingencies contained in the Contract for Sale, and to arrange to close this transaction on behalf of the Township at the earliest possible time.

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

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 Carpenter, second by Harris, that the consent agenda items be approved.

Roll Call

Aye: Carpenter, Esposito, Fields, Harris, Baldassare, Jr.
Nay:
Abstain:

Motion carried.

**Begin Consent Agenda**

Resolution #2020-0133 - Authorization for Tax Refund

WHEREAS, a tax overpayment exists because the prior property owner’s representative erroneously overpaid for the property; and

WHEREAS, the owner’s representative 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 refund.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to §2-14 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards the volunteer Fire Department of the Township of Bernards shall consist of the Basking Ridge Fire Company #1 and the Liberty Corner Fire Company, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §2-16 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards the First Aid Department of the Township of Bernards shall consist of the First Aid Squad of the Basking Ridge Fire Company #1 and the Liberty Corner First Aid Squad, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department and First Aid Squad shall furnish annual reports, in writing to the Township Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department and First Aid shall be governed by the rules and regulations adopted by resolution of the Township Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the following is acknowledged and accepted as submitted regarding the Basking Ridge Fire Company #1 and First Aid Squad of the Basking Ridge Fire Company #1:

1. The BRFC #1 2019 annual report
2. The BRFC #1 By-Laws, updated 01/29/2020
3. The BRFC #1 2020 Roster of members


WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance #994, on January 12, 1990 the Township of Bernards and the Historical Society of Somerset Hills entered into a 50 year lease agreement for lease of the township-owned Brick Academy located at 15 West Oak Street, Block 73, Lot 10, Basking Ridge; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said agreement and N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14c, the Historical Society of Somerset Hills must submit an annual report to the Township setting out the use to which the building was put during the preceding year, the activities of the Society undertaken in furtherance of the public purpose for which the leasehold was granted, the approximate value or cost, if any, of such activities in furtherance of such purpose, and an affirmation of the continued tax exempt status of the Society pursuant to both State and Federal law; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 annual report has been submitted as required.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the 2019 Annual Report of the Historical Society of Somerset Hills be acknowledged as submitted and placed on file with the Municipal Clerk.

Resolution #2020-0138 - Approval of the Bill List Dated 02/25/2020

Resolution #2020-0139 - Personnel Appointment Robert DeMaio – Acting Building Subcode Official – Construction

WHEREAS, the position of Acting Building Subcode in the Construction Department is required in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.4 (a); and

WHEREAS, the Construction Official, Township Engineer, Township Administrator and Human Resources Manager have deemed it necessary to fill this position; and

WHEREAS, Robert DeMaio is qualified to fill said position; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Official, Township Engineer, Township Administrator and Human Resources Manager recommend appointment of Robert DeMaio to Acting Building Subcode Official.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that Robert DeMaio be appointed Acting Building Subcode Official with an effective date of March 1, 2020.

Resolution #2020-0141 - Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding between the Somerset County Prosecutor’s Office and the Township of Bernards for Participation in the Fire Investigation Unit Specifically Naming Mark Sylvester as the Participating Official and Authorizing the Administrator to Execute Said Memorandum of Agreement for the Time Period of 2/14/2020-2/13/2021

WHEREAS, for efficiency purposes and comprehensive investigation of arsons and other major crimes in the County of Somerset, the Somerset County Prosecutor has created the Somerset County Fire Investigation Unit; and

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Understanding is to delineate the goals and responsibilities of the Fire Investigation Unit maximizing inter-agency cooperation in investigative endeavors involving fires; and

WHEREAS, the Points of Understanding are listed in the Memorandum of Understanding and have been reviewed by the Fire Official and is acceptable.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes a Memorandum of Understanding between the Somerset County Prosecutor’s Office and the Township of Bernards for participation in the Fire Investigation Unit specifically naming Mark Sylvester as the participating member and authorizes the Administrator to execute said agreement for the Time Period of 2/14/2020-2/13/2021.

