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March 15, 2022 – COMBINED AGENDA/REGULAR MEETING

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CALL TO ORDER

The mayor called the meeting to order at 8:01 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: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally, Baldassare, Jr.
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.

CORRESPONDENCE

Community Development Block Grant [Application](#) – Community Hope, Inc.

Carmine Deo, representing Community Hope, Inc., provided a summary of the employment training programs provide to veterans at the VA and their grant application would support these programs. Township Committee members thanked and supported Community Hope for their service. No comments were heard from the public regarding their proposal.

02/04/2022 [Letter from KMS Farmstead](#) requesting permission to permit serving alcohol at KMS Farmstead fundraising event

Committeeperson Fields, spoke on the behalf of the KMS Farmstead, and briefly summarized last year's successful gala. The committee was in support of the Farmstead hosting the second annual event.

PRESENTATION

Bernards Township Police Department Awards – Chief Michael Shimsky

Chief Michael Shimsky presented the following awards to members of the department:

Chief's Achievement

England
Girard

Chief's Achievement Citation

Baxter

Excellent Service

Little
Aboosamra
Polizzi
Dill Zolnierowski

Excellent Service Citation

Fallon
Kaecker
Muhall
Little
Zolinierowski
Aboosamara

Honorable Service

Dill
Girard
Zolnierowski

Honorable Service Citation

Zolnierowski
Yeo
Neri
Fallon
Kaecker
Lopez Dill
England

Letter of Commendation

Polizzi
Baxter
Mullhall
Moor
McCrea
Hurst
Dill
Geleta
Yeo
Fallon
England
Severino
Matthews
Girard
Zolnierowski
Gumprecht

Gizienski
Marten

Life Saving

Herndon
Girard Gumprecht
Severino Dill

Life Saving Citation

Corsentino
Herndon
Gumprecht
Dante
Aboosamara
Polizzi
Roche Albanese Dill
Amerman
Zolinierowski
Bohannon

Unit Citation

Jasina
King
Gizienski
Herndon
McKnight

England
Neri
Dill
Marten
Geleta

Mullhall
Zolnierowski
Little
Fallon
Aboosamara

Moore
Girard
Leopold
Albanese
Caparoni

PUBLIC COMMENT

The mayor opened public comment.

Todd Edelstein, 172 Riverside Dr. – congratulated and thanked the members of the police department. Commented in support for Ukraine.

Nancy D’Andrea, 3 Vanderveer Dr. – thanked the members of the police department. Commented on virtual options for public comment.

The mayor closed public comment.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE BOARD / LIAISON REPORTS AND STAFF COMMENTS

Staff provided comments and committee members reported on their appointed boards and activities.

FIRE & RESCUE APPOINTMENT

[Resolution #2022-0151](#) - *Appointment to Membership in Township of Bernards Volunteer Basking Ridge Fire Company #1 Jonathan Anthony Sacco, Full Member*

Motion by Fields, second by McNally, and unanimously agreed that Resolution ##2022-0151 be approved.

WHEREAS, pursuant to §2-14.1 and §2-16 .1of 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 Basking Ridge Fire Company #1 is recommending Jonathan Anthony Sacco, residing at 33 Appletree Lane, Basking Ridge, NJ, 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 Basking Ridge Fire Company #1 effective this date.

[Resolution #2022-0155](#) - *Appointment to Membership in Township of Bernards Volunteer Liberty Corner First Aid Squad Robin Satty*

Motion by Asay, second by Grochala, and unanimously agreed that Resolution ##2022-0155 be approved.

WHEREAS, pursuant to §2-14.1 and §2-16 .1of 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 First Aid Squad is recommending Robin Satty, residing at 2 Yorkshire Court, Basking Ridge, NJ, for appointment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the above individual is hereby appointed to the Liberty Corner First Aid Squad effective this date.

[Resolution #2022-0158](#) - *Appointment to Membership in Township of Bernards Liberty Corner First Aid Squad, Caroline Kang*

Motion by Grochala, second by McNally, and unanimously agreed that Resolution ##2022-0158 be approved.

WHEREAS, pursuant to §2-14.1 and §2-16 .1of 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 First Aid Squad is recommending Caroline Kang, residing at 33 Lyons Road, Basking Ridge, NJ, for appointment.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[Ordinance #2487](#) - *Authorizing the Vacation of an Emergency Road Easement on Property Located at 181 Mountain Road (Block 11401, Lot 42; formerly Block 187, Lot 32.01) and 16 Harvest Way (Block 11401, Lot 37.01; formerly Block 187, Lot 32.03) relating to the Emerald Valley Estates Development in the Township of Bernards – Public Hearing*

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

Motion by McNally, second by Fields, that Ordinance #2487 be adopted and advertised as required by law.

Roll Call:

Aye: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally, Baldassare

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

WHEREAS, the existing residential development known as Emerald Valley Estates was developed in accordance with subdivision approvals granted by the Bernards Township Planning Board as set forth in resolutions adopted on February 8, 2000, May 16, 2000, October 16, 2001, and August 28, 2002; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the above Planning Board approvals, there exists an emergency access road within an easement on private property located at 181 Mountain Road (Block 11401, Lot 42; formerly Block 187, Lot 32.01) and 16 Harvest Way (Block 11401, Lot 37.01; formerly Block 187, Lot 32.03), as shown on Exhibit A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Emergency Road Easement Agreement recorded in the office of the Somerset County Clerk on March 8, 2001 (Deed Book 2343, Pages 154-165) and accepted by the Township, as grantee, on April 24, 2001 (Ordinance #1446), Emerald Valley Homeowners Association, Inc. is responsible for maintenance of the emergency road; and

WHEREAS, Emerald Valley Homeowners Association, Inc. filed an application with the Bernards Township Planning Board seeking amended subdivision approval to relieve Emerald Valley Homeowners Association, Inc. of the requirement to maintain the emergency road; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board approved the application of Emerald Valley Homeowners Association, Inc., subject to various conditions, as set forth in a resolution adopted on August 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, condition 3 of the Planning Board's August 18, 2020, resolution states "(a)ny amendment to and/or vacation of the emergency access easement shall be subject to the consent of the Township Committee;" and

WHEREAS, in paragraphs A.5 and B.2 of the Planning Board's August 18, 2020, resolution, the Board recommends that the Township Committee consent to the vacation of the easement; and

WHEREAS, Emerald Valley Homeowners Association, Inc., has satisfied all conditions of the Planning Board's August 18, 2020, resolution with the exception of aforesaid condition 3, which is the subject of this Ordinance.

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

1. The Township of Bernards is hereby authorized to vacate, release, terminate and forever discharge the Township's rights under the aforesaid Emergency Road Easement Agreement.
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to sign and execute an appropriate instrument in order to affect the vacation of the aforesaid Emergency Road Easement Agreement.

3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage and publication according to law.

Ordinance #2492 - *Accepting a Detention Basin, Drainage & Access Easement on Property Located at 3265 Valley Road, Block 8903, Lot 36, from Lincoln Avenue Gospel Hall to the Township of Bernards - Map – Public Hearing*

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

Motion by McNally, second by Asay, that Ordinance #2492 be adopted and advertised as required by law.

