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CALL TO ORDER

The mayor called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM in the Municipal Building, 1 Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, NJ. Those assembled saluted the flag and the mayor read the open public meetings statement in accordance with the law.

ROLL CALL

Present: Baldassare, Jr., Bannan, Esposito, Grochala, Fields

Absent:

Also Present: Administrator Monaco, Attorney Belardo, and Deputy Municipal Clerk Andres

EXECUTIVE SESSION (if required)

None.

PUBLIC WORK SESSION (if required)

None.

REPORTS

None.

PRESENTATION

[Resolution #2021-0200](#) - Commendation on Attaining Eagle Scout Designation Michael J. Crapser, Joshua Figueroa & Timothy C. Griffin of Troop 555 Patriots Path Council

Motion by Baldassare, second by Bannan, that Resolution #2021-0200 be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Baldassare, Bannan, Esposito, Grochala, Fields

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is very pleased to recognize the outstanding personal effort of Michael J. Crapser, Joshua Figueroa & Timothy C. Griffin, in reaching the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Michael, Joshua, and Timothy are members of Troop 555 Patriots Path Council, Boy Scouts of America, demonstrating outstanding leadership within the Troop, contributing many service hours to their community during their years in scouting; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee offers its best wishes to Michael J. Crapser, Joshua Figueroa and Timothy C. Griffin for their continued success, and congratulations for a personal achievement that will serve as a reminder of the importance of the pursuit of excellence throughout their life.

Signed and sealed on behalf of the Township Committee on this 11th Day of May, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The mayor opened public comment and there were no comments. The mayor closed public comment.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE BOARD / LIAISON REPORTS AND STAFF COMMENTS

Staff provided comment and Committee members reported on their appointed boards and activities.

Joseph Esposito announced his resignation from the Township committee effective 05/17/2021. Staff and Committee members thanked Mr. Esposito for his service to the Township.

FIRE & RESCUE APPOINTMENT

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance #2470 - An Ordinance of the Township of Bernards Appropriating \$4,535,675.00 for Various Capital Improvements – Public Hearing

The deputy clerk read the ordinance by title and the mayor opened the public hearing. There were no comments, and the hearing was closed.

Motion by Baldassare, second by Bannon, that Ordinance #2470 be adopted and advertised as required by law.

Roll Call:

Aye: Baldassare, Bannan, Esposito, Grochala, Fields

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, that the sum of \$4,535,675.00 is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund, for the following purposes:

A	\$2,775,000.00	Engineering Improvement Projects including but not limited to Roadway Management and Reconstruction, Sidewalk and Drainage Improvements, Township Aerials, and Pedestrian Bridges & Paths.
B	\$300,000.00	Facility Improvements including but not limited to: Repairs and Improvements to the following structures: Engineering Services Building, Health Dept., Police HQ, Various Parks & Recreation Facilities, and Municipal Building.
C	\$395,000.00	DPW Projects and Equipment including but not limited to: Various Roadway Repairs, Bituminous Concrete Facility Repair; Guiderail Repair and Replacement; Repair and Retrofit Drainage; Small Equipment.
D	\$65,400.00	Various Systems Improvements including Hardware and Software Upgrades, and Police Mobile Data Terminals.
E	\$46,000.00	Purchase of Various Emergency Equipment and Emergency Vehicles for the Basking Ridge First Aid Squad.
F	\$172,275.00	Purchase of Various Emergency Equipment and Emergency Vehicles for the Basking Ridge Fire Company.
G	\$178,000.00	Purchase of Various Emergency Equipment and Radio and Breathing Apparatus for the Liberty Corner Fire Company.
H	\$85,000.00	Purchase of Various Grounds Maintenance Equipment, including but not limited to Tractors, and Small Equipment.
I	\$195,000.00	Parks and Recreation Facility Improvements including but not limited to Playgrounds, Tennis Courts, Parks, and Field infrastructure, equipment and lighting.
J	\$24,000.00	Purchase of Police Equipment including, but not limited to, Patrol Car Equipment; Radar Units and Body Worn Cameras.
K	\$65,000.00	Pleasant Valley Pool Facility Improvements including, but not limited to Painting, Replacement of Soft Surfacing, and Equipment.
L	\$235,000.00	Purchase of Motor Vehicle Fleet Replacements including, but not limited to DPW Equipment Vehicles, Utility, Tandem, and Mason Body Trucks, and Passenger Vehicles.