Resolution #2020-0142 - Authorizing and Approving Purchase of One (1) 2020 Pace American Journey SE Enclosed Cargo Trailer from NJ State Contract # T2622 (19-FLEET-00879) to FDR Hitches, 120 W. Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park, NJ 07204 In the Amount Not to Exceed $12,625.25

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards Department of Public Works wishes to purchase one (1) 2020 Pace American Journey SE Enclosed Cargo Trailer;

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**WHEREAS,** it is the combined recommendation of the Director of Public Works, Administrator and Purchasing Agent to award this purchase to; FDR Hitches, 120 W. Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park, NJ 07204 in the amount of $12,625.25; and

**WHEREAS,** the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the budget; the line item appropriation to be charged is line account #C-04-55-417-H03 ($12,625.25); 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, Somerset County, New Jersey that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order to FDR Hitches, 120 W. Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park, NJ 07204 in the amount not to exceed $12,625.25.

**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

I, Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Bernards, hereby certify that adequate funds are available for the above referenced purchase in the amount not to exceed $12,625.25. Monies are available in line account #C-04-55-417-H03.

Date: February 13, 2020
Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer

**Resolution #2020-0143 - Acceptance of Bernards Township Environmental Commission 2019 Annual Report**

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to 2-18.5. of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards, the Environmental Commission shall make an annual report to the Township Committee; and

**WHEREAS,** the Environmental Commission is submitting a report pursuant to this requirement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that the following report be accepted.

**Resolution #2020-0144 - Approval of Cash Maintenance Surety and Return of Improvement Performance Bond for Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 145 Mt Airy Road, B 2301 L 23, Holy Cross Cemetery Mausoleum**

**WHEREAS,** the Engineer of the Township of Bernards, Somerset County, New Jersey, 07920, has received the following Cash Maintenance Surety for private stormwater facilities:

**Name of Applicant:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Holy Cross Cemetery
**Address:** 145 Mt Airy Road

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

Name of Applicant: The Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Address: 145 Mt Airy Road, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Performance Bond #: 019052774
Insurance Company: Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
Address: 512 Township Line Road, Blue Bell, PA 19422

Performance Bond Amount: $204,216.12
Cash Portion: $11,809.53

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 Cash Maintenance Surety as to its form and sufficiency.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the Cash Maintenance Surety is hereby approved, and effective upon passage of this resolution for a two-year period; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE 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.

Resolution #2020-0145 - Acceptance of Tax Collector’s 2019 Annual Report
WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.54:4-91 requires that the Tax Collector shall submit an annual statement of receipts to the governing body.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the following Collector’s Annual Report of Receipts for the Year Ending December 31, 2019 be hereby acknowledged and accepted as submitted.

TAX COLLECTION OFFICE
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019

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<td>Tax Searches</td>
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<td>Ridge Oak-In Lieu of Taxes</td>
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<td>Return Check Fee</td>
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<td>Outside Liens Redeemed</td>
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<td>460,900.00</td>
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<td>6% Penalty</td>
<td>10,130.67</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$139,067,035.34</strong></td>
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Resolution #2020-0146 - Acceptance of Liberty Corner First Aid Squad 2019 Annual Report, Adoption of the By-Laws, and Acknowledgement of 2020 Membership Roster
WHEREAS, pursuant to §2-16 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards the First Aid Department of the Township of Bernards shall consist of the First Aid Squad of the Basking Ridge Fire Company #1 and the Liberty Corner First Aid Squad, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the First Aid Squad shall furnish annual reports, in writing to the Township Committee; and

WHEREAS, the First Aid Squad shall be governed by the rules and regulations adopted by resolution of the Township Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the following is acknowledged and accepted as submitted regarding the LCFAS:

1. The LCFAS 2019 annual report
Resolution #2020-0148 - Award of Purchase Orders for Identified Vendors Drivers Tire and Service Center, Edmunds GovTech, Inc. and Visiting Nurses Association of Somerset Hills Community Health Services, Inc.