Roll Call:

Aye: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally, Baldassare

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

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

1. Pursuant to the Local Land and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq., Bernards Township hereby accepts from Lincoln Avenue Gospel Hall, whose address is 9 Lexington Drive, Warren, New Jersey, 07059, a Detention Basin, Drainage & Access Easement on Block 8903, Lot 36, in Bernards Township.
2. The easement is on file with the office of the Township Clerk.
3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage and publication according to law.

NEW BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

The items listed within the consent agenda portion of the meeting have been referred to the Township Committee for reading and study, 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 Asay, second by Baldassare, that Resolution #2022-0148 be removed from the Consent Agenda, and that the remaining items be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally, Baldassare, Jr.

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

*****Begin Consent Agenda*****

Resolution #2022-0144 - *Approval of the Bill List Dated 03/15/2022*

BE IT RESOLVED, that the bill list dated 03/15/2022 be audited, and if found correct, be paid.

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Check #	Check Date	Vendor	Amount Paid	Reconciled/Void Ref Num		

131662	03/15/22	90227 SHIMSKY, MICHAEL	565.21	1629	Direct	Deposit
131663	03/15/22	90228 WARD, SCOTT	605.00	1629	Direct	Deposit
131664	03/15/22	90504 COWELL, TRICIA	20.13	1629	Direct	Deposit
131665	03/15/22	90557 TIMKO, THOMAS	80.00	1629	Direct	Deposit
131666	03/15/22	90647 KESSELMAYER, EMILY	100.00	1629	Direct	Deposit
131667	03/15/22	90667 LOPEZ, DUSTIN	1,017.94	1629	Direct	Deposit
131668	03/15/22	90671 DOWD, NANCY	181.63	1629	Direct	Deposit
131669	03/15/22	A0150 ATLANTIC SALT, INC.	32,046.29	1629	Direct	Deposit
131670	03/15/22	A0398 STERLING TALENT SOLUTIONS	76.62	1629	Direct	Deposit
131671	03/15/22	A0419 ARCO STEEL COMPANY	250.00	1629	Direct	Deposit
131672	03/15/22	A0453 AMAZON.COM	2,176.63	1629	Direct	Deposit
131673	03/15/22	A0611 AMERICAN WEAR, INC	908.08	1629	Direct	Deposit
131674	03/15/22	B0203 DIFRANCESCO BATEMAN, PC	1,741.75	1629	Direct	Deposit
131675	03/15/22	B0581 BUY WISE AUTO PARTS	1,545.88	1629	Direct	Deposit
131676	03/15/22	B0758 BCI TRUCK, INC	389.56	1629	Direct	Deposit
131677	03/15/22	D0020 DELTA DENTAL OF NJ	12,385.44	1629	Direct	Deposit
131678	03/15/22	D0380 DRIVERS TIRE & SERVICE CENTER	991.58	1629	Direct	Deposit
131679	03/15/22	D0754 DC EXPRESS	738.42	1629	Direct	Deposit
131680	03/15/22	D0848 DOMINICK'S LIBERTY CORNER LLC	313.50	1629	Direct	Deposit
131681	03/15/22	E0224 EXCELLENT BUILDING SERVICES	2,695.00	1629	Direct	Deposit
131682	03/15/22	F0003 FOLEY, INCORPORATED	1,840.94	1629	Direct	Deposit
131683	03/15/22	F0299 FASTENAL CO.	164.33	1629	Direct	Deposit