Any grant moneys received for the purposes described above hereof shall be applied to direct payment of the cost of the improvements and shall reduce the amount authorized from the capital improvement fund to the extent that such funds are so used.

The period of usefulness is five years or more. The capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistencies herewith and the resolutions promulgated by

the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Township Clerk and are available for public inspection.

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

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, are posted on the agenda on the website, are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Township Committee with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is required, the item may be removed from the agenda by township committee action and placed on the regular agenda under new business.

Motion by Baldassare, second by Bannan, that the Consent Agenda be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Baldassare, Bannan, Esposito, Grochala, Fields

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

****Begin Consent Agenda****

Resolution #2021-0197 - Approval of the Bill List Dated 05/11/2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that the bill list dated 05/11/2021 be audited, and if found correct, be paid.

Check #	Check Date	Vendor	Amount Paid	Reconciled/Void Ref Num
128464	05/11/21	90400 ALBANESE, CHRISTOPHER	190.00	1581 Direct Deposit
128465	05/11/21	90529 SEVERINO, ANTHONY	37.92	1581 Direct Deposit
128466	05/11/21	90677 BEGRAFT, GERALYN	119.99	1581 Direct Deposit
128467	05/11/21	A0453 AMAZON.COM	1,079.39	1581 Direct Deposit
128468	05/11/21	A0611 AMERICAN WEAR, INC	984.08	1581 Direct Deposit
128469	05/11/21	B0203 DIFRANCESCO BATEMAN, PC	5,953.00	1581 Direct Deposit
128470	05/11/21	B0668 BEARING DEPOT & SUPPLY INC	98.12	1581 Direct Deposit
128471	05/11/21	B0758 BCI TRUCK, INC	271.68	1581 Direct Deposit
128472	05/11/21	D0033 DEMCO, INC	228.81	1581 Direct Deposit
128473	05/11/21	D0380 DRIVERS TIRE & SERVICE CENTER	317.29	1581 Direct Deposit
128474	05/11/21	D0754 DC EXPRESS	744.00	1581 Direct Deposit
128475	05/11/21	F0003 FOLEY, INCORPORATED	1,363.92	1581 Direct Deposit
128476	05/11/21	G0133 GARDEN STATE LABORATORIES, INC	2,000.00	1581 Direct Deposit
128477	05/11/21	H0312 HEFFERNAN, ROBERT F	2,916.67	1581 Direct Deposit
128478	05/11/21	M0511 MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC.	44,547.70	1581 Direct Deposit
128479	05/11/21	N0189 NEW JERSEY FIRE EQUIPMENT CO.	3,960.00	1581 Direct Deposit
128480	05/11/21	N0449 NISIVOCIA & CO, LLP	15,000.00	1581 Direct Deposit
128481	05/11/21	O0021 OFFICE DEPOT	425.00	1581 Direct Deposit
128482	05/11/21	R0393 RESEARCH&DESIGN LANDSCAPE LLC	500.00	1581 Direct Deposit
128483	05/11/21	R0509 REIVAX CONTRACTING CORPORATION	86,716.53	1581 Direct Deposit
128484	05/11/21	S0016 STORR TRACTOR COMPANY	85.00	1581 Direct Deposit
128485	05/11/21	S0443 STAPLES ADVANTAGE	1,210.53	1581 Direct Deposit
128486	05/11/21	T0066 CENGAGE LEARNING CREDIT SVCS	181.44	1581 Direct Deposit
128487	05/11/21	T0192 TURN OUT UNIFORMS INC	90.00	1581 Direct Deposit
128488	05/11/21	U0001 UNITEMP INC.	2,398.50	1581 Direct Deposit
128489	05/11/21	W0241 W.B. MASON CO INC.	449.55	1581 Direct Deposit
128490	05/11/21	A0637 ABLE CONSULTING & TRAINING LLC	750.00	1582
128491	05/11/21	A0670 AQUARIUS SUPPLY INC	28,321.50	1582
128492	05/11/21	A0712 AURRE, ESTIBALIZ	40.00	1582
128493	05/11/21	B0001 BAKER & TAYLOR, INC.	3,205.12	1582
128494	05/11/21	B0017 BRIDGEWATER RESOURCES, INC.	3,496.93	1582
128495	05/11/21	B0021 BASKING RIDGE FIRE CO.	4,471.00	1582
128496	05/11/21	B0026 BERNARDS TOWNSHIP CURRENT	14,209.88	1582
128497	05/11/21	B0034 BERNARDS TOWNSHIP PAYROLL ACCT	567,379.37	1582
128498	05/11/21	B0098 BERNARDS TOWNSHIP (RECREATION)	3,807.96	1582
128499	05/11/21	B0308 BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP	65,371.92	1582
128500	05/11/21	B0413 BROWNELLS, INC	206.91	1582
128501	05/11/21	B0833 BOLANOS, MELINA	75.00	1582
128502	05/11/21	B0834 BUCKLEY, KEVIN	200.00	1582
128503	05/11/21	C0024 GANNETT NEW JERSEY NEWSPAPERS	62.35	1582
128504	05/11/21	C0028 CY DRAKE LOCKSMITHS, INC.	429.00	1582
128505	05/11/21	C0346 CROWN TROPHY OF GREEN BROOK	120.00	1582
128506	05/11/21	C0482 OPTIMUM	138.44	1582
128507	05/11/21	C0482 OPTIMUM	28.33	1582
128508	05/11/21	C0482 OPTIMUM	44.95	1582
128509	05/11/21	C0482 OPTIMUM	33.32	1582
128510	05/11/21	C0522 CHATHAM LAWNMOWER SALES & SVC	733.63	1582
128511	05/11/21	C0613 CIGNA GROUP INSURANCE	1,557.27	1582
128512	05/11/21	C0697 BB&T/CPS	42.57	1582
128513	05/11/21	C0744 C & E TAX LIEN FUND I	7,552.78	1582
128514	05/11/21	C0774 COLONIAL LIFE & ACC INSURANCE	712.26	1582
128515	05/11/21	C0910 CREEGAN, KATE	15.68	1582
128516	05/11/21	C0921 COMPTON, BARBARA	830.00	1582
128517	05/11/21	D0781 DMK LAWN & SNOW LLC	500.00	1582