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 expenditures with 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 vendors listed above to maintain continuity and facilitate the ordering process through December 31, 2020.


WHEREAS, the Bernards Township Committee adopted Resolution #2019-0453 on November 26, 2019 awarded change order #1 in the amount of $ 5,000.00 for a new not to exceed amount of $10,000.00 to Stephen O. Davis, Esq., Alternate Special Counsel of the firm DiFrancesco Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C.; and

WHEREAS, the Bernards Township Committee adopted Resolution #2019-0012 on January 2, 2019 appointing Stephen O. Davis, Esq., Alternate Special Counsel of the firm DiFrancesco Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C., in the amount of $ 5,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds will be made available in the 2019 Current Fund Budget – Legal Fees and Compensation, line account # 9-01-20-155-204.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bernards Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, Somerset County, New Jersey that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a change order to; Stephen O. Davis, Esq., Alternate Special Counsel of the firm DiFrancesco Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C., in the amount of $314.12 for a new not to exceed amount of $10,314.12.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that 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 following all terms of this award.

____________________________________________________
Stephen O. Davis, Esq.
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I, Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer of Bernards Township, hereby certify that adequate funds are available for the above referenced for an additional amount of $314.12 for a new not to exceed amount of $10,314.12. Monies will be made available in the 2019 Current Fund Budget – Legal Fees 9-01-20-155-204.

Date: February 19, 2020

Sean McCarthy
Chief Financial Officer

**End Consent Agenda**

Resolution #2020-0134 - Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application to the United States Department of Justice FY 2020 COPS Hiring Program (CHP)

Baldassare recused himself and left the dais. Esposito took over as Chairperson. Motion by Fields, second by Harris, and unanimously agreed that Resolution #2020-0134 be approved.

WHEREAS, the COPS Hiring Program (CHP) is a competitive solicitation, open to all state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies with primary local law enforcement authority in the United States; and

WHEREAS, CHP is designed to increase the capacity of law enforcement agencies to implement community policing strategies that strengthen partnerships for safer communities and enhance law enforcement’s capacity to prevent, solve, and control crime through funding for additional officers; and

WHEREAS, approximately $400 million in funding is available for FY 2020 CHP which provides funding to hire and re-hire entry level career law enforcement officers in order to increase community policing capacities and support crime prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, CHP provides 75 percent of the approved entry-level salaries and fringe benefits of each newly hired and/or rehired full-time officer, up to $125,000 per officer position, over the three-year (36 month) grant period; and

WHEREAS, the Bernards Township Police Chief is recommending the Township Committee approve a Grant application to the US Department of Justice FY 2020 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) for the hiring of two additional police officers; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that it does hereby authorize submission of a United States Department of Justice FY 2020 COPS Hiring Program grant application.

Baldassare returned to the dais and resumed as Chairperson.

Approval of Minutes – 02/11/2020

Motion by Esposito, second by Harris, and unanimously agreed that the 02/11/2020 Open Session minutes be approved for content and release.

ORDINANCE #2442 - An Ordinance of the Township of Bernards Appropriating $1,070,000.00 for Various Capital Improvements - Introduction

The clerk read the ordinance by title. Motion by Harris, second by Carpenter, that Ordinance #2442 be introduced on first reading, advertised as required by law, with a public hearing on 03/10/2020.

Roll Call

Aye: Carpenter, Esposito, Fields, Harris, Baldassare, Jr.

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Mayor opened public comment.

Todd Edelstein, Riverside Dr – commented in support of CHP grant application.
ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Carpenter, second by Harris, and unanimously agreed, to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rhonda Pisano
Municipal Clerk

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James Baldassare, Jr.
Mayor

Approved: 03/10/2020