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CALL TO ORDER

The mayor called the meeting to order at 7:30 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: Esposito, Fields (via telephone 7:31PM / in-person 7:50PM), Harris, Baldassare, Jr.

Absent:

Also Present: Administrator Monaco, Attorney Belardo (8:00PM), Engineer Timko (8:00PM), and Clerk Pisano

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Resolution #2020-0404

Motion by Esposito, second by Harris, and unanimously agreed that Resolution #2020-0404 be approved. The meeting temporarily adjourned to Executive Session at 7:30 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.

Reason for Closed Session Of

Estimated
Time of
Disclosure or
Upon
Occurrence

Appointment

Upon

Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose right could be adversely affect request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting subject to the balancing of the public's interest and the employee's privacy rights under *South Jersey Publishing*, 124 NJ 478.

Personnel - 2021 Board and Professional Appointments

The meeting resumed in open session at 7:58 PM and stood in recess until 8:00 PM.

PRESENTATION

<u>Resolution #2020-0392</u> - In Recognition of Outstanding Service to Bernards Township – John Carpenter The mayor read the Resolution aloud. Motion by Esposito, second by Harris to approve Resolution #2020-0392.

Roll Call:

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

Nay:

Abstain: Carpenter Motion carried.

WHEREAS, since 2006 John Carpenter has given innumerable hours to our local government and its democratic process, and to the citizens of Bernards Township serving in the following capacities which includes his service as mayor in 2008, 2014 and 2018; and

Years	Board Name			
2006-2009	Agricultural Advisory Committee			
2006-2020	Basking Ridge Fire Company No. 1 & First Aid			
2020	Community Service			
2006-2013	Deer Management			
2020	DPW & Engineering Subcommittee			
2006	Environmental Commission			
2006-2009	Fire Safety Forum			
2014	HR & Finance Subcommittee			
2008-2018	Insurance Committee			
2014-2018	Library Board			
2008; 2014; 2018	Local Emergency and Flood Mitigation Comm.			
2010-2013	Municipal Alliance Committee			
2007; 2011-2013	Personnel Subcommittee			
2007-2008; 2014	Planning Board			
2006-2018	Police Subcommittee			
2008-2009	Pool Commission			
2013-2018	SC Solid Waste Advisory			
2007-2011	SC Wastewater Management Plan Committee			
2006-2018	Sewerage Authority			
2008	Somerset County Cross Acceptance			
2006-2020	Township Committee			
2006	Verizon Municipal Consent Review Subcommittee			

WHEREAS, John remained steadfast in his goal to provide essential services to residents at a reasonable cost and in a fiscally responsible manner, while controlling taxes and spending, remaining debt free, and protecting the township's reserves; and

WHEREAS, John promoted open government, sound conservative financial management practices, open space preservation, sustainability, and has safeguarded the township's landscape through principled land use policies; and

WHEREAS, John focused on improving the infrastructure within the township, which included the construction of Mountain Park turf fields, the construction or reconstruction of numerous pedestrian bridges and various other projects; and

WHEREAS, John effected satisfactory agreements with the Fair Share Housing Center regarding affordable housing which satisfied the townships legal obligations; and

WHEREAS, John demonstrated a pragmatic approach to governing, was often the voice of reason, provided a sense of humor, and offered support and leadership to his colleagues, township staff, and his constituents, all while placing the interests of Bernards Township first.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that in recognition of John Carpenter's faithful service, we express our deep appreciation and sincere gratitude on behalf of all the residents, officials and employees of Bernards Township and extend to John our very best wishes for health, happiness and continued success; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this citation of John Carpenter's service be inscribed at length in the minutes of this Township meeting, held on the 15th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, 2020, and that a suitable copy thereof, signed by the members of the Township Committee and attested by the Municipal Clerk, with the corporate seal of the Township thereunto affixed, be presented to John Carpenter.

The mayor read aloud a legislative resolution from the NJ State Senate and the General Assembly honoring Mr. Carpenter signed by NJ Senator Thomas Kean, Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz and Assemblyman Jon Bramnick. He also read statements submitted by John Crane, 32 Decker St., and Scott Spitzer, former resident and Township Committeeman, including 1 year as Mayor, honoring Mr. Carpenter.

The following individuals also spoke honoring Mr. Carpenter:

- Bruce McArthur, Pond Hill Rd. and former Bernards Township Administrator
- Tim Howes, 20 Hillcrest Ave in Peapack/Gladstone and Somerset County Republican Chairman
- Scott Mitzner, 3 Paddock Ct. and Chairman of the Bernards Township Republican Municipal Committee
- Denise Szabo, Haas Rd. and former Township Municipal Clerk
- Jon Belardo, 152 Berkley Circle
- Mayor Baldassare, Jr.85 Queen Ann Dr.

Tour of Somerville - Joe Saling & Tom Mains

Representatives Tom Mains and Joe Saling provided an overview of the "Tour of Somerville, the 2^{nd} oldest bicycling race in NJ, held on Memorial Day weekend, with 600-1,000 participants. This year, the organization is expanding the event throughout Somerset County and wants to include Bernards Township with a bike race on Friday, May 28^{th} from 4:30-8:30. Four races would be run; a Men's Race, a Woman's Race, an International Race and a Master's Race. The proposed racecourse would be E. Henry St, to Rankin Ave to Cedar St to S. Finley Ave. Committee members asked what kind of support was needed from the township which would include police and DPW support. In addition, Mr. Mains said a children's race could be added. Pisano stated that the recreation department would be busy wrapping up Charter Day and opening the pool that weekend and Mains said they could organize the children's race with some assistance from recreation. Committee members expressed support for the event since the Labor Day bicycling races, which had been held in Bernards Township for many years, is no longer being organized.

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

Continued Discussion of Special Use Permits Issued June – October 2020 and Ordinances Relaxed, Waived of Modified – 12/09/202 Memo to Township Committee, Dave Schley

Kimo Jepsen and Mads Jepsen, owners of the Washington House, spoke to the Township Committee about their current pandemic struggles and are looking to the township committee for any assistance that could be given. Township Planner, Dave Schley discussed the *Special Use Permits* currently issued to 6 restaurants for outdoor dining due to the COVID-19 pandemic; Café Figaro, Café Rustica, Focacceria, Grain House, Vine and the Washington House. The most common ordinance that has been relaxed or waived are parking requirements, however, each restaurant has unique circumstances. Therefore, making any "global" change to the ordinances would be impactable. Modifications for a longer term or permanently, should go before the proper planning board or zoning board for approval. Mr. Scott Mizner, 3 Paddock Ct stated that this could be costly for businesses already struggling financially. Committee members agreed that an extension of the Special Use Permits until 12/31/21 is most appropriate at this time and directed staff to prepare a resolution for the next township committee meeting.

REPORTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE/LIAISON & BOARD REPORTS AND STAFF COMMENTS

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

FIRE & RESCUE APPOINTMENT

<u>Resolution #2020-0393</u> - Appointment to Membership in Township of Bernards Volunteer First Aid Squad of the Basking Ridge Fire Company #1 Brendan Feller, Full Member

Motion by Esposito, second by Fields, and unanimously agreed that Resolution #2020-0393 be approved.

WHEREAS, pursuant to §2-14.1 and §2-16 .1 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards, the Bernards Township Fire Department shall consist of the Basking Ridge Fire Company #1 and the Liberty Corner Fire Company; and the Bernards Township First Aid and Emergency Department shall consist of the First Aid Squad of the Basking Ridge Fire Company No. #1 and the Liberty Corner First Aid Squad; and

WHEREAS, the First Aid Squad of the Basking Ridge Fire Company #1 is recommending Brendan Feller, residing at 11 Addison Drive, Basking Ridge, for appointment as a Full Member.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the above individual is hereby appointed as a Full Member of the First Aid Squad of the Basking Ridge Fire Company #1 effective this date.

<u>Resolution #2020-0394</u> - Appointment to Membership in Township of Bernards Volunteer Liberty Corner Fire Company, Ava Czerniach, Junior Member

Motion by Fields, second by Harris, and unanimously agreed that Resolution #2020-0394 be approved.

WHEREAS, pursuant to §2-14.1 and §2-16 .1 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards, the Bernards Township Fire Department shall consist of the Basking Ridge Fire Company #1 and the Liberty Corner Fire Company; and the Bernards Township First Aid and Emergency Department shall consist of the First Aid Squad of the Basking Ridge Fire Company No. #1 and the Liberty Corner First Aid Squad; and

WHEREAS, the Liberty Corner Fire Company is recommending Ava Czerniach, residing at 269 Crabtree Court, Basking Ridge, for appointment as a Junior Member.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the above individual is hereby appointed as a Junior Member of the Liberty Corner Fire Company effective this date.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

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 Harris, second by Esposito, that Resolution #2020-0424 be removed and the remaining items on the Consent Agenda be approved.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

Resolution #2020-0391 - Approval of the Bill List Dated 12/15/2020

BE IT RESOLVED, that the bill list dated 12/15/2020 be audited, and if found correct, be paid.