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128518	05/11/21	E0191	EAST COAST EMERGENCY LIGHTING	1,113.60	1582
128519	05/11/21	E0231	EKA ASSOCIATES, P.A.	810.00	1582
128520	05/11/21	E0235	ESRI, INC.	2,900.00	1582
128521	05/11/21	F0001	FEDEX	27.42	1582
128522	05/11/21	F0047	FULLERTON FORD	75.62	1582
128523	05/11/21	F0069	CORELOGIC	2,659.91	1582
128524	05/11/21	F0324	FLAGSHIP DENTAL PLANS	310.66	1582
128525	05/11/21	F0326	FX AUTOMOTIVE LLC	564.14	1582
128526	05/11/21	F0330	FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE INS	254.81	1582
128527	05/11/21	G0015	GPANJ, INC./C/O JAMES TERRUSO	100.00	1582
128528	05/11/21	G0066	GRAINGER INC	1,045.52	1582
128529	05/11/21	G0098	JCP&L	4,031.88	1582
128530	05/11/21	G0333	BEDMINSTER CAR WASH	132.35	1582
128531	05/11/21	G0620	GUPTA, ALANKAR	830.00	1582
128532	05/11/21	G0675	GALEONE, HEIDI	1,245.00	1582
128533	05/11/21	H0246	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	1,569.46	1582
128534	05/11/21	H0297	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	3,027.36	1582
128535	05/11/21	I0110	LIBRARY LINK NJ	318.00	1582
128536	05/11/21	I0137	INTERSTATE WASTE SERVICES NJ	1,586.00	1582
128537	05/11/21	J0141	J&D SALES AND SERVICE	195.00	1582
128538	05/11/21	K0039	KOBESKY, GREGG S.	88.25	1582
128539	05/11/21	K0259	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	123.54	1582
128540	05/11/21	K0331	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	192.89	1582
128541	05/11/21	K0331	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	133.42	1582
128542	05/11/21	K0405	KANNE, JOSHUA	20.00	1582
128543	05/11/21	M0015	MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICAL	448.78	1582
128544	05/11/21	M0178	MARK'S AUTO SERVICE	337.50	1582
128545	05/11/21	M0261	M.A.I.N., INC.	41.51	1582
128546	05/11/21	M0493	MCELROY, DEUTSCH, MULVANEY &	12,328.39	1582
128547	05/11/21	M0518	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOL.	99.54	1582
128548	05/11/21	M0518	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOL.	32.87	1582
128549	05/11/21	M0518	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOL.	26.00	1582
128550	05/11/21	M0537	MAPLEWOOD AWNING & SHADE CO.	825.00	1582
128551	05/11/21	M0899	MR JOHN	65.00	1582
128552	05/11/21	N0006	NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER CO.	15.56	1582
128553	05/11/21	N0006	NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER CO.	230.20	1582
128554	05/11/21	N0017	NJ STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPAL.	115.00	1582
128555	05/11/21	N0030	NJ STATE ASSN.-CHIEFS/POLICE	1,666.00	1582
128556	05/11/21	N0032	NJ STATE DEPT HEALTH/SR SVCS	387.00	1582
128557	05/11/21	N0034	NRAAO	80.00	1582
128558	05/11/21	N0306	NEW JERSEY DRE ASSOCIATION	50.00	1582
128559	05/11/21	N0468	NORCIA CORPORATION	1,145.07	1582
128560	05/11/21	O0046	ALLEGRA MARKETING, PRINT&MAIL	665.00	1582
128561	05/11/21	O0116	OBERLY, BARRY	1,072.50	1582
128562	05/11/21	O0126	OPTICSPLANET.COM	141.98	1582