131684	03/15/22	G0674	GALLS, LLC	334.40		1629	Direct Deposit
131685	03/15/22	H0029	HUMPHREYS PEST CONTROL, INC.	619.80		1629	Direct Deposit
131686	03/15/22	K0354	KANOPY INC	438.00		1629	Direct Deposit
131687	03/15/22	M0353	MIDWEST TAPE LLC	3,351.34		1629	Direct Deposit
131688	03/15/22	M0830	MOTT MACDONALD LLC	130.00		1629	Direct Deposit
131689	03/15/22	N0069	NATIONAL BUSINESS FURNITURE	1,319.04		1629	Direct Deposit
131690	03/15/22	N0297	NORTHERN SAFETY CO., INC.	415.22		1629	Direct Deposit
131691	03/15/22	O0021	OFFICE DEPOT	703.78		1629	Direct Deposit
131692	03/15/22	P0706	PARTS AUTHORITY LLC	335.41		1629	Direct Deposit
131693	03/15/22	R0071	RENDA ROADS, INC.	6,303.73		1629	Direct Deposit
131694	03/15/22	R0824	REPUBLIC SERVICES OF NJ LLC	1,066.77		1629	Direct Deposit
131695	03/15/22	S0016	STORR TRACTOR COMPANY	49.00		1629	Direct Deposit
131696	03/15/22	S0227	SHEARON ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN	25,244.44		1629	Direct Deposit
131697	03/15/22	S0443	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	248.64		1629	Direct Deposit
131698	03/15/22	S1177	SAL ELECTRIC CO., INC.	7,758.17		1629	Direct Deposit
131699	03/15/22	T0003	ENVIROTEST LABORATORIES LLC	7,100.00		1629	Direct Deposit
131700	03/15/22	T0055	T & M ASSOCIATES	4,250.00		1629	Direct Deposit
131701	03/15/22	T0066	CENGAGE LEARNING CREDIT SVCS	191.93		1629	Direct Deposit
131702	03/15/22	T0192	TURN OUT UNIFORMS INC	2,707.54		1629	Direct Deposit
131703	03/15/22	T0378	THE GUARDIAN LIFE INS CO OF AM	91.08		1629	Direct Deposit
131704	03/15/22	T0497	THE W-T GROUP, LLC	2,168.00		1629	Direct Deposit
131705	03/15/22	U0001	UNITEMP INC.	37,578.26		1629	Direct Deposit
131706	03/15/22	V0020	VILLAGE OFFICE SUPPLY	1,754.64		1629	Direct Deposit
131707	03/15/22	W0339	W.B. MASON	274.41		1629	Direct Deposit
131708	03/15/22	00072	OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP	11,306.15		1630	
131709	03/15/22	A0126	AFLAC NEW YORK	137.94		1630	
131710	03/15/22	A0168	ALLIED OIL COMPANY, LLC	29,696.12		1630	
131711	03/15/22	A0232	ARROW ELEVATOR, INC.	330.00		1630	
131712	03/15/22	A0338	AFLAC	642.84		1630	
131713	03/15/22	A0425	ATLANTIC TACTICAL	99.99		1630	
131714	03/15/22	A0470	ASSOCIATION OF NJ RECYCLERS	95.00		1630	
131715	03/15/22	A0514	AWARENESS PROTECTIVE CONSULTNT	990.00		1630	
131716	03/15/22	A0717	AAA FACILITY SOLUTIONS LLC	3,700.83		1630	
131717	03/15/22	A0725	AK ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT INC	3,728.60		1630	
131718	03/15/22	A0726	ALL HANDS FIRE EQUIPMENT LLC	2,143.80		1630	
131719	03/15/22	B0001	BAKER & TAYLOR, INC.	0.00	03/15/22 VOID	0	
131720	03/15/22	B0001	BAKER & TAYLOR, INC.	11,705.54		1630	
131721	03/15/22	B0017	BRIDGEWATER RESOURCES, INC.	1,444.06		1630	
131722	03/15/22	B0026	BERNARDS TOWNSHIP CURRENT	64,773.69		1630	
131723	03/15/22	B0028	BERNARDS TWP. SEWERAGE AUTH.	1,750.00		1630	
131724	03/15/22	B0031	BERNARDSVILLE PRINT CENTER	351.56		1630	
131725	03/15/22	B0034	BERNARDS TOWNSHIP PAYROLL ACCT	1,110,040.48		1630	
131726	03/15/22	B0076	BERNARDS TOWNSHIP TRUST FUND	373.08		1630	
131727	03/15/22	B0094	BUILDING SAFETY CONFERENCE/NJ	498.00		1630	
131728	03/15/22	B0098	BERNARDS TOWNSHIP (RECREATION)	3,187.24		1630	
131729	03/15/22	B0413	BROWNELLS, INC	897.69		1630	
131730	03/15/22	B0480	BRISTOL-DONALD CO, INC	1,618.00		1630	
131731	03/15/22	B0518	BERNARDSVILLE HARDWARE	14.57		1630	
131732	03/15/22	B0600	BRANCHBURG SPORTS COMPLEX, LLC	200.00		1630	
131733	03/15/22	B0681	BARNA, JIM OR EILEEN	50.00		1630	
131734	03/15/22	B0828	BIG BEAR APPAREL	576.00		1630	
131735	03/15/22	B0840	BRIGHT VIEW ENGINEERING	650.00		1630	
131736	03/15/22	C0008	SCHOLASTIC LIBRARY PUBLISHING	97.50		1630	
131737	03/15/22	C0024	GANNETT NEW JERSEY NEWSPAPERS	31.98		1630	
131738	03/15/22	C0482	OPTIMUM	11.45		1630	
131739	03/15/22	C0482	OPTIMUM	44.95		1630	
131740	03/15/22	C0482	OPTIMUM	33.32		1630	
131741	03/15/22	C0482	OPTIMUM	138.44		1630	
131742	03/15/22	C0613	CIGNA GROUP INSURANCE	1,562.23		1630	
131743	03/15/22	C0697	BB&T/CPS	120.23		1630	
131744	03/15/22	C0774	COLONIAL LIFE & ACC INSURANCE	643.94		1630	
131745	03/15/22	C0811	COASTAL METAL RECYCLING CORP	660.00		1630	
131746	03/15/22	C0927	CAPITAL PAVING & CONTRACTING	61,180.72		1630	
131747	03/15/22	C0937	CHAMBRON-ROSIER, CELINE	50.00		1630	
131748	03/15/22	D0740	DOVER BRAKE & CLUTCH	289.79		1630	
131749	03/15/22	E0231	EKA ASSOCIATES, P.A.	2,375.00		1630	
131750	03/15/22	E0283	ELI TAYLOR SHOP	40.00		1630	
131751	03/15/22	E0295	ELECTRO BATTERY SYSTEMS INC	929.20		1630	
131752	03/15/22	F0001	FEDEX	31.40		1630	
131753	03/15/22	F0047	FULLERTON FORD	98.68		1630	
131754	03/15/22	F0148	FAIRFIELD MAINTENANCE INC	375.00		1630	
131755	03/15/22	F0158	FLEMINGTON DEPARTMENT STORE	288.40		1630	
131756	03/15/22	F0171	FIRST CHOICE AUTO PARTS &	1,258.75		1630	
131757	03/15/22	F0324	FLAGSHIP DENTAL PLANS	250.40		1630	
131758	03/15/22	F0326	FX AUTOMOTIVE LLC	498.31		1630	
131759	03/15/22	F0330	FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE INS	303.81		1630	
131760	03/15/22	F0353	FINGER'S RADIATOR HOSPITAL, INC	750.00		1630	
131761	03/15/22	F0378	FAIRWAY GREEN, INC.	4,558.00		1630	
131762	03/15/22	F0431	FOX FENCE ENTERPRISES INC	1,521.00		1630	
131763	03/15/22	G0005	GANN LAW BOOKS	655.50		1630	
131764	03/15/22	G0015	GPANJ, INC.	100.00		1630	
131765	03/15/22	G0025	GARDEN STATE HIGHWAY PRODUCTS	735.25		1630	
131766	03/15/22	G0066	GRAINGER INC	1,154.87		1630	
131767	03/15/22	G0098	JCP&L	17,397.20		1630	
131768	03/15/22	G0267	GARDEN STATE VINYL DESIGNS	625.00		1630	
131769	03/15/22	G0333	BEDMINSTER CAR WASH	284.55		1630	
131770	03/15/22	G0509	GREEN ROCK RECYCLING	600.00		1630	
131771	03/15/22	G0671	GDULA, MARY ANN OR EDWARD	45.00		1630	
131772	03/15/22	G0684	GUMPRECHT, KAREN	685.00		1630	
131773	03/15/22	H0235	HOOVER TRUCK CENTERS	383.62		1630	
131774	03/15/22	H0246	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	28.24		1630	
131775	03/15/22	H0297	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	5,870.28		1630	
131776	03/15/22	H0389	HISHMEHS CUSTOM UPHOLSTERY	850.00		1630	
131777	03/15/22	H0415	HARD ROCK HOTEL & CASINO	106.00		1630	
131778	03/15/22	I0059	INFORMATION TODAY, INC.	199.00		1630	
131779	03/15/22	I0117	INDEPENDENCE CONSTRUCTORS	6,800.00		1630	
131780	03/15/22	I0131	IPLAY AMERICA, LLC	309.25		1630	
131781	03/15/22	I0165	INTERNATIONAL ASSN OF ARSON	145.00		1630	
131782	03/15/22	J0219	J1, YAN OR TAO	200.00		1630	
131783	03/15/22	J0254	JEN ELECTRIC, INC	15,471.99		1630	
131784	03/15/22	K0033	KEY-TECH	8,560.00		1630	
131785	03/15/22	K0039	KOBESKY, GREGG S.	569.19		1630	
131786	03/15/22	K0259	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	247.08		1630	
131787	03/15/22	K0259	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	108.92		1630	

