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

Absent:

Also Present: Administrator Monaco, Attorney Belardo (via telephone), Engineer Timko, and Municipal Clerk Pisano

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

PUBLIC WORK SESSION (if required)

None.

REPORTS

None.

PRESENTATION

Bernards Township Agricultural Advisory Committee – [Interactive Farm Map](#) - Tyler Seville, Chairperson

Tyler Seville provided a highlight for the public on the goals and mission of the agricultural committee and displayed the new interactive farm map located on Bernards Township's website. Committee members expressed their appreciation.

Girl Scout Awards

The mayor and township committee presented Resolution #2022-0159 recognizing "Girl Scout Week, March 6 - 12" adopted at the previous meeting.

[Resolution #2022-0189](#) - Commendation on Attaining Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards, Girl Scouts of the USA

The mayor recognized each individual girl scout for their achievement on earning their Bronze, Silver, or Gold award in 2020, 2021, and 2022 and presented them with a resolution. Township committee members also commended them and their troop leaders, speaking highly of the girl scout program.

Motion by Fields, second by Grochala, and unanimously agreed that Resolution #2022-0189 be approved.

WHEREAS, the mission of Girl Scouts of the USA is to "build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place" through honesty, fairness, compassion, and sisterhood going above and beyond to make a difference in her community; and

WHEREAS, the Bronze Award, Silver Award, and Gold Award are the most prestigious awards that Girl Scouts can earn; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards wishes to recognize the following girls for their achievements:

2021 Bronze Award:

Troop 61160 - Barbara Geary

Vivian Cash
Matilda Demcsak
Grace Geary
Melissa Iannotte
Ashlee Kerrick
Remi Lipset
Sophie McDonnell
Lucy Perks
Caroline Zugale

Troop 60633 - Swapna Patel

Caroline Anderson
Shai Chaikin
Tenley Jabanoski
Briana Marion
Chiara Noble
Mila Patel
Chloe Zhu

Troop 60963 - Alisa Lerner

Molly Cairns
Ivy Cinosky
Kayla Devine
Ella Hanlon
Camryn Ireland
Emma Kissane
Alexa Kovalcik
Abby Lerner
Sophia Mastriano
Ashlyn Robertson
Aubrey Wegeler
Willow Young
Kaylin Zimnoch
Keira Zimnoch

Troop 62038 - Heather Kramer

Victoria Agostino
Amaira Bhatia
Adalia Karda-Marok
Emma Kramer
Aishani Mandalia
Genevieve Provence
Kaitlyn Slade
Jaina Solanki

2020 Bronze Award:

Troop 60224 – Jamie Higgins

Caroline Falquier
Abigail Higgins
Elizabeth Higgins
Chloe Holthausen
Julia Hornyak
Ava Salveson
Sofia Salveson
Maya Tyndale

Troop 60797 – Michele Sauro

Madison ~~McKenna~~ Sauro
Winter ~~Martinez~~ Karl-Gruswitz
Sophia ~~Mason~~ Cheenath
Brianna ~~McKelvey~~ Maccagnan
Anvi ~~Marte~~ Sharma
Naomi ~~Morre~~ Kimhy
Grace ~~Moretti~~ Jangi
Hayden ~~Morsella~~ Grobs

*names corrected – 4/1

2021 Silver Award:

Troop 60136 – Sara Ireland

Ryan Ireland
Saketha Kedarsetty
Mahima Srivarshini

Troop 60348 – Maria Sblendorio

Emma Anderson
Sophia Minassian
Emma Pawlick
Marion Sblendorio

Troop 60458 – Alisa Ferguson

Sophia Scheper
Emma Wallach

Troop 60344 – Jennifer Gander

Bridget Gaughan

Troop 60505 – Nicole Aulicino

Grace Aulicino
Alia Eissa
Steffi Liu
Gabriela Rivadeneyra
Priyanjali Roychowdhury
Arabella Sigmund

2020 Silver Award:

Troop 60458 – Alisa Ferguson

Anjali Dadlani
Niamh O’Sullivan
Monica Schwed
Kathryn Hodge

Troop 60458 – Lori Gaughan

Anya DeSilva
Kelsey Horner

2022 Gold Award:

Troop 61124

Nethru Raju

2021 Gold Award:

Troop 60986

Megan Taylor

Troop 60989

Marlowe Conway

Troop 60378

Leila Cheo-Isaacs
Ashna Gupta
Elizabeth Polito

2020 Gold Award:

Troop 61076

Abby Marazita
Kate Mercer
Megha Parikh

Troop 61175

Jasmine Zhang

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards congratulates each girl for their personal achievement which will serve as a reminder of the importance of the pursuit of excellence throughout their life.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The mayor opened public comment.

Nancy D’Andrea, 3 Vanderveer Dr. - commented on N. Maple Ave. crosswalk near Southard Park.