128563	05/11/21	O0135	OUTHOUSE LLC	630.00	1582
128564	05/11/21	P0014	PUBLIC SERVICE ELEC. & GAS CO	1,986.98	1582
128565	05/11/21	P0046	RESERVE ACCOUNT	828.90	1582
128566	05/11/21	P0602	PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION, INC	38.93	1582
128567	05/11/21	P0710	PARS ENVIRONMENTAL	1,250.00	1582
128568	05/11/21	P0711	PANEK, KRISTINA	380.00	1582
128569	05/11/21	Q0002	CINTAS CORP. - #062	351.08	1582
128570	05/11/21	R0050	ROTO-ROOTER	3,090.00	1582
128571	05/11/21	R0263	RHOMAR INDUSTRIES, INC.	2,472.57	1582
128572	05/11/21	R0294	RYAN, DANIEL	430.00	1582
128573	05/11/21	R0376	RUDCO PRODUCTS	701.91	1582
128574	05/11/21	R0496	ATHENIA MASON SUPPLY LLC	1,216.60	1582
128575	05/11/21	R0534	REP PUMP SERVICES	2,468.80	1582
128576	05/11/21	S0056	RWJHN - MOBILE HEALTH SERVICE	218.00	1582
128577	05/11/21	S0067	SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	5,520,928.56	1582
128578	05/11/21	S0068	SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	522,196.55	1582
128579	05/11/21	S0083	SOMERSET COUNTY ASSESSORS ASSN	340.00	1582
128580	05/11/21	S0227	SHEARON ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN	24,755.56	1582
128581	05/11/21	S0378	STAVOLA ASPHALT	8,053.51	1582
128582	05/11/21	S0628	STATE OF NEW JERSEY-HB	188,382.00	1582
128583	05/11/21	S0691	SUPERIOR DISTRIBUTORS	383.98	1582
128584	05/11/21	S0875	SUNLIGHT GENERAL CAPITAL	276.00	1582
128585	05/11/21	S1171	SALAKI, MARY OR JOHN	415.00	1582
128586	05/11/21	S1172	SHARMA, MEGHA	415.00	1582
128587	05/11/21	T0471	THE OFFICIAL FUN GUYS	100.00	1582
128588	05/11/21	T0494	TRYSTONE CAPITAL ASSETS LLC	3,363.65	1582
128589	05/11/21	V0037	VILLAGE SUPERMARKET, INC.	52.40	1582
128590	05/11/21	V0052	VERMONT SYSTEMS, INC.	1,995.00	1582
128591	05/11/21	V0056	VERIZON WIRELESS	217.51	1582
128592	05/11/21	V0056	VERIZON WIRELESS	684.82	1582
128593	05/11/21	V0058	VERIZON	39.44	1582
128594	05/11/21	V0058	VERIZON	170.34	1582
128595	05/11/21	V0058	VERIZON	81.38	1582
128596	05/11/21	V0058	VERIZON	2,012.19	1582
128597	05/11/21	V0058	VERIZON	350.80	1582
128598	05/11/21	V0058	VERIZON	83.92	1582
128599	05/11/21	V0058	VERIZON	35.87	1582
128600	05/11/21	V0058	VERIZON	42.44	1582
128601	05/11/21	V0073	VAIL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES	122.78	1582
128602	05/11/21	V0084	VERIZON	156.99	1582
128603	05/11/21	V0084	VERIZON	169.90	1582
128604	05/11/21	V0124	VERIZON BUSINESS FIOS	204.99	1582
128605	05/11/21	V0124	VERIZON BUSINESS FIOS	380.70	1582
128606	05/11/21	V0140	VANTAGEPOINT TRANSFER AGENTS	8,215.83	1582
128607	05/11/21	V0177	VERIZON	545.97	1582
128608	05/11/21	V0185	VERIZON CONNECT	534.27	1582
128609	05/11/21	V0186	FISHER AND SON COMPANY, INC	556.60	1582
128610	05/11/21	W0016	WARRENVILLE TRUE VALUE	87.54	1582
128611	05/11/21	W0097	WINNER FORD	41,143.00	1582
128612	05/11/21	W0259	VENTURA, MIESOWITZ, KEOUGH &	2,978.50	1582
128613	05/11/21	X0005	XTel COMMUNICATION	1,555.49	1582
128614	05/11/21	Y0207	YAO, WEI (CHRIS)	85.00	1582
128615	05/11/21	Y0229	YANG, JING	2,800.91	1582