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131788	03/15/22	K0331	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	110.74	1630
131789	03/15/22	K0331	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	192.89	1630
131790	03/15/22	K0331	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	82.60	1630
131791	03/15/22	K0331	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	133.02	1630
131792	03/15/22	K0331	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	148.97	1630
131793	03/15/22	K0331	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	133.42	1630
131794	03/15/22	K0331	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	133.42	1630
131795	03/15/22	L0181	LAND'S END, INC.	156.69	1630
131796	03/15/22	L0389	LEVIN, CAROL SIMON	125.00	1630
131797	03/15/22	L0494	LOIA, JENNIFER	40.67	1630
131798	03/15/22	M0006	MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	612.00	1630
131799	03/15/22	M0015	MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICAL	461.61	1630
131800	03/15/22	M0178	MARK'S AUTO SERVICE	262.50	1630
131801	03/15/22	M0493	MCELROY, DEUTSCH, MULVANEY &	7,342.26	1630
131802	03/15/22	M0498	MP OVERHEAD DOORS	1,586.50	1630
131803	03/15/22	M0504	MOBILE LIFTS, INC.	1,951.25	1630
131804	03/15/22	M0518	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOL.	34.69	1630
131805	03/15/22	M0518	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOL.	50.00	1630
131806	03/15/22	M0518	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOL.	26.00	1630
131807	03/15/22	M0627	MODERN HANDLING EQUIPMENT CO	211.40	1630
131808	03/15/22	M0859	MAXX'S FLEET REPAIRS, LLC	150.00	1630
131809	03/15/22	M0868	M & P RETIREMENT PLAN	75,045.58	1630
131810	03/15/22	M0899	MR JOHN	65.00	1630
131811	03/15/22	M0996	MCGREAL, GERARD	600.00	1630
131812	03/15/22	M0999	MVP TEAM GEAR LLC	699.50	1630
131813	03/15/22	M1010	MARTIN, JAMES	1,201.66	1630
131814	03/15/22	M1012	METRO SUPPLY AND SERVICE	236.25	1630
131815	03/15/22	N0006	NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER CO.	3,779.33	1630
131816	03/15/22	N0017	NJ STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPAL.	2,302.00	1630
131817	03/15/22	N0032	NJ STATE DEPT HEALTH/SR SVCS	642.60	1630
131818	03/15/22	N0035	NEW JERSEY PLANNING OFFICIALS	246.00	1630
131819	03/15/22	N0074	NCHEC, INC	60.00	1630
131820	03/15/22	N0124	NJACCHO	500.00	1630
131821	03/15/22	N0206	NORTHWEST JERSEY T.A.A.	100.00	1630
131822	03/15/22	N0306	NEW JERSEY DRE ASSOCIATION	50.00	1630
131823	03/15/22	N0415	NATIONAL FUEL OIL INC	14,029.63	1630
131824	03/15/22	N0462	N M PREMIUM FOODS, INC	261.45	1630
131825	03/15/22	N0470	NATIONWIDE	146.70	1630
131826	03/15/22	O0100	OVERDRIVE, INC.	236.13	1630
131827	03/15/22	O0105	O.C.A. BENEFIT SERVICES, LLC	89.10	1630
131828	03/15/22	O0116	OBERLY, BARRY	2,000.00	1630
131829	03/15/22	O0124	OCCOUTDOORS, INC	5,110.97	1630
131830	03/15/22	O0135	OUTHUSE LLC	240.00	1630
131831	03/15/22	P0014	PUBLIC SERVICE ELEC. & GAS CO	4,609.09	1630
131832	03/15/22	P0046	RESERVE ACCOUNT	1,223.80	1630
131833	03/15/22	P0534	PLUG 'N PAY TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	71.25	1630
131834	03/15/22	P0538	PROVIDENT LIFE & ACCIDENT	60.04	1630
131835	03/15/22	P0568	PATON, KATHI	50.00	1630
131836	03/15/22	P0602	LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC	48.47	1630
131837	03/15/22	P0717	POTENTA, JENNIFER	130.00	1630
131838	03/15/22	P0721	PAUL MILLER CHEVROLET	129.00	1630
131839	03/15/22	Q0002	CINTAS CORP. - #062	334.32	1630
131840	03/15/22	R0005	RECORDER PUBLISHING CO., INC	37.74	1630
131841	03/15/22	R0005	RECORDER PUBLISHING CO., INC	23.97	1630
131842	03/15/22	R0005	RECORDER PUBLISHING CO., INC	72.42	1630
131843	03/15/22	R0005	RECORDER PUBLISHING CO., INC	73.44	1630
131844	03/15/22	R0023	RICHIES TIRE SERVICE, INC.	662.36	1630
131845	03/15/22	R0025	RIDGE RESTAURANT	423.65	1630
131846	03/15/22	R0045	RUTGERS - THE STATE UNIVERSITY	760.00	1630
131847	03/15/22	R0045	RUTGERS - THE STATE UNIVERSITY	200.00	1630
131848	03/15/22	R0308	ROUTE 23 AUTO MALL	24,674.00	1630
131849	03/15/22	R0408	RADATA, INC	1,100.00	1630
131850	03/15/22	R0440	RAHWAY BUSINESS MACHINES, INC.	398.00	1630
131851	03/15/22	R0493	RIDGE BAGEL & CAFE	570.47	1630
131852	03/15/22	S0101	STICKEL,KOENIG,SULLIVAN&DRILL	5,104.00	1630
131853	03/15/22	S0129	SOMES UNIFORMS INC.	315.00	1630
131854	03/15/22	S0278	STATE TREASURER OF NEW JERSEY	50.00	1630
131855	03/15/22	S0370	SOMERSET CTY FIRE SAFETY ASSOC	100.00	1630
131856	03/15/22	S0378	STAVOLA ASPHALT	568.50	1630
131857	03/15/22	S0595	SOMERSET CTY HEALTH OFFICER'S	400.00	1630
131858	03/15/22	S0628	STATE OF NEW JERSEY-HB	200,795.82	1630
131859	03/15/22	S0719	SOMERSET HILLS TOWING	600.00	1630
131860	03/15/22	S0741	SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS	3,172.50	1630
131861	03/15/22	S0764	STERICYCLE	68.00	1630
131862	03/15/22	S0822	SIGNS AND SAFETY DEVICES, LLC	578.70	1630
131863	03/15/22	S0875	SUNLIGHT GENERAL CAPITAL	143.51	1630
131864	03/15/22	S0899	STRYKER SALES CORPORATION	18,485.34	1630
131865	03/15/22	S0913	SHEDLOCK CAR CARE	305.00	1630
131866	03/15/22	S1057	SOMERSET VALLEY URGENT CARE	1,750.00	1630
131867	03/15/22	S1180	SOMERSET CO. BAR ASSOCIATION	45.00	1630
131868	03/15/22	S1182	SOYSOUVANH, VICHAI	330.00	1630
131869	03/15/22	T0029	TCTA OF NJ	385.00	1630
131870	03/15/22	T0372	TLO, LLC	300.50	1630
131871	03/15/22	T0422	TOMAHAWK LAKE , INC.	1,060.00	1630
131872	03/15/22	T0458	TLOA OF NJ LLC	5,893.70	1630
131873	03/15/22	T0496	THE FUEL OX LLC	1,950.00	1630
131874	03/15/22	T0508	TRISH CHAMBERS PRODUCTIONS LLC	300.00	1630
131875	03/15/22	V0056	VERIZON WIRELESS	2,336.12	1630
131876	03/15/22	V0058	VERIZON	3,050.71	1630
131877	03/15/22	V0073	VAIL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES	45.96	1630
131878	03/15/22	V0084	VERIZON	1,185.94	1630
131879	03/15/22	V0094	V. ROCHE & SON, LLC	900.00	1630
131880	03/15/22	V0124	VERIZON BUSINESS FIOS	204.99	1630
131881	03/15/22	V0177	VERIZON	580.93	1630
131882	03/15/22	V0185	VERIZON CONNECT	534.27	1630
131883	03/15/22	W0014	BEYER-WARNOCK FLEET	605.89	1630
131884	03/15/22	W0016	WARRENVILLE TRUE VALUE	571.56	1630
131885	03/15/22	W0019	WEST CHESTER MACHINERY &SUPPLY	192.00	1630
131886	03/15/22	W0056	WELDON CONCRETE CO.	1,770.80	1630
131887	03/15/22	W0085	WARREN TOWNSHIP	50.00	1630
131888	03/15/22	W0259	VENTURA, MIESOWITZ, KEOUGH &	2,220.00	1630
131889	03/15/22	W0347	WACKS DEBONA BEILIN & WEBER	367.50	1630
131890	03/15/22	W0402	WATER SUPPLY INNOVATIONS, LLC	1,460.00	1630
131891	03/15/22	X0005	XTel COMMUNICATION	1,675.01	1630