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	12/15/20	90228	WARD, SCOTT	238.73	1554	Direct Deposit
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127005	12/15/20	90270	GELETA, ERIC M.	143.34	1554	Direct Deposit
127006	12/15/20	90327	MCKNIGHT, ALEX	2,187.95	1554	Direct Deposit
127007	12/15/20	90328	GIZIENSKI, RAYMOND M.	52.77	1554	Direct Deposit
127008	12/15/20	90383	LEO, KAREN	87.50	1554	Direct Deposit
127009	12/15/20	90529	SEVERINO, ANTHONY	4,176.47	1554	Direct Deposit
127010	12/15/20	90563	CARTOCCIO, KAITLIN	47.27	1554	Direct Deposit
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127012	12/15/20	90598	LAGOLA, PETER	177.06	1554	Direct Deposit
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127014	12/15/20	90611	SYLVESTER, MARK	60.00	1554	Direct Deposit
127015	12/15/20	90674	NYDEGGER, RUSSELL	60.00	1554	Direct Deposit
127016	12/15/20	A0453	AMAZON.COM	321.11	1554	Direct Deposit

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127017	12/15/20	A0611	AMERICAN WEAR, INC	905.60		1554 Direct Deposit
127018	12/15/20	A0660	AA BERMS LLC	50,627.63		1554 Direct Deposit
127019	12/15/20	B0203	DIFRANCESCO BATEMAN, PC	5,000.00		1554 Direct Deposit
127020	12/15/20	B0581	BUY WISE AUTO PARTS	764.19		1554 Direct Deposit
127021	12/15/20	B0758	BCI TRUCK, INC	81.28		1554 Direct Deposit
127022	12/15/20	C0083	CDW GOVERNMENT, INC.	21,269.10		1554 Direct Deposit
127023	12/15/20	D0339	DEER CARCASS REMOVAL SVC, LLC	50.00		1554 Direct Deposit
127025	12/15/20	D0380	DRIVERS TIRE & SERVICE CENTER	148.95		1554 Direct Deposit
127025	12/15/20	D0092	DC EXPRESS	642 50		1554 Direct Deposit
127027	12/15/20	H0420	HARMONY TREE CARE LLC	5.200.00		1554 Direct Deposit
127028	12/15/20	K0354	KANOPY INC	324.00		1554 Direct Deposit
127029	12/15/20	M0830	MOTT MACDONALD LLC	1,087.50		1554 Direct Deposit
127030	12/15/20	P0546	PETER RUBINETTI PRIVATE DISP	1,585.99		1554 Direct Deposit
127031	12/15/20	P0706	PARTS AUTHORITY LLC	580.18		1554 Direct Deposit
127032	12/15/20	S0016	STORR TRACTOR COMPANY	1,235.81		1554 Direct Deposit
127033	12/15/20	SU443	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	23.88		1554 Direct Deposit
127034	12/15/20	T0192	TURN OUT UNIFORMS INC	1,688.28		1554 Direct Deposit
127035	12/15/20	W0241	UNITEMP INC.	120.90		1554 Direct Deposit
127037	12/15/20	W0339	W.B. MASON	439.17		1554 Direct Deposit
127038	12/15/20	A0126	AFLAC NEW YORK	230.50		1555
127039	12/15/20	A0338	AFLAC	396.52		1555
127040	12/15/20	A0425	ATLANTIC TACTICAL	26.32		1555
127041	12/15/20	A0474	AIR GROUP, LLC	13,830.00		1555
127042	12/15/20	A0666	ALSTEDE FARMS, LLC	1,440.00		1555
127043	12/15/20	A0 / 0 /	AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	500.00		1555
127044	12/15/20	AU / U8	ASSOCIATED TITLE AGENCY	4 240 40		1555
127045	12/15/20	B0001	BRIDGEWATER RESOURCES INC	10 035 88		1555
127040	12/15/20	B0017	BERNARDS TOWNSHIP CURRENT	0.00	12/15/20 VOID	0
127048	12/15/20	B0026	BERNARDS TOWNSHIP CURRENT	19,639.59	12, 10, 20 1012	1555
127049	12/15/20	в0031	BERNARDSVILLE PRINT CENTER	79.00		1555
127050	12/15/20	B0034	BERNARDS TOWNSHIP PAYROLL ACCT	1,078,929.02		1555
127051	12/15/20	B0044	BASKING RIDGE ANIMAL HOSPITAL	742.00		1555
127052	12/15/20	B0098	BERNARDS TOWNSHIP (RECREATION)	346.88		1555
127053	12/15/20	B0308	BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP	80,887.89		1555
127054	12/15/20	B0315	BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE	3,152.00		1555
127055	12/15/20	B0518	BERNARDSVILLE HARDWARE	5.98		1555
127057	12/15/20	C0024	CANNETT NEW TERCEY NEWCOADERS	2,8/2.12 105.22		1555
127057	12/15/20	C0024	CAPOZZI LOU	900 00		1555
127059	12/15/20	C0434	CENTRAL JERSEY CONSTRUCTION	1.331.25		1555
127060	12/15/20	C0482	OPTIMUM	138.44		1555
127061	12/15/20	C0482	OPTIMUM	44.95		1555
127062	12/15/20	C0482	OPTIMUM	8.33		1555
127063	12/15/20	C0482	OPTIMUM	33.32		1555
127064	12/15/20	C0522	CHATHAM LAWNMOWER SALES & SVC	445.81		1555
127065	12/15/20	C0597	CLIFFSIDE BODY CORPORATION	37.81		1555
127066	12/15/20	C0613	CIGNA GROUP INSURANCE	1,5/0.83		1555
127060	12/15/20	C0697	BB&T/CPS	38.28		1555
127060	12/15/20	C0811	CLEAR POINT DESIGNS	1 231 25		1555
127070	12/15/20	C0833	CERONE, JR., ESO., MICHAEL A.	66.67		1555
127071	12/15/20	C0912	CASTORRI, PEGGY	520.00		1555
127072	12/15/20	D0122	DIAMENTE, TOM	900.00		1555
127073	12/15/20	D0270	DIRECT INSPECT, LLC	555.00		1555
127074	12/15/20	E0231	EKA ASSOCIATES, P.A.	540.00		1555
127075	12/15/20	E0246	EMSL ANALYTICAL, INC.	10.44		1555
127076	12/15/20	E0266	EVIDENT, INC	76.95		1555
127077	12/15/20	E0297	EMR POWER SYSTEMS LLC	105.00		1555
127070	12/15/20	E0003	FEDEX INCORDORATED	37.53		1555
127079	12/15/20	E0003	FULLI, INCORPORATED	1 300 44		1555
127081	12/15/20	F0158	FLEMINGTON DEPARTMENT STORE	347.84		1555
127082	12/15/20	F0171	FIRST CHOICE AUTO PARTS &	1,720.13		1555
127083	12/15/20	F0324	FLAGSHIP DENTAL PLANS	321.46		1555
127084	12/15/20	F0326	FX AUTOMOTIVE LLC	962.61		1555
127085	12/15/20	F0330	FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE INS	246.24		1555
127086	12/15/20	G0004	GALLS, INC.	151.23		1555
127000	12/15/20	G0066	GRAINGER INC	3,241.68		1555
127098	12/13/20	GUSSS	BEDMINSTER CAR WASH	41,399.97 125.45		1555
127099	12/15/20	G0500	GREEN BROOK ELECTRONICS	59 97		1555
127091	12/15/20	G0509	GREEN ROCK RECYCLING	300.00		1555
127092	12/15/20	G0538	GOODHART, FRANK W	125.00		1555
127093	12/15/20	G0596	GRIFFITH - ALLIED TRUCKING LLC	7,345.01		1555
127094	12/15/20	H0178	HOSE SHOP, INC.	339.94		1555
127095	12/15/20	H0246	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	309.32		1555
127096	12/15/20	HU297	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	65.19		1555
127000	12/15/20	HU39/	HANDIDY DUD BAYMOND F	690.00		1555
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127100	12/15/20	I0159	IMPERIAL DADE	1,147.65		1555
127101	12/15/20	I0165	INTERNATIONAL ASSN OF ARSON	90.00		1555
127102	12/15/20	J0211	J. APPLESEED	335.10		1555
127103	12/15/20	K0024	KEYSTONE PLASTICS, INC.	945.00		1555
127104	12/15/20	K0059	KAYSER, JOHN P	350.00		1555
127105	12/15/20	K0259	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	108.92		1555
127106	12/15/20	KU334	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS	18.15		1555 1555
127100	12/15/20	KU334	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS	10.40		1555
127100	12/15/20	KU334	KONICA MINOTA BRIGINESS	192 89		1555
127110	12/15/20	K0341	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	123.54		1555
127111	12/15/20	K0341	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	133.42		1555
127112	12/15/20	L0038	LIN-GATE EQUIPMENT SALES & SVC	141.00		1555
127113	12/15/20	L0054	LORCO PETROLEUM SERVICES	225.00		1555
127114	12/15/20	L0116	LAWMEN SUPPLY	105.40		1555
127115	12/15/20	L0238	AMERICAN WEAR, INC AA BERMS LIC DIFRANCESCO BATEMAN, PC BUY WISE AUTO PARTS BCI TRUCK, INC CDW GOVERNMENT, INC. DEER CARCASS REMOVAL SVC, LLC DRIVERS TIRE & SERVICE CENTER DRILLS, SKILLS & THRILLS DC EXPRESS HARMONY TREE CARE LLC KANOPY INC MOTT MACDONALD LLC PETER RUBINETT! PRIVATE DISP PARTS AUTHORITY LLC STORR TRACTOR COMPANY STAPLES ADVANTAGE TURN OUT UNIFORMS INC UNITEMP INC. W.B. MASON AFLAC NEW YORK AFLAC ATLANTIC TACTICAL AIR GROUP, LLC ALSTEDE FARMS, LLC AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ASSOCIATED TITLE AGENCY BAKER & TAYLOR, INC. BRIDGEWATER RESOURCES, INC. BERNARDS TOWNSHIP CURRENT BERNARDS TOWNSHIP CURRENT BERNARDS TOWNSHIP PAYROLL ACCT BASKING RIDGE ANIMAL HOSPITAL BERNARDS TOWNSHIP PAYROLL ACCT BASKING RIDGE ANIMAL HOSPITAL BERNARDS TOWNSHIP (RECREATION) BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE BERNARDS TOWNSHIP (RECREATION) BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE BERNARDSVILLE HARDWARE BIBLIOTHECA LLC GANNETT NEW JERSEY NEWSPAPERS CAPOZZI, LOU CENTRAL JERSEY CONSTRUCTION OPTIMUM OPTI	2,000.00		1555
127116	12/15/20	M0006	MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	733.00		1555