CASH - CHECKING	CURRENT CHECKING	Continued			
Checking Account Totals	Paid	Void	Amount Paid	Amount Void	
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Checks:	126	0	7,098,442.06	0.00	
Direct Deposit:	26	0	171,869.12	0.00	

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Total:	152	0	7,270,311.18	0.00	

Totals by Year-Fund					
Fund Description	Fund	Budget Total	Revenue Total	G/L Total	Total

CURRENT FUND	0-01	16,196.49	0.00	0.00	16,196.49
CURRENT FUND	1-01	6,934,796.67	0.00	0.00	6,934,796.67
DOG FUND	1-12	616.19	0.00	0.00	616.19
GOLF COURSE UTILITY	1-26	33,178.23	0.00	0.00	33,178.23

Year Total:		6,968,591.09	0.00	0.00	6,968,591.09
CAPITAL FUND	C-04	210,598.64	0.00	0.00	210,598.64
TRUST FUNDS	T-13	66,276.46	0.00	0.00	66,276.46
PROJECT		8,648.50	0.00	0.00	8,648.50

Total Of All Funds:		7,270,311.18	0.00	0.00	7,270,311.18

Resolution #2021-0198 - Proclamation for Building Safety Month May 2021

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

WHEREAS, Our confidence in the resilience of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

WHEREAS, These guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a nonprofit that brings together local, state and federal officials that are experts in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, play; and

WHEREAS, Our nation benefits economically and technologically from using the International Codes that are developed by a national, voluntary consensus codes and standards developing organization, our government is able to avoid the high cost and complexity of developing and maintaining these codes, which are the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the world; and

WHEREAS, These modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes; and

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

WHEREAS, "Prevent, Prepare, Protect. Building Codes Save," the theme for Building Safety Month 2021, encourages all Americans to raise awareness about the importance of safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, energy conservation; water safety; training the next generation; and new technologies in the construction industry; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that we do hereby proclaim the month of May 2021, as Building Safety Month.