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131892	03/15/22	Z0041	DOG WASTE DEPOT	495.48	1630

Report Totals		Paid	Void	Amount Paid	Amount Void

	Checks:	184	1	1,809,461.90	0.00
	Direct Deposit:	46	0	165,267.53	0.00
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	Total:	230	1	1,974,729.43	0.00

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

CURRENT FUND	1-01	23,199.04	0.00	0.00	23,199.04
CURRENT FUND	2-01	1,547,698.25	0.00	0.00	1,547,698.25
DOG FUND	2-12	1,298.97	0.00	0.00	1,298.97
GOLF COURSE UTILITY	2-26	27,151.90	0.00	0.00	27,151.90
	Year Total:	1,576,149.12	0.00	0.00	1,576,149.12
CAPITAL FUND	C-04	145,486.45	0.00	0.00	145,486.45
PUBLIC GRANTS	G-02	90,698.20	0.00	0.00	90,698.20
TRUST FUNDS	T-13	110,332.59	0.00	0.00	110,332.59
PROJECT		28,864.03	0.00	0.00	28,864.03
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Total Of All Funds:		1,974,729.43	0.00	0.00	1,974,729.43

Resolution #2022-0152 - Return of Maintenance Surety for Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 145 Mt Airy Road, B 2301 L 23, Holy Cross Cemetery Mausoleum

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

Name of Applicant: Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Holy Cross Cemetery
Address: 145 Mt Airy Road, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Cash Surety: \$10,881.15

WHEREAS, the aforesaid applicant is requesting return of their Maintenance Surety; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, after inspection, advises that the site has now been completed in compliance with Township regulations and recommends return of the Maintenance Surety to the applicant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the aforesaid Maintenance Surety be released to the above-named applicant.

Resolution #2022-0153 - Tax Collector's Report

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.54:4-91 requires that the Tax Collector shall submit an annual statement of receipts to the governing body.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the following Collector's Annual Report of Receipts for the Year Ending December 31, 2021, be hereby acknowledged and accepted as submitted.

**TAX COLLECTION OFFICE
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021**

Ridge Oak-In Lieu of Taxes	\$	409,450.90
Return Check Fee		540.00
Interest		133,497.16
2022 Taxes Prepaid		957,839.82
2021 Taxes		140,569,933.77
2020 Taxes		430,321.02
Duplicate Bills/Copies		370.00
Cost of Advertising		782.67
Outside Liens Redeemed		207,336.36

Municipal Liens Redeemed	1,596.91
Premium Collected from Tax Sale	40,100.00
6% Penalty	8,379.58
Total	\$ 142,760,148.19

Resolution #2022-0154 - Authorization for Tax Refund

WHEREAS, an erroneous tax payment exists because the payor directed payment to the wrong account; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has suggested that a refund be issued and made payable to the Bernards Twp. Sewer Authority in care of the payor to rectify the incorrect tax account and clear the utility account.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that we do hereby approve and authorize the following refund.

Block & Lot	Quarter & Year	Amount	Issue Refund To
1201/3	1Q2022	\$1,750.00	Bernards Twp. Sewer Authority for 150 N Finley Ave Group LLC 1 Collyer Ln Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Resolution #2022-0156 - Acceptance of Bernards Township Environmental Commission 2021 Annual Report

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

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

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

BERNARDS TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

The following is a summary of the 2021 activities of the Bernards Township Environmental Commission ("EC" or "Commission").

MISSION STATEMENT

The Bernards Township Environmental Commission is responsible for ensuring that the environmental issues in Bernards Township, NJ are given the right priority to protect and preserve natural resources of the Township and surrounding areas including land, water, air, and bios (flora and fauna). As a result of NJDEP having oversight of the NJ Historic Preservation Office, occasionally the EC will offer historic preservation comments in accordance with Bernards Township Master Plan.

GOALS

The Commission accomplishes its mission via:

- Taking proactive stances on local environmental matters, and strengthening the local planning process*
- Coordinating rational, balanced reviews of development applications for the appropriate township bodies*
- Increasing public awareness and understanding of local and regional environmental issues*
- Keeping abreast of, and being involved in, environmental issues that affect our surrounding areas and communities*
- Staying up to date on ordinances and regulations for Bernards Township with training sessions.*

2021 SUMMARY

Budget:

In 2021, the EC spent \$2,017.08 on the annual ANJEC membership (\$400) and the Reusable Bag Challenge.

2021 Accomplishments:

- Development Application Reviews:** *During 2021, the EC held ten meetings, all virtually via Zoom. As an advisory board, the EC continued to provide commentary to the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment and Township Committee regarding environmental impacts and issues. During 2021, the EC reviewed 32 development applications and revisions: 26 Board of Adjustment and 6 Planning Board. In comparison, during 2020, the EC reviewed 28 Board of Adjustment and 8 Planning Board. Note: Of the 26 Board of*

Adjustment applications that were reviewed, 10 of them were for a variance for a pool not located behind the rear building line of adjacent dwellings.

- **Master Plan Review:** At the request of David Banisch on behalf of the Planning Board, the Environmental Commission reviewed the Township's Conservation and Open Space Plan Element and the Green Buildings and Environmental Sustainability Plan Element of the Master Plan. Eleven recommendations were made and forwarded to the Planning Board in September.
- **Tree Protection:** The Environmental Commission works cooperatively with the Township's Shade Tree Commission and Engineering Department to assess tree removal applications. The assessments focus on any safety issues associated with the tree, the health of the tree, and canopy impact. In some cases, site visits are warranted. Typically, tree removals are completed in conjunction with replacement/mitigation measures and replacements focus on native species. In 2021, 12-15 of these applications were reviewed.
- **Public Outreach:** Throughout the year, over 15 environmentally themed, educational/awareness pieces were posted jointly to the Township website home page and the EC home page + the Township Facebook page. From there, these pieces were shared to a number of community FB groups such as: Bernards InSight, Bernards Township Community, Basking Ridge Moms, BR Women Lite, Bernards Beat. Topics included different tips on refuse/reduce/reuse/recycle (10 "tips of the week"), plus pumpkin and Christmas tree recycling, and awareness/treatment of spotted lanternfly eggs, nymphs, adults, and ailanthus trees.
- **Advisory and Volunteerism:** The EC provided advice and guidance to a couple of Ridge High School clubs regarding their green efforts and several students attended Commission meetings. Additionally, the EC helped promote other's environmental-related projects such as the Girl Scouts "Caps for a Cause," Parks & Recreation's TREX challenge and the Ridge Girls Basketball fundraiser for Christmas tree recycling. The Bernards Township EC was selectively invited to participate in the first annual GSWA Native Pollinator Plant Sale and promoted the sale via social media. Members also volunteered at the GSWA HQ to prepare all the orders for distribution to the various towns and transported and distributed all the orders from Bernards Township residents.
- **Trips and Events:** In conjunction with Earth Day, the EC launched the Reusable Bag Challenge to all Bernards Township students in grades K-8. The theme was Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Over 100 entries were submitted and of them, 5 winners were chosen. 250 bags customized with the winning designs were ordered and offered at no cost to residents. In June, members of the Commission visited the Colgate Recycling Plant, one of several that Somerset County contracts with for paper, plastic, glass, and aluminum recycling. In November, the EC organized a free Pumpkin Smash held at English Farm/Dogwood Farm to promote keeping pumpkins out of landfills.
- **Partnerships:** As noted above, The Commission partnered with members of the Township's Agricultural Advisory Committee to host a pumpkin smash. Additionally, the EC partnered with the Shade Tree Commission (Jack Gray) to develop a joint statement to residents regarding the identification and treatment of spotted lanternflies and their preferred host, the ailanthus tree. The EC also invited the township's AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador (Sydney Abraham) to a meeting, and she explained their mission and how they can partner with the EC to help with environmental education and community stewardship.