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127144	12/15/20	P0534	PLUG 'N PAY	TECHNOLO	GIES, INC.		20.00				1555 1555	
127145	12/15/20	P0602	PRAXAIR DIS	TRIBUTION	, INC		36.83				1555	
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	Year Total:	1,458,263.84	0.00	0.00	1,458,263.84
CAPITAL FUND	C-04	77,519.95	0.00	0.00	77,519.95
PUBLIC GRANTS	G-02	57,295.89	0.00	0.00	57,295.89
TRUST FUNDS	T-13	236,033.35	0.00	0.00	236,033.35
PROJECT		8,189.75	0.00	0.00	8,189.75
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	Total Of All Funds:	1,837,302.78	0.00	0.00	1,837,302.78

<u>Resolution #2020-0395</u> - 2021 Annual Parking Permit Fees for the Stonehouse Road Bus, Basking Ridge and Lyons Train Stations Commuter Parking Lots

WHEREAS, pursuant to §8-7.4 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards the annual fee for resident parking permits will be set by resolution of Township Committee for persons utilizing the Stonehouse Road Bus and Basking Ridge and Lyons Train Stations Commuter Parking Lots ("commuter lots"); and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESVOLED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the <u>annual fees</u> for parking at all township commuter lots are hereby set as follows:

Resident Permit Fee: \$160.00 Permit Replacement Fee: \$5.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to §8-7.4 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards fees are non-refundable and will not be prorated.

<u>Resolution #2020-0396</u> - Authorizing Acceptance of Funds from Sub-grant Award #FY20-EMPG-EMAA-1802 of the Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Emergency Management Agency Assistance Program Funding - \$10,000.00

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards, has been awarded State Homeland Security Grant Program Subgrant CFDA #97.042, Award #FY20·EMPG·EMAA·1802 from the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management with a performance period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Sub-grant, consisting of a \$10,000.00 Federal Award is for the purpose of enhancing the Bernards Township Office of Emergency Management's ability to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism, natural disasters and other catastrophic events and emergencies and shall be used for emergency management purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Bernards is authorized to accept and shall accept the award of the FY20 Emergency Management Agency Assistance Sub-grant Program in the amount of \$10,000.00 Federal Funds from the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bernards Township Chief Financial Officer and Director of Emergency Management are authorized to sign the appropriate Sub-grant award documents with the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk forward two copies of this resolution to the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management.

Resolution #2020-0397 - In Recognition of Service to Bernards Township - Dr. Mona Birk, PhD

WHEREAS, Mona Birk has given generously of her time serving on the Board of Health as an exemplary board member, conducting herself in a dignified, faithful and professional manner and offering innumerable hours to our local government, its democratic process, and to the citizens of Bernards Township; and

WHEREAS, Mona Birk has rendered inestimable services as a member of the Board of Health from 2002 to 2020 with her background and degrees in Counseling Psychology, Marriage and Family Counseling, Adult Psychiatric Nursing, Nursing and Elementary Education.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that in recognition of her years of faithful service, the Bernards Township Committee extends to Mona Birk deep appreciation and sincere gratitude on behalf of all the residents and officials of Bernards Township; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the citation of her service be inscribed at length in the minutes of the Township meeting, held on the 15th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, 2020, and that a suitable copy thereof, signed by the members of the Township Committee and attested by the Municipal Clerk, with the corporate seal of the Township thereunto affixed, be presented to Mona Birk.

Resolution #2020-0398 - In Recognition of Service to Bernards Township - Edward Nelson

WHEREAS, Edward Nelson has given innumerable hours to our local government, its democratic process, and to the citizens of Bernards Township; and

WHEREAS, Edward Nelson has rendered inestimable services as a member of the Recreation, Parks and Pathways Advisory Committee from 2014 to 2020.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that in recognition of his years of faithful service, the Bernards Township Committee extends to Edward Nelson deep appreciation and sincere gratitude on behalf of all the residents and officials of Bernards Township; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this citation of his service be inscribed at length in the minutes of this Township meeting, held on the 15th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, 2020, and that a suitable copy thereof, signed by the members of the Township Committee and attested by the Municipal Clerk, with the corporate seal of the Township thereunto affixed, be presented to Edward Nelson.

Resolution #2020-0399 - In Recognition of Service to Bernards Township - Mary Pavlini

WHEREAS, Mary Pavlini has given innumerable hours to our local government, its democratic process, and to the citizens of Bernards Township; and

WHEREAS, Mary Pavlini has rendered inestimable services as a member on various Boards and Commissions, including the Township Committee, with her most recent contribution as a member of the Sewerage Authority from 2006 to 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mary Pavlini has always provided clear and thoughtful insight on numerous issues.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that we do hereby recognize Mary Pavlini's years of faithful service to Bernards Township and its residents.

<u>Resolution #2020-0400</u> - Personnel Appointment, Christine Andres – Deputy Municipal Clerk – Municipal Clerk

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-135 provides for the appointment of a Deputy Municipal Clerk and pursuant to § 2-4.2 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards, appointment by the Township Committee for a term of one year from January 1 in the year in which the appointment is made; and

WHEREAS, said appointment does not guarantee employment or salary for the term of the appointment; and

WHEREAS, the full-time position of the Deputy Municipal Clerk is currently vacant; and

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

WHEREAS, Christine Andres has applied for the position and hold a current Registered Municipal Clerk (RMC) Certification as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133.10 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, Christine Andres meets the qualifications for appointment as Deputy Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk, Township Administrator and Human Resources Manager recommend appointment of Christine Andres to the position of full time Deputy Municipal Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that Christine Andres be appointed full time Deputy Municipal Clerk with an appointment date of December 16, 2020 to expire December 31, 2020 at an hourly rate of \$24.00 for a 40-hour work week.

Resolution #2020-0401 - Transfer Resolution - December 15, 2020, Municipal Court

WHEREAS, there appears to be insufficient funds in the following account(s) (excepting the appropriation for Contingent Expenses or Deferred Charges) to meet the demands for the balance of the Current Year,

Current Fund – 2020 Appropriations

Municipal Court Outside Cap – Other Expenses

WHEREAS, there appears to be a surplus in the following accounts(s) (excepting the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Deferred Charges, Cash Deficit of Preceding Year, Reserve for Uncollected Taxes, Down Payments, Capital Improvement Fund, or Interest and Debt Redemption Charges) over and above the demand deemed necessary for the balance of the Current Year,

Current Fund – 2020 Appropriations

Municipal Court Outside Cap – Salary & Wage Public Defender – Other Expenses Municipal Prosecutor – Other Expenses

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provision of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58, part of the surplus in the account heretofore mentioned be and the same is hereby transferred to the account (excepting the appropriation for Contingent Expenses or Deferred Charges) mentioned as being insufficient, to meet the current demands, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to make the following transfers:

FROM:	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TO</u>
Appropriation: Municipal Court O/S Cap-S&W	\$71,894.02	Appropriation: Municipal Court O/S Cap-O.E.
Appropriation: Public Defender – O.E.	\$ 3,065.95	Appropriation: Municipal Court O/S Cap-O.E.
Appropriation: Municipal Prosecutor – O.E.	\$10,583.97	Appropriation: Municipal Court O/S Cap-O.E.
Total Transfer:	\$85,543.94	

Resolution #2020-0402 - Unused Vacation Accrual Due, Fred Miller - Public Works

WHEREAS, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2020-0066 at their meeting of January 2, 2020, accepting the Personnel Policies and Procedures that outlines pay-outs due at the time of retirement; and

WHEREAS, Fred Miller, will retire from Bernards Township effective January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, per the requirements of the Township's Personnel Policy, Fred Miller is entitled to a Vacation Time Accrual payment for unused vacation time as calculated below based on an hourly rate of \$35.90. If the employee uses vacation time prior to her retirement date, the calculation below could be less but not more:

	Total Hours Available	Amount Due
Vacation Accrual	145.25	\$5,214.48

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 Streets and Roads S&W, Line Account #0-01-26-290-101 for an amount not to exceed \$5,214.48

Date: 12/15/2020

Resolution #2020-0403 - Unused Vacation Accrual Due, Judith Bauer - Tax Collector's Office

WHEREAS, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2020-0066 at their meeting of January 2, 2020, accepting the Personnel Policies and Procedures that outlines pay-outs due at the time of retirement; and

WHEREAS, Judith Bauer, will retire from Bernards Township effective January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, per the requirements of the Township's Personnel Policy, Judith Bauer is entitled to a Vacation Time Accrual payment for unused vacation time as calculated below based on an hourly rate of \$25.26. If the employee uses vacation time prior to her retirement date, the calculation below could be less but not more:

	Total Hours Available	Amount Due
Vacation Accrual	54	\$1,364.04

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 Revenue Administration S&W, Line Account #0-01-20-145-101 for an amount not to exceed \$1,364.04

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Date: 12/15/2020

<u>Resolution #2020-0405</u> - Award of Change Order #1 for 2019 Sidewalk Improvement to AA Berms LLC, PO Box 180, Belleville, NJ 07109 Decrease of \$17,998.42 (19.80%)

WHEREAS, the Engineering Department requests the following change order be authorized by the Township Committee:

Vendor	CO	Original Award	Amount of Decrease	New Total
	Number 1	\$90,920.00	\$17,998.42 (19.80%)	\$72,921.58
TOTAL CO	CO #1		\$17,998.42 (19.80%)	\$72,921.58

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Township Engineer and Purchasing Agent to award this change order to AA Berms LLC, PO Box 180, Belleville, NJ 07109; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer is directed to credit Capital Ordinance #2417, line account # C-04-55-417-A02.