Resolution #2021-0199 - Personnel Appointment Robert DeMaio – Plumbing & Electrical Subcode Inspector – Construction

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.4 (a) 4 a municipality may, in its discretion, employ assistants, with oversight by a designated sub code official and construction official; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Official, Township Engineer, Township Administrator, Chief Financial Officer 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, Chief Financial Officer and Human Resources Manager recommend appointment of Robert DeMaio to Plumbing and Electrical Subcode Inspector.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that Robert DeMaio be appointed Plumbing and Electrical Subcode Inspector with an effective date of May 12, 2021.

Resolution #2021-0202 - Personnel Appointment Daniel Amiano – Field Inspector– Tax Assessor

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

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

WHEREAS, Daniel Amiano has applied for and is qualified to fill said position; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor, Township Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, and Human Resources Manager recommend appointment of Daniel Amiano to full-time Field Inspector.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that Daniel Amiano be appointed full-time Field Inspector with a hire date of Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at an hourly rate of \$18.50 for a 40-hour work week.

Resolution #2021-0203 - Approval of Block Party Permit for Blackburn Road, 06/12/2021 (rain date 06/13/2021)

WHEREAS, Courtney Sherman, 1 2 3 Blackburn Road, Basking Ridge, NJ, hereinafter “the applicant,” has requested permission to close Blackburn Road, South of Governor Drive on 06/12/2021 (rain date 06/13/2021), from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM for the purpose of holding a block party; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has satisfied the requirements of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards § 7-16.1. et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the applicant agrees that participants will adhere to any applicable Executive Order(s) or Emergency Health Delectation(s) in effect at the time; and

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

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

Resolution #2021-0204 - Approval of Special Event Permit for Bernards Township Memorial Day Ceremony May 31, 2021

WHEREAS, Michael Barth, of the Liberty Corner Fire Company, acting in the capacity of the Bernards Township Memorial Day Coordinator has submitted a special event application for the Memorial Day Ceremony to be held on 05/31/2021, with the ceremony beginning at 9:30 AM in downtown Liberty Corner; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk, Police Chief, Supervisor of Public Works, and Recreation Director have reviewed the application and find it complete; and

WHEREAS, Somerset County has authorized the temporary closure of Lyons Road.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the special event permit be issued, including a temporary street closure of Lyons Road, from Martinsville Road to Church Street and other streets named in the application on file with the municipal clerk, to accommodate the ceremony.

Resolution #2021-0205 - Award of Bid for Schmidt Park Timber Pedestrian Trail Bridge and Staircases to Grade Construction, 110 Pennsylvania Avenue, Paterson, NJ 07503 In the Amount of \$180,606.10

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards received bids on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 10:30 AM for Schmidt Park Timber Pedestrian Trail Bridge and Staircases:

BIDDERS NAME	TOTAL BID AMOUNT
Grade Construction	\$180,606.10
Brayco Inc.	\$449,500.00

WHEREAS, it is the combined recommendation of the Township Engineer, Administrator and Purchasing Agent to award the contract to Grade Construction, 110 Pennsylvania Avenue, Paterson, NJ 07503, in the amount of \$180,606.10; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the budget; the line-item appropriations or Capital Ordinance #2887 line account C-04-55-446-A09 (\$100,000.00), Capital Ordinance #2387 line account C-04-55-387-A05 (\$80,606.10); and

WHEREAS, this contract has been awarded to Grade Construction, through a "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et seq.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the bid be awarded to Grade Construction, in the amount of \$180,606.10. ;and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that in accordance with the bid specifications, the contract between Bernards Township ("Owner") and Grade Construction, ("Contractor") shall contain:

1. Provisions of all labor, material, and equipment necessary to perform all work as indicated on the Drawing and Specified for the Schmidt Park Timber Pedestrian Trail Bridge and Staircases.
2. This contract shall, for all purposes, be deemed a New Jersey Contract and any provision of this contract shall be governed and interpreted with the Laws of the State of New Jersey.
3. Any modification to this contract shall be in writing and signed by both parties and upon obtaining said signatures shall immediately become part of the contract.
4. The cost of this contract is not to exceed the total bid amount unless negotiated in advance of service delivery, and the Township Committee approves an amendment revising that figure.
5. Billing must be rendered within 30 days of service delivery.
6. As required by law, the parties to this contract agree to incorporate into this contract the mandatory affirmative action language promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to P.L. 1975, c.127, which is attached to resolution as Exhibit B.
7. The Township may terminate this contract if contractor does not fulfill the services as outlined in the Bid Specification, upon five (5) days written notice via certified mail.
8. The work contemplated under the Contract shall be completed within 180 days of the Notice to Proceed.
9. The Contractor shall commence the work not later than ten (10) calendar days after the owner has given the Notice to Proceed Date to the Contractor in writing.
10. The completion time period shall include, but not be limited to, the time necessary to prepare shop drawings, to order, process, and deliver all equipment and materials, to obtain necessary permits and approvals, to perform the proper installation contemplated under this Contract and all else necessary and incidental in connection with the performance of this Contract.
11. If the Contractor fails to complete the work within the specified time plus extensions, the Contractor shall be responsible to the Township for liquidated damages in the sum of \$1,000.00 per day for every day thereafter until the completion and acceptance of the work. Such liquidated damages shall not be considered as a penalty. The Township shall deduct and retain out of any money due or to become due herein to Contract the amount of the liquidated damages.
12. In accordance with bid specifications, if the Contractor, upon notification by the Township of Bernards, fails to execute the contract prepared by the Township attorney within ten (10) days of such notification with the Township of Bernards, the Township may rescind the award of the bid to the Contractor and award the contract to another bidder, and shall have the right to proceed against the guaranty accompanying the bid.

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

Ralph Diaco, President

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 not to exceed amount of \$180,606.10. Monies are available in the line account Capital Ordinance #2887-line account C-04-55-446-A09 (\$100,000.00) and Capital Ordinance #2387-line account C-04-55-387-A05 (\$80,606.10).

Date: May 3, 2021



Sean McCarthy
Chief Financial Officer

Resolution #2021-0206 - Personnel Appointment Promotion of Rachel Talbert to Senior Librarian – Teen Services

WHEREAS, the responsibilities and needs of the Library's Teen Department were evaluated by the Library Director and the Human Resources Manager; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Talbert has been in the role of Librarian – Teen Services within the Library; and

WHEREAS, based on Ms. Talbert's levels of proficiency and demonstrated performance and accomplishments, the Library Director recommends her promotion to the role of Senior Librarian – Teen Services; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator and Human Resources Manager concur with the recommended appointment of Rachel Talbert to full time Senior Librarian – Teen Services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that Rachel Talbert be appointed full time Senior Librarian – Teen Services, effective June 7, 2021, at an hourly rate of \$31.32.

Resolution #2021-0207 - Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application by the Bernards Township Library in Accordance with the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act for the Purpose of Providing Funding for Improved Access to the Library's Front and Rear Entrances

WHEREAS, the Bernards Township Library Board of Trustees intends to submit a 2021 New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act Application for funding to enhance access and improve the safety of the library's front and rear entrances; and

WHEREAS, the grant application documents will include schematic drawings and cost estimates by Acari-Iovino Architects reviewed and recommended by the Bernards Township Library Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires a fifty percent match of funds; and

WHEREAS, the estimated project cost is \$240,000.00 and the grant application amount is \$120,000.00, to be provided by the Bernards Township Library Board of Trustees with funds being available in Reserve Account #1-01-LI-R01-C05 for Building Maintenance Projects and Reserve Account #1-01-LI-R01-D01 for Professional Services and as certified below by the Chief Financial Officer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that it does hereby authorize submission of a grant application for the New Jersey Library Construction Bond for the purpose of formally supporting the Bernards Township Library in this application.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Bernards Township Library Board of Trustees is hereby authorized to submit an electronic funding application to the State of New Jersey and agree with the terms and conditions of the funding agreement subject to further clarifications and details by the State.

CFO CERTIFICATION

I, Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Bernards, hereby certify that adequate funds are available for the above referenced grant match in the amount of \$120,000.00 or fifty percent of the estimated project cost. Monies will be made available from the Library's Reserve Accounts #1-01-LI-R01-C05 (Building Maintenance Projects) and #1-01-LI-R01-D01 (Professional Services).