At the end of 2021, the EC said goodbye to 3 members and our TC liaison and welcomed 1 new member. We look forward to serving Bernards Township and its residents in 2022 with a new TC liaison and several new members.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Bernards Township Environmental

[Resolution #2022-0157](#) - Amending Resolution 2021-0390 "2022 Fee Schedule for the Coakley-Russo Memorial Golf Course" to include Veteran's Discount

WHEREAS, the Township Committee adopted the 2022 Fee Schedule for the Coakley-Russo Memorial Golf Course on 11/23/2021 based on the Director of Parks & Recreation and the Golf Advisory Committee recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards recognizes the importance of honoring America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks & Recreation and the Golf Advisory Committee desires to promote this recognition by taking action that would further honor our veterans.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of Parks & Recreation and the Golf Advisory Committee recommends that veterans be eligible for a discount and hereby recommends that the "Senior (60+) Discount off Full Membership Fee at Time of Payment \$40.00" be amended to "Senior (60+) /Veteran Discount off Full Membership Fee at Time of Payment \$40.00"; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards agrees with such recommendation and hereby amends Resolution 2021-0390 to include veterans as a discount category.

Resolution #2022-0159 - In Recognition of Girl Scouts Week March 6th to 12th

WHEREAS, March 6th - 12th 2022 marks the 110th anniversary of Girl Scout Week as designated by Girl Scouts of the USA founded in 1912 by Juliette Gordon Low in Savannah, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Girl Scouts of the USA it to “build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place” through honesty, fairness, compassion, and sisterhood; and

WHEREAS, throughout its long and distinguished history, Girl Scouting has inspired millions of girls and women to strive for the highest ideals of character, conduct and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, through Girl Scouts, girls grow strong, gain self-confidence, develop leadership skills and learn the lifelong lesson of contributing back to their communities; and

WHEREAS, more than 2.5 million current Girl Scout members nationwide will be celebrating 110 years of this American tradition, with nearly 50 million women who are former girl scouts and living proof of the impact of this amazing movement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards hereby recognizes March 6th to 12th as Girl Scouts Week; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESVOLED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that a copy of this resolution be spread in full in the official minutes of the Township Committee for March 15, 2022.

Resolution #2022-0160 - Approval of Special Event Permit 2nd Annual Car Show 06/12/2022 Rain Date 06/19/2022

WHEREAS, Michael Badolato, representing Gallaway & Crane Funeral Home, 101 S. Finley Avenue, Basking Ridge, NJ, 07920, “the applicant,” has requested a special event permit for 2nd Annual Car Show on June 12, 2022, to be held at Gallaway and Crane Funeral Home from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM for the purpose of fundraising benefiting Heartworks in Bernardsville; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has secured a Somerset County Street Closing permit; and

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

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk, Police Chief, Recreation Director, Township Engineer and Superintendent of Public Works have reviewed the application and find it complete.

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

Resolution #2022-0161 - Recognition of National Agricultural Month

WHEREAS, March signifies a national celebration of the importance of food and agriculture in the United States as it provides almost everything we eat and use each day. This month we recognize and celebrates the diversity and abundance provided by Bernards Township’s farms and its contribution to our local community and families; and

WHEREAS, there are 54 farm assessed properties in Bernards Township and 1,125 acres of operated as well as preserved farmland; and

WHEREAS, the agricultural community is a vital aspect of our town’s quality of life, including providing access to fresh, locally sourced food, preserving open space, and enhancing our community; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the month of March as Agriculture Month in Bernards Township as an opportunity for all residents of Bernards and New Jersey to better appreciate agriculture’s role in providing safe, abundant, and affordable products; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote and preserve agriculture as a viable economic activity within Bernards Township and protect our town from overdevelop, the Township Committee established the Agricultural Advisory Committee in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee was tasked and continues to help promote local agriculture, educate the agricultural community to meet future economic challenges, and encourage communication and cooperation among farmers and the public; and

WHEREAS, agritourism can also help protect farmlands and Bernards Township farmers by providing recreational and educational activities, such as pick-your-own produce, hayrides and tours of working farms, offering farmers markets, and other on-farm activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Bernards Township Committee recognizes the month of March as National Agriculture Month in Bernards Township and encourages residents to visit our local farms this month and all year around; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Bernards Township Committee applauds the work of our local farmers for their continued efforts to provide the food we eat, the economic diversity we appreciate, and the open space we rely on; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Committee applauds the continued work of the Agricultural Advisory Board for supporting our farmers, protecting our open space, and for developing an interactive map of the commercial farms to encourage residents and the broader community to visit and support our farmers.

[Resolution #2022-0162](#) - Award of Purchase Orders for Identified Vendors, Overdrive Inc., Rec Trac, LLC d/b/a Vermont Systems and Todd Harris Co, Inc.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Bernards has adopted Ordinance #1854 “Known as Pay to Play” and P. L. 2004, Chapter 19; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the ordinance window contracts determined to exceed \$17,500.00 and within the bid threshold of \$44,000.00 requires governing body approval; and

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

Vendor	Not to Exceed
Overdrive Inc	\$ 44,000
RecTrac,LLC d/b/a Vermont Systems	\$44,000
Todd Harris Co, Inc	\$ 44,000

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, Somerset County, New Jersey that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue purchase orders to the vendors listed above to maintain continuity and facilitate the ordering process through December 31, 2022.

[Resolution #2022-0163](#) - Appointment to the Green Team Advisory Committee Ryan Wallace

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the following appointment is made to the Green Team Advisory Committee:

Ryan Wallace, Regular Member, 1 year term expiring 12/31/2022

[Resolution #2022-0165](#) - Award of Change Order #1 for Department of Public Works Road Repairs (Alt #2) to Renda Roads Inc. Increase of \$ 6,303.73 (+ 1.26 %)

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works requests the following change order be authorized by the Township Committee:

Vendor	CO	Original Award	Amount of Increase	New Total
	Number 1	\$500,000.00 RA# 2020-0300	\$6,303.73 (1.26%)	\$506,303.73
TOTAL CO	CO #1		\$6,303.73 (1.26%)	\$506,303.73

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and Purchasing Agent to award this change order to Renda Roads Inc., P.O. Box 89, Whitehouse, NJ 08888; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the budget or the line-item appropriation Capital Ordinance #2470, line account #C-04-55-470-C01.