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 change order to AA Berms LLC, PO Box 180, Belleville, NJ 07109.

Resolution #2020-0406 - Extending a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Bernardsville and the Township of Bernards for the Oversight and Operation of the Bernardsville Fire Prevention Bureau WHEREAS, the Borough of Bernardsville ("Bernardsville") and the Township of Bernards ("Bernards") have reviewed their needs, resources and personnel and have found that they can assist each other by Bernards operating the Bernardsville Fire Prevention Bureau with greater efficiency than the Borough operating the office with multiple part-time staff; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq., any Fire Prevention Bureau of the State of New Jersey may contract with any other municipality for the shared provision within their several jurisdictions of any service that any party to the agreement is empowered to provide within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, in a Shared Fire Prevention Bureau, each Bureau retains its own identity; and

WHEREAS, the Shared Fire Prevention Bureau shall be operated as two separate bureaus, pursuant to which Bernards is the host Fire Prevention Bureau and provides the services described in this Agreement to Bernardsville; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2020 the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards adopted resolution #2020-0342 entering into a Shared Services Agreement with Bernardsville and Bernards which establishes a shared Fire Prevention Bureau and provides for the sharing of bureau facilities and bureau staff including the Fire Official and Fire Inspectors; and

WHEREAS, the Shared Services Agreement terminates December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards finds it to be in the best interest of the Township and its residents to extend this Shared Services Agreement with Bernardsville and Bernards for the establishment and operation of a shared Fire Prevention Bureau until March 31, 2021; and

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

- 1. The Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Bernardsville, which Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions for the operation of the shared Fire Prevention Bureau, including the sharing of bureau facilities and bureau staff including the Fire Official and Fire Inspectors is hereby extended until March 31, 2021.
- 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption, and the adoption of the appropriate mechanism approving the Shared Services Agreement adopted by the Township.

Resolution #2020-0407 - 2021 Fee Schedule for Pleasant Valley Pool

WHEREAS, The Director of Parks & Recreation and the Pool Commission have recommended that fees be adopted for the 2021 pool season,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the following will constitute the fees for membership in, and use of, the municipal pool for 2021:

Fee Type	:	2021 Fee
RESIDENT FAMILY MEMBERSHIP		
Special Rate - Through April 30	\$	425.00
Regular Rate - Beginning May 1	\$	525.00
RESIDENT TWO PERSON HOUSEHOLD MEMBERSHIP		
Special Rate - Through April 30	\$	320.00
Regular Rate - Beginning May 1	\$	420.00
RESIDENT SINGLE MEMBERSHIP		
Special Rate - Through April 30	\$	215.00
Regular Rate - Beginning May 1	\$	285.00
RESIDENT SENIOR CITIZEN MEMBERSHIP (60+ years old)		
Special Rate - Through April 30	\$	90.00
Regular Rate - Beginning May 1	\$	110.00
RESIDENT INITATION FEES (Paid First Membership Year in addition to membership fee)		
Family or Two Person Membership Initiation Fee	\$	350.00
Includes an additional 3 complimentary guest visit credits		
Single Membership Initiation Fee	\$	175.00
Includes 1 additional complimentary guest visit credit		
NON-RESIDENT FAMILY MEMBERSHIP		
Special Rate - Through April 30	\$	695.00
Regular Rate - Beginning May 1	\$	795.00
NON-RESIDENT SINGLE MEMBERSHIP		
Special Rate - Through April 30	\$	335.00
Regular Rate - Beginning May 1	\$	395.00
UPGRADE OF SINGLE MEMBERSHIP		
Initiation Fee (Plus appropriate membership fee)	\$	150/\$175

Includes an additional 2 complimentary guest visit credits		
LAPSED MEMBERSHIP RE-REGISTRATION1		
2019 Members who were not active members in 2020, will not be considered lapsed a re-registration fee upon rejoining in 2021.	nd will not	be charged a
Family or 2-Person Membership Re-Registration	\$	150.00
Includes an additional 3 complimentary guest visit credits		
Single Membership Re-Registration	\$	75.00
Includes 1 additional complimentary guest visit credit		
FAMILY SPONSORED BABYSITTER/NANNY PASS	\$	170.00

Fee Type		2021 Fee
DAILY GUEST RATES		
2 Complimentary Guest Passes Included with Each Membership, Valid Any Operating Day		
Weekday - All Guests, Ages 3 & Up	\$	-
Weekend/Holiday - All Guests, Ages 3 & Up	\$	10.00
Guests 2 Years & Younger	\$	12.00
		FREE
Any Day After 4PM - All Guests, Ages 3 & Up	9,	6.00
PRE-PAID DISCOUNTED GUEST VISIT CREDITS		
10 Visits, Guests 3 & Up, Valid Any Day During Season		
Special Rate – Through April 30	9	90.00
Regular Rate – Beginning May 1	9	100.00
SWIM TEAM		
Swim Team & Pre Team - per child		\$ 90.00
Swim Team & Pre Team Discount – per child		5 10.00
for families with 3 or more children participating	,	7 10.00
Swim Team – per PVP Lifeguard	9	\$ 15.00
Swim Team & Pre-Team Late Fee – per child		\$ 20.00
SWIM DIAPER	ç	7.00
PHOTO I.D. REPLACEMENT		
Per ID for 1 - 2 IDs		\$ 10.00
3 or More IDs, Same Family, Reprinted Same Time		\$ 30.00
No Charge for ID Reprints with Renewal through April 30		
		\$ -

NOTES REGARDING FEES:

- Re-Registration Fees are charged when those who previously held membership within the last 10 years, have paid the initiation fee and wish to re-join the pool after a lapse in membership. All current membership eligibility qualifications must be met.
- Waving of Fees:
 - Active Fire Company & First Aid Squad Volunteers are eligible to receive complimentary guest visits credits in an amount equal to five household visits to the pool each season.
 - The families or individuals recognized by the Township who lost an immediate family member in the September 11th tragedy are eligible for a complimentary pool membership as long as they meet the requirements for membership to Pleasant Valley Pool, i.e. remain a resident of Bernards Township. Children of eligible families may receive complimentary individual membership up to the age of 23. If the surviving spouse re-marries then annual membership fees will be assessed, per type of membership. Guest fees will be the responsibility of the family.
 - Initiation fees, membership fees, guest fees, activity fees and late fees will not be waived under any circumstances for other than those reasons listed above.
 - Full refunds for membership are issued only if the Department is notified in writing prior to opening day for the season. Once the pool has opened a 50% refund of membership fees will be issued only if the Department is notified in writing prior to the

start of full time hours. Refund dates for swim lesson and swim team programs will be noted on their respective registration forms. All Department policies and procedures regarding refunds apply to Pleasant Valley Pool fees. Refund policies are subject to change based on action of the Pool Commission.

Resolution #2020-0408 - 2021 Fee Schedule for The Coakley-Russo Memorial Golf Course

WHEREAS, The Director of Parks & Recreation and the Golf Advisory Committee has recommended that fees be adopted for the 2021 golf season.