Date: 05/04/2021



Sean McCarthy, CFO

Resolution #2021-0208 - Personnel Appointment William Gaddish – Project Coordinator – Department of Public Works

WHEREAS, a full time Project Coordinator 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, William Gaddish 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 William Gaddish to full-time Project Coordinator.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that William Gaddish be appointed full-time Project Coordinator with a hire date of Monday, May 24, 2021 at an hourly rate of \$26.05 for a 40-hour work week. This offer of employment is contingent upon the results of pre-employment screening as per Township policy.

Resolution #2021-0209 - Authorizing the Mailing of Estimated 3rd Quarter 2021 Tax Bills

WHEREAS, the State for the year 2021 has not yet certified the State budget and the tax collector will be unable to mail the Township's 2021 tax bills on a timely basis; and

WHEREAS, the Bernards Township Tax Collector, in consultation with the Bernards Township Chief Financial Officer, has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with NJSA 54:4-66.3, and they have both signed a certification showing the tax levies for the previous year, the tax rates and the range of permitted estimated tax levies; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 72, P.L. 1994, the Township Committee shall not need the approval from the Director of the Division of Local Government Services since the estimated tax levy will not exceed 105% maximum allowed. Approval will enable the Township to meet its financial obligations, maintain the tax collection rate, provide uniformity for tax payments, and save the unnecessary cost of interest expenses on borrowing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS, on this 11th day of May 2021, as follows:

1. The Bernards Township Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare, and issue estimated tax bills for the Township for the third installment of 2021 taxes. The Tax Collector shall proceed, upon approval from the Director, and take such actions as are permitted and required by L 1994, c. 72 (NJSA 54:4-66.2 and 54:4-66.3).
2. The entire estimated tax levy including Municipal, Library, School, County, and County Open Space for 2021 is hereby set at \$142,706,431.36.
3. In accordance with the law, the third installment of 2021 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 10 or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date the estimated tax bills were mailed. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.
4. The Tax Collector may rescind this resolution in the event the State budget is adopted, and the County of Somerset releases a tax rate for the Township of Bernards.

Resolution #2021-0210 - Authorizing Stipend – Jennifer Gander Website Coordinator

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that a Website Coordinator be established for the facilitation of a uniform Township website; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Gander has spearheaded and taken on this roll in the launch of the Township's new website; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator and Human Resources Manager recommend the additional compensation in the form of a stipend to Jennifer Gander for her role as the Website Coordinator.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that Jennifer Gander be compensated for her role as the Website Coordinator, for an annual pensionable stipend of \$3,500 effective 05/15/2021.

*****End Consent Agenda*****

Baldassare recused himself and left the dais.

[Resolution #2021-0201](#) - *Personnel Appointment Kendall Bohannon – Patrol Officer – Police Department*
Motion by Esposito, second by Bannon, that Resolution #2021-0201 be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Bannan, Esposito, Grochala, Fields

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

WHEREAS, the full time position of Patrol Officer became vacant due to a resignation; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police, Township Administrator, and Human Resources Manager have deemed it necessary to fill this position; and

WHEREAS, Kendall Bohannon has applied for and is qualified to fill said position; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police, Township Administrator and Human Resources Manager recommend appointment of Kendall Bohannon to full time Patrol Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that Kendall Bohannon be appointed full time Patrol Officer effective Monday, May 24, 2021 at an annual salary of \$49,992.00 which is in accordance with the Policemen's Benevolent Association, Local No. 357 Contract.

Baldassare returned to the dais.

[Ordinance #2473](#) - *Accepting a Wetlands Conservation Easement and a Stream Buffer Conservation Easement on Property Located at 8 Wedgewood Drive; Block 7702, Lot 8, from Robert B. Muderick and Joyce L. Singer to the Township of Bernards – Introduction*

The deputy clerk read the ordinance by title. Motion by Baldassare, second by Grochala that Ordinance #2473 be introduced on first reading, advertised as required by law and scheduled for a public hearing on 05/25/2021.

Roll Call:

Aye: Baldassare, Bannan, Esposito, Grochala, Fields

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

04/27/2021 Open Session Minutes

Motion by Bannon, second by Esposito, and unanimously agreed that the 04/27/2021 Open Session minutes be approved for content and release.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The mayor opened public comment and there were no comments. The mayor closed public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (if required)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Rhonda Pisano,
Municipal Clerk

Janice M. Fields,
Mayor

Approved: 05/25/2021