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 Renda Roads Inc., P.O. Box 89, Whitehouse, NJ 08888 in the amount of \$6,303.73 for a new total award of \$506,303.73.

CFO CERTIFICATION

I, Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Bernards, hereby certify that available funds for the above referenced change order in the amount of \$6,303.73 for a new not to exceed amount of \$506,303.73. Monies are available in account Capital Ordinance # 2470 # C-04-55-470-C01.

Date: March 8, 2022



Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer

****End Consent Agenda****

Resolution #2022-0148 - Urging the Swift Passage Of S-330 Which Restores Energy Tax Receipts

Committee members comment on how each resident is affected, as taxpayers, and encouraged residents to take action ensure bill is successful.

Motion by Asay, second by Grochala, that Resolution #2022-0148 be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally, Baldassare, Jr.,

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

WHEREAS, taxes on gas and electric utilities were originally collected by the host municipalities to be used for local purposes and to compensate the public for the use of their rights of way; and

WHEREAS, when the State made itself the collection agent for these taxes, it promised to dedicate the proceeds to municipal property tax relief; since, just as municipalities collect property taxes for the benefit of school districts, counties, and other entities, the State is supposed to collect Energy Taxes for the benefit of municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, for years, though, State budget makers have diverted funding from Energy Taxes to fund State programs; and instead of being spent on local programs and services and used to offset property taxes, the money has been spent as successive Legislatures and Administrations have seen fit; and

WHEREAS, the diversion of dedicated energy tax receipts to the State's General Fund further jeopardizes this critical property tax relief funding in future years; and

WHEREAS, by reducing Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Act (CMPTRA), which is also comprised of revenues that should be returned to municipalities, State Budget makers have been able to continue collecting Energy Taxes, while keeping additional revenue that should have been returned to provide property tax relief; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative impact of years of underfunding has left many municipalities with serious needs and burdensome property taxes; and

WHEREAS, local elected officials are in the best position to decide the best use of these resources, which were always intended to fund local programs and services; and

WHEREAS, Senator Singleton and Senate President Scutari have introduced legislation (S-330) that will restore, over a five-year period, Energy Tax Receipts to municipalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Township of Bernards in the county of Somerset urges the Legislature to swiftly pass this legislation and Governor Murphy sign the legislation prior to passage of the FY2023 State budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution is forwarded to Assemblywoman Michele Matsikoudis, Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz, and Senator Jon Bramnick, Senate President Scutari, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Governor Murphy, and the League of Municipalities.

Mayor Baldassare turned the meeting to the deputy mayor. Baldassare recused himself from Resolutions #2022-0120, #2022-0134, #2022-135, #2022-0142, #2022-0145, #2022-0149, #2022-0164, and #2022-0166. McNally presided over the meeting.

[Resolution #2022-0120](#) - *Authorizing and Approving Purchase of three (3) 2022 Ford Utility Police Interceptor vehicles from the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract 15-A Item #2 to Maplecrest Ford Inc., 102 E. Main St, Mendham, New Jersey 07945 In the Amount Not to Exceed \$102,818.85*

Motion by Grochala, second by Asay, that Resolution #2022-0120 be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally,

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards Police Department wishes to purchase three (3) 2022 Ford Utility Police vehicles;

QTY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT TOTAL
3	2022 Ford Utility Police vehicles specified as per quote dated 01-20-2022 (MCCPC Contract 15-A Item #2)	\$34,232.00
	WITH ADDITIONAL OPTIONS	
	Delete Front Lighting Package	(\$700.00)
	Delete Rear Lighting Package	(\$300.00)
	Delete Roof Wiring	(\$60.00)
	Heated Side View Mirrors	\$58.20
	Keyed Alike	\$48.50
	Underbody Deflector Plate	\$324.95
	Global Lock/Unlock Feature	\$0
	BLIS Blind Spot Monitoring w/Cross Traffic Alert	\$528.65
	Pre-Collision Assist w/Pedestrian Detection	\$140.65
	Tail Lamp/Police Interceptor Housing Only	\$0
	Per Vehicle Total	\$34,272.95
	GRAND TOTAL	\$102,818.85

WHEREAS, it is the combined recommendation of the Police Chief, Administrator and Purchasing Agent to award this purchase to; Maplecrest Ford Inc., 102 E. Main St, Mendham, New Jersey 07945 in the amount of \$102,818.85; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the budget; the line-item appropriation to be charged is line account #2-01-25-251-295 (\$102,818.85); and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, Somerset County, New Jersey that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for three (3) 2022 Ford Utility Police vehicles to Maplecrest Ford Inc., 102 E. Main St, Mendham, New Jersey 07945 in the amount not to exceed \$102,818.85.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I, Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Bernards, hereby certify that adequate funds are available for the above referenced purchase in the amount not to exceed \$102,818.85. Monies are available in the Police Cars-Payment line account #2-01-25-251-295.



Date: January 26, 2022

Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer

Resolution #2022-0134 - *Authorizing the Township of Bernards Police Department to Participate in the Defense Logistics Agency, Law Enforcement Support Office, 1033 Program to Enable the Bernards Township Police Department to Request and Acquire Excess Department of Defense Equipment.*
Motion by Fields, second by Asay, that Resolution #2022-0134 be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally,

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress authorized the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program to make use of excess Department of Defense personal property by making that personal property available to municipal, county and state law enforcement agencies (LEAs); and

WHEREAS, DLA rules mandate that all equipment acquired through the 1033 Program remain under the control of the requesting LEA; and

WHEREAS, participation in the 1033 Program allows municipal and county LEAs to obtain property they might not otherwise be able to afford in order to enhance community preparedness, response, and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, although property is provided through the 1033 Program at no cost to municipal and county LEAs, these entities are responsible for the costs associated with delivery, maintenance, fueling, and upkeep of the property, and for specialized training on the operation of any acquired property; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-30.2 requires that the Governing Body of the municipality or county approve, by a majority of the full membership, both enrollment in, and the acquisition of, any property through the 1033 Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the Bernards Township Police Department is hereby authorized to enroll in the 1033 Program for no more than a one-year period, with authorization to participate terminating in December 31 of the current calendar year, from January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bernards Township Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire items of non-controlled property designated "DEMIL A," which may include office supplies, office furniture, computers, electronic equipment, generators, field packs, non-military vehicles, clothing, traffic and transit signal systems, exercise equipment, farming and moving equipment, storage devices and containers, tools, medical and first aid equipment and supplies, beds and sleeping mats, wet and cold weather equipment and supplies, respirators, binoculars and any other supplies or equipment of non-military nature identified by the LEA, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes, based on the needs of the Bernards Township Police Department without restriction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bernards Township Police Department shall develop and implement a full training plan and policy for the maintenance and use of the acquired property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bernards Township Police Department shall provide a quarterly accounting of all property obtained through the 1033 Program which shall be available to the public upon request; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be valid to authorize requests to acquire “DEMIL A” property. Property that may be made available through the 1033 Program during the period of time which this resolution authorizes: with Program participation and all property request authorization terminating on December 31st of the current calendar year from January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022.