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

following will constitute the fees for membership in, and use of, the golf course for 2021:

Fee Type	20	21 Fees
Resident/VA Affiliate Memberships		
Membership, Early Payment	\$	480.00
Membership, Regular Payment	\$	550.00
Senior (60+) Discount off Membership Fee At Time of Payment	\$	40.00
Student (12 – 17) Discount off Membership Fee At Time of Payment	\$	85.00
Student Summer Only Membership, Residents Age 12-23	\$	270.00
nitiation, First Member in Household	\$	300.00
nitiation, Additional Family Member in Same Household	\$	150.00
Lapse of Membership Re-Registration Fee	\$	100.00
2019 Members who were not active members in 2020, will not be considered laps registration fee upon rejoining in 2021.	ed an <mark>d will not be ch</mark> o	arged a re-
registration fee apon rejoining in 2021.		
Non Resident Memberships		
Membership, Early Payment	\$	625.00
Membership, Regular Payment	\$	725.00
Guest Fees		
Guest Fee, Weekday (Mon – Thurs)	\$	20.00
Guest Fee, Weekend (Fri/Sat/Sun) & Holidays	\$	25.00
Student (ages 8 – 23) Guest Fee, Weekday (Mon – Thurs)	\$	15.00
Student (ages 8 – 23), Weekend (Fri/Sat/Sun) & Holidays	\$	20.00
Second 9-hole Round (played consecutively)	\$	7.00
Pre-paid Guest Savings Pass (10 rounds, Mon-Thurs)	\$	150.00
Pre-paid Guest Savings Pass (10 rounds, Fri-Sun)	\$	200.00
Other Fees		
Pull/Push Cart Rental	\$	3.00
USGA Handicap Registration Fee, Members Age 19 and older	\$	30.00
Students who turn 18 years old or younger in 2021	N	lo Cost
ID Replacement Fee - Free Reprints through April 30	\$	10.00
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Resolution #2020-0409 - In Recognition of Service to Bernards Township, Jennifer Donohoe

WHEREAS, Jennifer Donahoe approached the Township Committee to honor Bernards Township veterans for their service by initiating a Hometown Hero's banner program; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee agreed with the importance of honoring veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve for the common good; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer recruited volunteers including VFW Post Commander, Fred Bueler, Betsy Bacot and Mona Shaw who then worked with township staff to investigate vendors specializing in veteran banners; identified various locations within the township to display the banners; and worked on developing an application process; and

WHEREAS, veteran's banners were proudly displayed on Memorial Day within the township's Municipal Building complex and very well received by the community; and

WHEREAS, the veteran's banner program continues to grow and expand and again displayed veteran's banner on Veteran's Day.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards hereby recognizes Jennifer Donohoe and her volunteers for their initiative and assistance in making the Hometown Hero's Banner Program a success in Bernards Township and look forward to the program expanding in the years to come.

Resolution #2020-0410 - In Recognition of Service to Bernards Township, Kevin Orr

WHEREAS, Section 4-9 et.al. of the Revised General and Land Use Ordinances of the Township of Bernards regulates quarrying operations and rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, a Kevin Orr served on the Quarry Oversight Committee established by the Township Committee to address any issues that may arise during the course of implementing the Rehabilitation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Kevin sought to preserve the public health, safety and welfare of Township of Bernards and its inhabitants.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards hereby recognizes and thanks Kevin Orr for his service, time and commitment on the Quarry Oversight Committee.

<u>Resolution #2020-0411</u> - In Recognition and Appreciation to the Participants Who Secured the Women's Suffrage Banners in Bernards Township

WHEREAS, August 26, 2020 marked the anniversary of the 19th Amendment and its certification into the U.S. Constitution providing and preserving the right to vote to women; and

WHEREAS, members of the public in Bernards Township wished to mark this Centennial milestone by honoring those who fought to restore and expand the right to vote to women; and

WHEREAS, Joan Harris organized securing donations from the following individuals to contribute to, or purchase, Women's Suffrage banners to be displayed throughout the grounds of the Municipal Complex;

Joan Harris	Pat Monaco	Janice Fields
Tracey Baldassare	Nola Cowsert Hansen	Lisa Cody Winter
Katie Staub	Amy Storm Meleck	Rita Considine Zarabarra
Linda Mahoney	Ann Parsekian	Monique Loh
Lori Potenza Waldron	Jenny Lewter Speal	Alia Truett
Catherine Matt Santaiti	Nancy D'Andrea	Sophia Chadda
Julie Busher Keating	Sara Nichols	Kelly Mertz
Peggy Raptis Baurkot	Susan Okin Goldsmith	Paula Mares Atkinson
Pat Sodolak	Jane Conklin	Katie Davis Ferdinand
Nancy Frank Cook	Hilary Klimek	Aileen Main
Aliz Lynne Marsters	Donna Gerhard Burnett	Berit Bizjak
Neha Gogate Gorfinkel	Marie Young	Pam Brill Ball
Sarah Bonnefoi	Laurie Salomon	Anisha Kurian-Phillip
Heather Hudson	Molly Briggs McManus	Suzanne Ring Glassman
Barbara Brooks	Sima Guven	Diana Ryan
Pat Tobia		

and

WHEREAS, Bernards Township resident Brian DeWitt, owner of Prism Digital Communication, designed and provided the Women's Suffrage Centennial banners in a prompt and affordable manner.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards hereby thanks Ms. Harris and the other individuals involved in honoring women's right to vote.

<u>Resolution #2020-0412</u> - In Recognition and Appreciation to Awakened Films, Video Production Company **WHEREAS**, Awakened Films, located in Basking Ridge, NJ and established by husband and wife team Jason and Gillian Schuler, is a full-service production agency; and

WHEREAS, Awakened Films dropped everything at a moment's notice in early March, the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak, to work with the Mayor on getting an important and critical message out to the residents regarding the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, despite having their company, who was also adversely affected by the economic impact like many other businesses here in the township, generously provided an initial COVID-19 response video, free of charge for the benefit of Bernards Township residents; and

WHEREAS, Jason and Gillian have hired a number of Ridge High School graduates over the past 12 years of business further supporting the residents of our community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, hereby recognizes and thanks Jason and Gillian Schuler, owners of Awakened Films for producing a quality video message for the residents of Bernards Township; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bernards Township Committee and wishes them the very best in the future of their video production company.

<u>Resolution #2020-0413</u> - In Recognition and Appreciation of Health Officer Lucy Forgione and the Bernards Township Health Department Staff

WHEREAS, Bernards Township's Health Department has been on the "front lines" during the COVID-19 outbreak which began in January of 2020, heightened in March, and has continued to persist in the ensuing months; and

WHEREAS, the Bernards Township Health Department has updated the public by disseminating over 51 (and counting) alerts and posting on their website and through the alert system with notices that include information and links to other important resources; and

WHEREAS, staff has had to continually navigate an everchanging landscape of restrictions, emergency orders, declarations, and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Bernards Township Health Department and its staff have also provided contractual essential and imperative services to five neighboring municipalities which includes services to schools, assisted living facilities and other facilities; and

WHEREAS; and staff have constantly worked to improve the manner in which they give and receive information to all the residents they serve.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards hereby recognizes the exceptional performance by Health Officer Lucy Forgione and her staff for their continued daily efforts to keep all of our residents up to speed in difficult and uncertain times.

<u>Resolution #2020-0414</u> - In Recognition and Appreciation to Paula Axt, Brendan Tighe, Frank Dudzik and Marie Young for Their Assistance with the 2020 Memorial Day Ceremony

WHEREAS, national, state and public health emergencies caused by the COVID-19 virus pandemic prevented individuals from being able to participate in traditional Memorial Day ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, Bernards Township had to cancel the beloved Memorial Day parade to commemorate and honor the men and women who died while serving in the United States military; and

WHEREAS, a solemn ceremony was instead held by the Mayor and Township Committee members of Bernards Township; and

WHEREAS, Paula Axt, Brendan Tighe, Frank Dudzik played Taps on their bag pipes giving special meaning to the occasion; and

WHEREAS, Marie Young, live streamed the event and provided a video which was then posted on the township's website for residents to view at any time.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards hereby recognizes the thanks Paula Axt, Brendan Tighe, Frank Dudzik, and Marie Young for contributing their talents to ensure that the men and women of the United States military were honored.

<u>Resolution #2020-0415</u> - Acceptance of Grant and Insertion of Revenue Item Into the 2020 Budget \$9,500 from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities for the purpose of participating in the Clean Fleet Electric Vehicle Incentive Program

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received an award of \$9,500 from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities for the purpose of participating in the Clean Fleet Electric Vehicle Incentive Program and wishes to amend its 2020 budget to include this amount as revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written

Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Public and Private Revenues Offset with

Appropriations:

2020 NJBPU – Clean Fleet EV

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$9,500 total be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"

Public and Private Appropriations Offset by Revenues:

2020 NJBPU – Clean Fleet EV

<u>Resolution #2020-0416</u> - Acceptance of Grant and Insertion of Revenue Item Into the 2020 Budget \$5,000 for the Somerset County Youth Services Annual Grant-2020 for the Purpose of Funding the REACH Youth Leadership Program and Viking Yoga

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received a notice of an award of \$5,000.00 for the Somerset County Youth Services Annual Grant-2020 for the purpose of funding the REACH Youth Leadership Program/Viking Yoga and wishes to amend its 2020 budget to include this amount as a revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:

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Somerset County Youth Services Annual Grant-2020

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$5,000.00 total be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:
(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"
Public and Private Appropriations Offset by Revenues:
Somerset County Youth Services Annual Grant-2020

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer will electronically submit this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

Resolution #2020-0417 - In Recognition of Service to Bernards Township – John Meany

WHEREAS, John Meany has given innumerable hours to our local government, its democratic process, and to the citizens of Bernards Township; and

WHEREAS, John has rendered inestimable services as a member of the Parks & Recreation Committee from 1993 – 1997, the Green Team Task Force in 1996 and the Golf Advisory Committee from 1996 – 2020; and

WHEREAS, John was an original member of the Golf Advisory Committee, appointed in 1996 when Bernards Township assumed operation of the Coakley-Russo Memorial Golf Course at the Lyons Medical Center from the Veterans Administration. John served as Deputy Chair from 2006 – 2008, as Chair from 2010 – 2014 and continued to remain an active committee member through 2020; and

WHEREAS, John has seen the course grow exponentially during his tenure, with involvement in several capital improvement projects including the installation of the course irrigation system, the construction of the practice putting green and many, many yards of drainage improvements; and

WHEREAS, John has a driving force in keeping the committee and its members connected to the course's history by continually researching the property, course design, patient involvement and our namesake veteran golf professionals. His passion for knowledge and dedication to veteran outreach will be sorely missed and likely will not be matched.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that in recognition of her years of faithful service, the Bernards Township Committee extends to John Meany deep appreciation and sincere gratitude on behalf of all the residents and officials of Bernards Township.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this citation of his service be inscribed at length in the minutes of this Township meeting, held on the 15th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, 2020, and that a suitable copy thereof, signed by the members of the Township Committee and attested by the Municipal Clerk, with the corporate seal of the Township thereunto affixed, be presented to John Meany.

<u>Resolution #2020-0418</u> - Authorizing Agreement with the Borough of Bernardsville for Receipt of Vehicle at No Cost to the Township of Bernards

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bernardsville has authorized the disposal of the following vehicle at no value;

	QTY	DESCRIPTION
ſ	1	2008 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN #2FAFP71V48X179445

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards is desirous of receiving a vehicle at no cost for the use of parts.

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

<u>Resolution #2020-0419</u> - Change Order #1 – Increase of \$16,000.00 Authorizing an Increase to the Professional Service Contract for Legal Services, Labor Counsel Awarded to Richard Flaum, Esq., of the firm of DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum P.C. - For a New Not to Exceed Amount of \$41,000.00 (Excluding Matters of Litigation and Unanticipated Reimbursable Disbursements as Required).

WHEREAS, the Bernards Township Committee adopted Resolution #2020-0058 on January 2, 2020 awarding a professional services contract in the amount of \$25,000.00 to Labor Attorney, Richard Flaum, Esq., of the firm of DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum P.C.; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the 2020 Current Fund Budget – Legal Fees and Compensation, line account #0-01-20-155-20B.

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; Richard Flaum, Esq., in the amount of \$16,000.00 for a new not to exceed amount of \$41,000.00 for the contract term from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

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.

Richard Flaum, Esq.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I, Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Bernards, hereby certify that above referenced change order in the amount of \$16,000.00. Monies are available in the 2020 Current Fund Budget – Legal Expenses; Labor Attorney, line account #0-01-20-155-20B for a new not to exceed amount of \$41,000.00.

Date: December 8, 2020 Sean McCarthy
Chief Financial Officer

<u>Resolution #2020-0420</u> - In Recognition of Service to Bernards Township, Victoria Costa Weber WHEREAS, during the "lock down" period early in the COVID-19 pandemic, Victoria Costa Weber saw neighbors in need of help and neighbors who wanted to give their help; and

WHEREAS, in response to seeing this need, Victoria created a Face Book group called "Basking Ridge Helping Ridge"; and

WHEREAS, the "Basking Ridge Helping Basking" identified people who were in need of help with groceries, medications, and other tasks, which were especially difficult to accomplish during the "lock down" period; and

WHEREAS, over time, it became clear that the majority of those needing assistance were within the senior population; and

WHEREAS Victoria worked with the Mayor and township staff within the Recreation Department to create a "senior hot-line" wherein seniors who had a need were matched with local community groups and religious organizations who could assist with helping meet those needs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards hereby recognizes Victoria Costa Weber and the many other volunteers and organizations who provided assistance to fellow residents and neighbors through the "Basking Ridge Helping Basking Ridge" group.

Resolution #2020-0421 - 2021 Fee Schedule & Policies for Park and Recreation

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the following Parks and Recreation Fees and Policies for 2021 be approved:

2021 FACILITY RESERVATION FEES

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Resident Fee</u>	Non-Resident Fee	Security Deposit
ALLEN STREET GAZEBO MAX CAPACITY: 50	\$20 per hour	\$40 per hour	\$400

COMMUNITY CENTER Activity Room MAX CAPACITY: 35	\$25 per hour, 2 hour minimum \$50 per hour, 2 hour minimum		\$400
COMMUNITY CENTER Recreation Room MAX CAPACITY: 50	m \$40 per hour, 2 hour minimum \$80 per hour, 2 hour minimum		\$400
DUNHAM PARK Picnic Shelter MAX CAPACITY: 100	By Group Size/Per Day <50 = \$75 51 - 75 = \$100 76 - 100 = \$125 By Group Size/Per Day <50 = \$150 51 - 75 = \$200 76 - 100 = \$250		\$400
DUNHAM PARK Indoor Pavilion MAX CAPACITY: 60	\$125 per 6 hour block 9AM – 3PM or 4PM – 10PM	\$250 per 6 hour block 9AM – 3PM or 4PM – 10PM	\$400
PLEASANT VALLEY PARK Warming Hut MAX CAPACITY: 50	\$50 per 4 hour block For Non-Profit Groups \$150 per month For One 4hr. block per week	\$100 per 4 hour block	\$400
PLEASANT VALLEY PARK Picnic Shelter MAX CAPACITY: 150	By Group Size/Per Day <50 = \$75 51 - 75 = \$100 76 - 100 = \$125 101 - 150 = \$175	By Group Size/Per Day <50 = \$150 51 - 75 = \$200 76 - 100 = \$250 101 - 150 = \$350	\$400
PLEASANT VALLEY PARK Pond Shelter MAX CAPACITY: 20	\$50/day	\$100/day	\$400
SOUTHARD PARK Picnic Shelter MAX CAPACITY: 75	By Group Size/Per Day $<50 = \$75$ By Group Size/Per Day $<50 = \$150$ $51 - 75 = \$100$ $51 - 75 = \$200$		\$400

^{*}If reserving an indoor and outdoor facility for the same day/time/park, the number of attendees may not exceed the capacity for the indoor facility.

2021 COMMERCIAL USE RATES

"Commercial Use" is defined as an activity not sponsored by the Township in which either a fee is charged and/or solicitation of a business or service is offered to the participants. A certificate of insurance will be required, see insurance requirements for all reservations.

<u>Facility</u>	Commercial Fee	Security Deposit
General Park Use	\$50 per hour	\$400
Picnic Shelters & Amphitheater	\$500 per day	\$400
Pleasant Valley Park Warming Hut	\$50 per hour, 2 hour minimum	\$400
Dunham Park Indoor Pavilion	\$500 per 6-hour block 9am – 3pm or 4pm – 10pm	\$400
Community Center Activity Room	\$75 per hour, 2 hour minimum	\$400
Community Center Recreation Room	\$100 per hour, 2 hour minimum	\$400

2021 ATHLETIC FIELD AND COURT USE RATES

Fees are charged per field/court. All use associated with league play or with a sport official present requires a reservation by paid permit.

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>	<u>Commercial Use</u>	
Athletic Courts – Volleyball, Basketball, Bocce, Tennis, Pickleball MAX CAPACITY: 20	\$10 per hour	\$20 per hour	\$50 per hour	
Residents may reserve a court for recreational play up to 7 days in advance at no charge.				
Grass Athletic Fields & Roller Rink MAX CAPACITY: 50 \$20 per hour \$40 per hour \$50 per hour				
Athletic Field Lights In addition to field reservation fee	\$25 per hour	\$25 per hour	\$25 per hour	

Artificial Turf Fields MAX CAPACITY: 75 per field	Individual Resident Rented or Organization Roster At least 75% Residents	Individual Non-Resident Rented or Organization Roster Less Than 75% Residents	Commercial Use
March through December	\$55 per hour	\$80 per hour	\$110 per hour
January & February (Snow will not/is not to be cleared)	\$25 per hour	\$45 per hour	\$80 per hour
Any Day School is in Session Sunrise – 5:30PM	\$25 per hour	\$45 per hour	\$80 per hour

PARK USE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS HOSTED BY NON PROFIT AGENCIES

Non-Profit or Not for Profit agencies may reserve park facilities for various special events, open to the public, including but not limited to: 5K Races, Fun Runs, Auctions, Bake Sales, etc. Events are subject to the approval of the Department of Parks and Recreation and must comply with all Department policies and established Township ordinances. Special Event Application may be required. A certificate of insurance will be required, from the organization in the amount of \$1 million naming "Bernards Township" as the "Additional Insured".

<u>Headcount</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>	<u>Security Deposit</u>
0-100 Persons	\$125	\$225	\$400
101-200 Persons	\$250	\$375	\$400
201-300 Persons	\$350	\$475	\$400
301-400 Persons	\$475	\$600	\$400
401+ Persons	\$600	\$750	\$400

The above are fees per headcount range. Max capacity will vary by facility. Headcount is to include all participants, volunteers, spectators and event organizers.

USE OF PARKS BY PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS

- Individuals hiring a professional photographer for the purpose of taking photos of themselves or their family in a park must obtain a permit in advance, pay the applicable resident or non-resident fee and provide private homeowners/renters insurance in accordance with the requirements for reservations.
 - Professional photographers utilizing a park to hold photo sessions for clients will be required to obtain a permit in advance, pay the applicable commercial use fee and provide organization insurance in accordance with the requirements for corporate reservations.