Resolution #2022-0135 - Authorizing the Township of Bernards to Execute an Agreement with the County of Somerset Relative to the Use of Township Police Officers for Various County Initiatives

Motion by Grochala, second by Asay, that Resolution #2022-0134 be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally,

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

WHEREAS, the County provides various services and functions which require the use of municipal police officers; and

WHEREAS, the County uses additional trained police personnel including municipal police personnel for such programs and services as assistance and training at the Somerset County Police Academy, Somerset County Organized Crime and Narcotics Task Force, Somerset County Emergency Response Teams which includes SWAT and Crisis Negotiation Team, Dive Rescue Team, the Somerset County Vehicular Homicide Task Force, Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Team and Arson Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards is willing to provide municipal police officers on an “as available” basis for use by the Somerset County Prosecutor’s Office on an “as needed” basis subject to the terms and conditions of the attached Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that we are hereby authorizing this agreement and that the Mayor, Township Administrator, and Township Clerk are authorized to sign such agreement between the County and the Township of Bernards.

Resolution #2022-0142 - Personnel Appointment Richard Panzarella – Substitute Crossing Guard – Police Department

Motion by Grochala, second by Fields, that Resolution #2022-0142 be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally,

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

WHEREAS, the position of Substitute Crossing Guard is a necessary function of the Police Department; and

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

WHEREAS, Richard Panzarella has applied for and is qualified to fill said position; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief, Township Administrator, Chief Financial Officer and Human Resources Officer recommend the appointment of Richard Panzarella to the position of Substitute Crossing Guard.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that Richard Panzarella be hired as a Substitute Crossing Guard effective March 1, 2022, at an hourly rate of \$15.00. This appointment is contingent upon the successful completion of a background check and pre-employment physical per Township policy.

Resolution #2022-0145 - Commendation on the Occasion of Your Retirement Sergeant Margaret Corsentino – Police Department

Deputy Mayor McNally read the resolution in full, and the committee thanked Sergeant Corsentino for her service.

Motion by Grochala, second by Asay, that Resolution #2022-0145 be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally,

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards desires to convey to you an expression of its appreciation and grateful acknowledgment for the valued services rendered by you as an employee of the Township of Bernards for the past 22+ years; and

WHEREAS, you have given generously of your time and efforts in a dignified, faithful and professional manner; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards sincerely appreciates the worthwhile contributions you have made towards the material development, communal welfare, safety and quality of life in Bernards Township; and

WHEREAS, on the occasion of your 22+ years of service you are retiring to start the next challenging and exciting chapter of your life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that its sincere congratulations are expressed on the occasion of your retirement.

Signed and sealed on behalf of the Township Committee on this 15th Day of March, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

Resolution #2022-0149 - Unused Vacation Accrual Due Thomas Dill Police Department

Motion by Fields, second by Grochala, that Resolution #2022-0149 be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally,

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2022-0066 at their regularly scheduled meeting of January 4, 2022, accepting the Personnel Policies and Procedures that outline guidelines for pay-outs when employees leave the Township's payroll; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Dill's employment terminated on February 27, 2022; and

WHEREAS, per the requirements of the Township's Personnel Policy, Thomas Dill is entitled to a Vacation Time Accrual payment for vacation time as calculated below based on an hourly rate of \$26.44.

	Total Hours Available	Amount Due
Vacation Accrual	127	\$3,357.88

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the unused accrued vacation payment be approved and distributed in the next available pay cycle.

CFO CERTIFICATION

I, Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Bernards, do hereby certify that there are adequate funds for this expenditure. Funds are available in the Police S&W, Line Account #0-01-25-240-101 for an amount not to exceed \$3,357.88



Sean McCarthy, CFO

Date: February 17, 2022

Resolution #2022-0164 - Personnel Appointment Corinne Batsides – Patrol Officer – Police Department

Motion by Grochala, second by Asay, that Resolution #2022-0164 be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally,

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 Officer have deemed it necessary to fill this position; and

WHEREAS, Corinne Batsides has applied for and is qualified to fill said position; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police, Township Administrator and Human Resources Officer recommend appointment of Corinne Batsides to full time Patrol Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that Corinne Batsides be appointed full time Patrol Officer effective Thursday, April 28, 2022 at an annual salary of \$49,992.00 which is in accordance with the Policemen's Benevolent Association, Local No. 357 Contract.

Resolution #2022-0166 - *Unused Accrued Time Payment Due Sergeant Margaret Corsentino Police Department*

Motion by Fields, second by Grochala, that Resolution #2022-0166 be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally,

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2022-0066 at their meeting of January 4, 2022, accepting the Personnel Policies and Procedures that outlines pay-outs due at the time of retirement; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Margaret Corsentino, will retire from the Bernards Township Police Department effective April 1, 2022 after 22 years of service; and

WHEREAS, per the requirements of the Township's Personnel Policy and the PBA contract, Sergeant Margaret Corsentino is entitled to an unused accrued time cash payment in the amount as calculated below based on an hourly rate of \$66.23. The calculation shown below could be less but not more:

	Amount Due
Accrued Sick/Personal Payout	\$29,311.40
Vacation Time Payout	\$25,432.32

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that the Accrued Time payout at retirement be approved and distributed in the next available pay cycle.

CFO CERTIFICATION

I, Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer of Bernards Township, do hereby certify that there are adequate funds for this expenditure. Funds are available in the Accumulated Absences Trust Fund, Account #T-13-56-050-ACS for an amount not to exceed 54,743.72.

Date: 3/8/2022



Sean McCarthy, CFO

Baldassare resumed presiding the meeting.

Ordinance #2490 - *An Ordinance to Amend the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards, Chapter 6 "Alcoholic Beverage Control" Section 3 "Classes of License, Number of Licenses and Annual License Fees" Subsection b "Number of Licenses Permitted"- Introduction*

The clerk read the ordinance by title. Motion by McNally, second by Grochala that Ordinance #2490 be introduced on first reading, advertised as required by law and scheduled for a public hearing on 03/29/2022.

Roll Call:

Aye: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally, Baldassare
Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried.

Ordinance #2493 - An Ordinance to Amend the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards Chapter 4 "General Licensing, "Section 4-7 "Municipal Police Rotation Towing Services; Nonconsensual Towing Regulations" – Introduction

The clerk read the ordinance by title. Motion by McNally, second by Grochala that Ordinance #2493 be introduced on first reading, advertised as required by law and scheduled for a public hearing on 03/29/2022.

Roll Call:
Aye: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally, Baldassare
Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

02/15/2022 Open and Closed Session Minutes

Motion by McNally, second by Asay, and unanimously agreed that the 02/15/2022 Open Session minutes be approved for content and release and the 02/15/2022 Executive Session Minutes be approved for content.

Designation by Mayor with Township Committee Advise

Environmental Committee - 2022 Chairperson, Debra DeWitt and Vice Chairperson, Alice Smyk

The mayor commented the following appointment and all township committee members unanimously agreed. Environmental Commission, Debra DeWitt, Chairperson and Alice Smyk, Vice Chairperson, expiring 12/31/2022

EXECUTIVE SESSION (if required)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 10:04 PM.

Christine V. Andres
Deputy Municipal Clerk

James Baldassare, Jr.,
Mayor

Approved: 03/29/2022