<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>	<u>Commercial</u>	Security Deposit
\$20 per hour	\$40 per hour	\$50 per hour	Not Required

FACILITY HOURS AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL Per Ordinance #2328

Facility Hours Available

Athletic Courts (except paddle tennis courts), Athletic Fields (without lights), the Gazebo, Shelters and Roller Rink	Sunrise – Sunset
Pleasant Valley Park Paddle Tennis Courts and Designated Ice Skating Areas	Sunrise – 11:00 PM
Mountain Park Lighted Athletic Fields	Sunrise – 10:00 PM
Pleasant Valley Park Warming Hut, Dunham Park Indoor Pavilion & Community Center Rooms	7:00 AM – 10:00 PM

FACILITY KEY PICK-UP & RETURN

Keys will be given to the renter when the deposit check is dropped off. All keys are to be returned by NOON the first business day following the rental. Renter will be charged a fee of \$25 per day, if keys are not returned by the second business day following the rental. Renter will be charged a fee of \$100 for each key reported lost. The \$400 security deposit check will be forfeited and cashed if keys are not returned after 5 business days.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL RESERVATIONS

Private Homeowners/Renters - Must supply evidence of insurance in the minimum amount of \$300,000 in General Liability coverage for each occurrence in the form of a Homeowners or Special Event Policy. **Corporate/Organization** - Must supply a Certificate of Insurance naming Bernards Township as the added insured in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 in General Liability Coverage and the Certificate must state the date and location of the event.

LIQUOR PERMITS - FEES & INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Ordinance #2328, Subsection 3-16.2, no person or group shall bring into, possess, sell, buy, consume, or give away any alcoholic beverage in any municipal property within the Township of Bernards with the exception that a resident may obtain a permit for consumption of alcoholic beverages within a Township park in conjunction with a special event or private event after obtaining a permit as described in 10-1.6, at the following park facilities:

- a. Pleasant Valley Park, Dunham Park and Southard Park Picnic Shelters
- b. Pleasant Valley Park Warming Hut
- c. Dunham Park Indoor Pavilion

Liquor permits will be issued to Township residents only. Residency is determined by the individual named as the renter on the park permit, not the organization holding the insurance.

Insurance Requirements for Liquor Permits

Individuals - - Must supply evidence of insurance in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 in General Liability coverage in the form of a Homeowners or Special Event Policy.

Organizations/Corporations - - Must supply a Certificate of Insurance naming Bernards Township as the added insured in the minimum amount of \$3,000,000 Liquor Liability each occurrence if applicant is in the business of manufacturing, distributing, selling, serving or furnishing alcoholic beverages or a Certificate of Insurance naming Bernards Township as the added insured in the minimum amount of \$3,000,000 Host Liquor Liability each occurrence if liquor will be present and applicant is not in the business of manufacturing, distributing, selling, serving or furnishing alcoholic beverages.

LIQUOR PERMIT FEES	Individuals - \$40
Residents Only, with Facility Rental. Fees are charged per date reserved.	Organizations/Corporation
Residency is based on the representative renting the facility, not the business addres	s - \$150

FORFEIT OF SECURITY DEPOSIT

The Township reserves the right to inspect your event and request to see your facility use permit. If you are found to be serving/consuming alcohol without a liquor permit, you will be asked to cease immediately and will forfeit your security deposit. If the headcount of your event is found to be beyond what was indicated on your permit, you will be asked to end your event immediately and will forfeit your security deposit.

2021 EQUIPMENT KIT RENTAL RATES

<u>Equipment Kit</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>	<u>Security Deposit</u>
Party Kit, Volleyball Set, Disc Golf Set, Picnic Kit, Paddle Tennis Set, Bocce Kit, Cornhole, Croquet, Washer Toss, Pickle Ball Set	\$15/day	\$30/day	\$200

Carnival Game Kit	\$40/day	RESIDENTS ONLY	\$200
Portable Public Address System	\$40/day	RESIDENTS ONLY	\$400

EQUIPMENT KIT REPLACEMENT FEES

Picnic Kit	Party Kit	Volleyball Set	Carnival Game Kit
Softball: \$5.00	Parachute: \$150.00	Volleyball: \$25.00	Ring Toss: \$15.00
Softball Bat: \$15.00	Potato Sacks (6): \$24.00	Net: \$60.00	Knock Down Cans: \$20.00
Wiffle Ball: \$2.00	Relay Cones (4): \$20.00	Stakes: \$10.00	Milk Bottle Toss Game: \$30.00
Wiffle Ball Bat: \$3.00	Twister: \$15.00	Guides: \$10.00	Foam/Rubber Ball: \$3.00 each
Frisbee: \$8.00	Jump Rope: \$10.00	Posts: \$200.00	Magnetic Fishing Set: \$25.00
4 Bases: \$40.00	Ring Toss Game: \$15.00	Complete Set: \$500.00	Popcorn Game: \$35.00
Nerf Soccerball: \$10.00	Koosh Paddles: \$20.00		Popcorn Balls: \$3.00 each
Nerf Football: \$10.00	Koosh Ball: \$5.00	Paddle Tennis &	Bean Bag Game Board: \$20.00
Horse Shoe Set: \$20.00	Playground Ball: \$10.00	Pickle Ball Sets	Bean Bag: \$5.00 each
Playground Ball: \$10.00		4 Paddles, 3 Balls &	In poor condition when returned:
Volleyball: \$25.00		Bag Per Set	\$20.00
Basketball: \$20.00	Cornhole, Croquet	\$12 for any number of	
		missing balls	Portable PA System
Disc Golf Set	or Washer Toss	(total of 3 in kit)	Each piece lost/broken: \$50.00
6 Discs & Bag Per Set	\$50.00/set for any piece of	\$25 per paddle lost	Entire system lost/broken: \$400.00
\$8 per disc lost	equipment lost in a set.	\$25 for lost equipment	
\$25 for lost equipment bag	1 1	bag	Bocce
			\$100 for any piece missing from set

COMMUITY SERVICE GROUP FACILITY USE PROGRAM

To qualify as a "Community Service Group", the organization must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- 1. The organization shall be a recognized not-for profit organization either by 501(c)(3) designation, NJ certification or tax-exempt status
- 2. At least 75% of the organization's membership shall be Bernards Township Residents
- 3. The organization shall provide an insurance certificate naming Bernards Township as "additional insured" with a minimum of \$1 million in general liability coverage
- 4. The organization's mission shall be community service based and the organization shall provide evidence of some type of volunteer service to the Bernards Township community

All student run clubs and sports organizations covered under the Board of Education's Insurance Policy are also eligible for this program.

Each approved community service group is entitled to the following at no cost, each calendar year:

- 1. Twelve 3-hour uses of the Community Center Activity Room or Recreation Room or the Pleasant Valley Park Warming Hut for group meetings
- 2. A one day picnic shelter reservation at Southard Park (75 attendees maximum) to hold a group picnic
- 3. One facility reservation (one day) to hold a group fundraiser, provided the event meets capacity restrictions

A designated contact person from the community service group must submit an application each year including their contact information, a description of the organization and/or mission statement and a list of members with addresses for verification; and the designated contact person will also be asked to sign an agreement confirming their understanding and compliance with the criteria for approval, reservation policies and procedures, cancellation polices and insurance requirements; all community service groups must abide by the Reservation Policies and Procedures adopted by the Township Committee and the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards regarding Municipal Parks & Open Space.

DEPARTMENT REFUND POLICY

The following applies to all fees collected by the Parks & Recreation Department. Including, but not limited to, membership payments, activity registration fees and facility rentals charges.

- Refunds must be requested in writing, emailed to <u>recreation@bernards.org</u> or mailed to Parks & Recreation, 1 Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920.
- Refund request deadlines may vary. Refer to the description or your transaction receipt for the withdrawal deadline. In all cases, refunds will not be issued if requested on or after the program's start date.
- Bus trips are non-refundable. Once paid, you are responsible for selling your own tickets should you be unable to attend.

- All refunds, regardless of method of payment, will be refunded as a check, are subject to a \$10 processing fee per registration and take 2-4 weeks to process.
- Full refunds are issued if the program or trip is canceled by Parks & Recreation.
- Instances of returned funds will be subject to the rules set forth by an annual resolution of the Township Committee authorizing a returned funds fee and certified funds for returned funds.

Disputing a charge on your credit card for a fee paid to Parks & Recreation Department is considered an instance of Returned Funds, where the Township has been in receipt of a payment which has been returned from the bank as unpaid.

- A \$20 service charge on funds returned will apply.
- The enrollee will be responsible to return payment in the form of cash or check for the balance due on their account created by the dispute reversal before they can enroll any member of their household account for any additional memberships or programs.
- The enrollee may be restricted from using a credit card as payment for a specific period of time or indefinitely.

Resolution #2020-0422 - Tax Exemption Approval for Rodney E. Ruffin

WHEREAS, the owner for Block 10706 Lot 26.03 CONDO has filed an application for total exemption on taxes as a total and permanent disability of a veteran; and

WHEREAS, the owner is entitled to the exemption as a result of the total and permanent disability per NJSA 54:4-3.30; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has approved said application effective December 7, 2020 and every year the applicant is qualified; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector for the Township of Bernards recommends that the taxes on Block 10706 Lot 26.03 CONDO, otherwise known as 21 Dorchester Dr., currently owned by Rodney E Ruffin be canceled for December 7, 2020 and forward and therefore exempt for the duration of ownership and as long as the applicant meets all qualifications for said exemption.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the taxes be canceled as per recommendation of the Tax Collector.

Resolution #2020-0423 - Tax Exemption Approval for Felice S Bocchino

WHEREAS, the owner for Block 8701 Lot 47 CONDO has filed an application for total exemption on taxes as a total and permanent disability of a veteran; and

WHEREAS, the owner is entitled to the exemption as a result of the total and permanent disability per NJSA 54:4-3.30; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has approved said application effective May 12, 2020 and every year the applicant is qualified; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector for the Township of Bernards recommends that the taxes on Block 8701 Lot 47 CONDO, otherwise known as 130 Potomac Dr, currently owned by Felice S Bocchino be canceled for May 12, 2020 and forward and therefore exempt for the duration of ownership and as long as the applicant meets all qualifications for said exemption.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the taxes be canceled as per recommendation of the Tax Collector.

<u>Resolution #2020-0425</u> -Personnel Appointment, Jordan Castens – Groundskeeper – Department of Public Works

WHEREAS, a full time Groundskeeper position became available due to a vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works, Township Administrator, Chief Financial Officer and Human Resources Manager have deemed it necessary to fill this position; and

WHEREAS, Jordan Castens has applied for and is qualified to fill said position; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works, Township Administrator, Chief Financial Officer and Human Resources Manager recommend appointment of Jordan Castens to full time Groundskeeper.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that Jordan Castens be appointed full time Groundskeeper with a hire date of Monday, January 4, 2021 at an hourly rate of \$15.38 for a 40-hour work week. This offer of employment is contingent upon the results of pre-employment screening as per Township policy.

<u>Resolution #2020-0426</u> - Authorizing an Affiliation Agreement with Safe and Sound Somerset, Somerset Hills Domestic Violence Response Team (SHDVRT)

WHEREAS, Safe and Sound Somerset, SHDVRT, is an agency established to provide participating municipalities with training and services in matters pertaining to domestic violence cases that occur within a participating municipality; and

WHEREAS, the NJ State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy has awarded Safe and Sound Somerset, SHDVRT with grant funding to serve participating municipalities by provide services and training to volunteers and police officers in matters that pertain to domestic violence incidents that occur within participating municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards wishes to be a participating municipality and receive services from the SHDVRT; and

WHEREAS, funding for these services are presently provided through a V.A.W.A. Grant (Violence Against Women Act) administered through the New Jersey Division of Law & Public Safety, Department of Criminal Justice, Office of Victim/ Witness Advocacy; and granted to the Resource Center of Somerset.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that we do hereby: 1) authorize the affiliation agreement with Safe and Sound Somerset, SHDVRT, 2) authorize the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute this agreement on behalf of the township.

<u>Resolution #2020-0427</u> - Demanding that the New Jersey State Legislature Accept its Responsibility to Administer the Provisions of the Affordable Housing Act and Stay Further Action Until Such Times as it Has Promulgated Rules Governing its Implementation

WHEREAS, in 1975 the New Jersey Supreme Court in Mount Laurel I decreed that every municipality in New Jersey, "must, by its land use regulations, presumptively make realistically possible an appropriate variety and choice of housing. More specifically, presumptively it cannot foreclose the opportunity of the classes of people mentioned for low and moderate income housing and in its regulations must affirmatively afford that opportunity, at least to the extent of the municipality's fair share of the present and prospective regional need therefor" (10 S. Burlington Cty. N.A.A.C.P. v. Mount Laurel Twp., 67 N.J. 151, 174 (1975); and

WHEREAS, in 1983, the Supreme Court in Mount Laurel II expanded the Mount Laurel doctrine, saying: "Therefore, proof of a municipality's bona fide attempt to provide a realistic opportunity to construct its fair share of lower income housing shall no longer suffice. Satisfaction of the Mount Laurel obligation shall be determined solely on an objective basis: if the municipality has in fact provided a realistic opportunity for the construction of its fair share of low and moderate income housing, it has met the Mount Laurel obligation to satisfy the constitutional requirement; if it has not, then it has failed to satisfy it. Further, whether the opportunity is "realistic" will depend on whether there is in fact a likelihood-to the extent economic conditions allow-that the lower income housing will actually be constructed. Plaintiff's case will ordinarily include proof of the municipality's fair share of the regional need and defendant's proof of its satisfaction. Good or bad faith, at least on this issue, will be irrelevant." (S. Burlington Cty. N.A.A.C.P. v. Mount Laurel Twp., 92 N.J. 158, 220–22 (1983)); and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court in Mount Laurel II suggested that builders' remedies should be used to force compliance by municipalities, reasoning that:

Experience ... has demonstrated to us that builder's remedies must be made more readily available to achieve compliance with Mount Laurel. We hold that where a developer succeeds in Mount Laurel litigation and

proposes a project providing a substantial amount of lower income housing, a builder's remedy should be granted unless the municipality establishes that because of environmental or other substantial planning concerns, the plaintiff's proposed project is clearly contrary to sound land use planning. We emphasize that the builder's remedy should not be denied solely because the municipality prefers some other location for lower income housing, even if it is in fact a better site. (S. Burlington Cty. N.A.A.C.P. v. Mount Laurel Twp., 92 N.J. 158, 279–80 (1983)); and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Legislature responded quickly to the Court's Mount Laurel decision by enacting the Fair Housing Act of 1985, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301, et seq., which created the Council on Affordable Housing ("COAH") which as the Court noted in Mount Laurel IV "... was designed to provide an optional administrative alternative to litigating constitutional compliance through civil exclusionary zoning actions." (In re Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 & 5:97 ex rel. New Jersey Council on Affordable Hous., 221 N.J. 1, 4 (2015); and

WHEREAS, COAH, pursuant to the authority granted to it by the Fair Housing Act, then adopted procedural and substantive rules which provided clear guidance to municipalities as to how they could meet their affordable housing obligation; and

WHEREAS, in its rules, COAH assigned a fair share number to each municipality and set forth various mechanisms that a municipality could use in order to satisfy that obligation; and

WHEREAS, Bernards Township, like many other municipalities throughout the State of New Jersey, met its First and Second Round Affordable Housing Obligations through the COAH process; and

WHEREAS, COAH adopted the First Round Rules for the period from 1987 through 1993 and the Second Round Rules for the period 1993 to 1999 and then extended to 2004; and

WHEREAS, COAH was obliged by the Fair Housing Act to adopt Third Round Rules to take effect in 2004, however, but never adopted rules that were acceptable to the Courts; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Supreme Court again stepped in, finding that COAH's failure to adopt Third Round Rules forced the Court to intervene; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court designated Mount Laurel judges in each of the fifteen court vicinages to hear all Mount Laurel cases; and

WHEREAS, instead of providing clear guidance, like the COAH rules did, the Supreme Court in Mount Laurel IV set forth vague standards that have led to a complex system of non-uniform implementation; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Supreme Court's decision in Mount Laurel IV, municipalities no longer were assigned fair share numbers, no longer had clear and concise procedural and substantive rules to follow, and no longer had one tribunal to decide these issues, which meant that even the threshold issues of regional need and local fair share obligations had to be litigated before fifteen different Mount Laurel judges, and as a result, municipalities were forced to spend tens of thousands, and in some cases hundreds of thousands of dollars, to negotiate fair share numbers with the Fair Share Housing Center ("FSHC") and to gain court approval of settlement agreements negotiated with FSHC; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court in Mount Laurel IV concluded its opinion by encouraging the Legislature to once again assume responsibility in the area of affordable housing, saying:

"In conclusion, we note again that the action taken herein does not prevent either COAH or the Legislature from taking steps to restore a viable administrative remedy that towns can use in satisfaction of their constitutional obligation. In enacting the FHA, the Legislature clearly signaled, and we recognized, that an administrative remedy that culminates in voluntary municipal compliance with constitutional affordable housing obligations is preferred to litigation that results in compelled rezoning. (Citation omitted.) It is our hope that an administrative remedy will again become an option for those proactive municipalities that wish to use such means to obtain a determination of their housing obligations and the manner in which those obligations can be satisfied" (In re Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 & 5:97 ex rel. New Jersey Council on Affordable Hous., 221 N.J. 1, 34 (2015)); and

WHEREAS, it has been five years since the Mount Laurel IV opinion was issued and, to the detriment of each municipality in New Jersey and to the future viability of the State, neither the Legislature nor the Governor nor COAH have taken any action to remedy the situation; and

WHEREAS, if the Governor, the Legislature and COAH continue to ignore their responsibilities, municipalities will once again face a burdensome, time-consuming and expensive process to obtain Fourth Round Mount Laurel compliance starting in 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that it does hereby demand that the Governor and the Legislature cease their unconscionable disregard of this most important provision of the State constitution and take immediate and decisive action to restore a viable administrative remedy that municipalities can use in satisfaction of their constitutional obligations to provide affordable housing.

End Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes:

11/24/2020 Executive Session

Baldassare recused himself and Esposito presided over the meeting. Motion by Fields, second by Harris, and unanimously agreed that the 11/24/2020 Executive Session minutes be approved for content only.

11/24/2020 Open Session

Baldassare took over presiding the meeting. Motion by Carpenter, second by Harris, and unanimously agreed that the 11/24/2020 Open Session minutes be approved for content and release.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Todd Edelstein, 172 Riverside Dr. – commented on snow safety and John Carpenter's tenue.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Carpenter, second by Harris, and unanimously agreed that the meeting be adjourned at 9:44 PM.

	Respectfully submitted,	
	Rhonda Pisano Municipal Clerk	
Baldassare, Jr.		
Mayor		

Approved: 12/29/2020