Todd Edelstein, 172 Riverside Dr. – commented on the girl scouts, crosswalks, and requested results from Madisonville traffic study.

Cody Smith, 36 Royal Oak Dr. – commented in favor of the agenda details.

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 #2022-0173](#) - *Appointment to Membership in Township of Bernards Volunteer Liberty Corner First Aid Squad, Chinmayi Kapur*

Motion by Fields, second by Grochala, and unanimously agreed that Resolution ##2022-0173 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 Chinmayi Kapur, residing at 9 Lexington 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 to the Liberty Corner First Aid Squad effective this date.

[Resolution #2022-0174](#) - *Appointment to Membership in Township of Bernards Volunteer Liberty Corner First Aid Squad, Annika Choudhary*

Motion by McNally, second by Grochala, and unanimously agreed that Resolution ##2022-0174 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 Annika Choudhary, residing at 10 Bedford Drive, 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 a of the Liberty Corner First Aid Squad effective this date.

[Resolution #2022-0175](#) - *Appointment to Membership in Township of Bernards Volunteer First Aid Squad of Basking Ridge Fire Company #1, Saagarika Rao, Full Member*

Motion by Grochala, second by McNally, and unanimously agreed that Resolution ##2022-0175 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 First Aid Squad of the Basking Ridge Fire Company #1 is recommending Saagarika Rao, residing at 29 Dayton Street, 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 First Aid Squad of the Basking Ridge Fire Company #1 effective this date.

[Resolution #2022-0176](#) - *Appointment to Membership in Township of Bernards Volunteer Basking Ridge Fire Company#1, James Martin Corrigan, Junior Member*

Motion by Asay, second by Grochala, and unanimously agreed that Resolution ##2022-0176 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 James Martin Corrigan, residing at 35 Culberson Road, Basking Ridge, NJ, for appointment as a Junior Member.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[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"- Public Hearing*

The clerk read the ordinance by title and the mayor opened the public hearing.

Todd Edelstein, 172 Riverside Dr. commented that, due to the Pandemic, issuance of a new license should be delayed keeping competition the same. No additional comments were heard and the hearing was closed.

Motion by Fields, second by Grochala, that Ordinance #2490 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 that Chapter 6, "Alcoholic Beverage Control," Section 3 "Classes of License, Number of Licenses and Annual Licensee Fees," Subsection b "Number of Licenses Permitted" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards is hereby amended: (new text is in double underline; deletions are ~~stricken~~):

b. Number of licenses permitted:

1. The permitted number of plenary retail consumption licenses shall be eight, nine.
2. The permitted number of plenary retail distribution licenses shall be three.
3. The permitted number of club licenses shall be one.

[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" – 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 Grochala, that Ordinance #2493 be adopted and advertised as required by law.

Roll Call:

Aye: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally, Baldassare

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

SECTION 4-7

Municipal Police Rotation Towing Services; Nonconsensual Towing Regulations

§ 4-7.1 Definitions.

[Ord. #2253, 10-29-2013, added; Ord. #2404, 9-11-2018, amended]

As used in this section, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

BASIC TOWING SERVICE

"Basic tow" means private property towing and other nonconsensual towing as defined in this section and other ancillary services that include the following: arriving at the site from which a motor vehicle will be towed; 15 minutes' waiting time; hooking a motor vehicle to or loading a motor vehicle onto a tow truck; transporting a motor vehicle to a storage facility; unhooking or unloading a motor vehicle from the tow truck; and siting the motor vehicle in the space in which it will be stored. "Basic tow" also includes issuing documents for the release of a motor vehicle to its owner or other person authorized to take the motor vehicle; issuing an itemized bill; three trips to the motor vehicle in storage, which, if applicable, include making a vehicle available to an insurance appraiser or adjuster; issuing documents for the release of a motor vehicle to its owner or other person

authorized to take the motor vehicle; and retrieving a motor vehicle from storage during the hours in which the storage facility is open.

BUSINESS OFFICE

The business office of the towing operator where the towing operator shall conduct business associated with the towing and storage of vehicles.

CHIEF OF POLICE

The Chief of the Bernards Township Police Department or his/her designee.

DECOUPLING

Releasing a motor vehicle to its owner or operator when the motor vehicle has been, or is about to be, hooked to or lifted by a tow truck, but prior to the motor vehicle actually having been moved or removed from the property.

MOTOR VEHICLE

Includes all vehicles propelled otherwise than by muscular power, excepting such vehicles as run only upon rails or tracks and motorized bicycles, motorized scooters, motorized wheelchairs and motorized skateboards.

NONCONSENSUAL TOWING

The towing of a motor vehicle without the consent of the owner or operator of the vehicle, [regardless of the reason for the tow](#). "Nonconsensual towing" includes towing a motor vehicle when law enforcement orders the vehicle to be towed whether or not the owner or operator consents.

PERSON

An individual, a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, limited liability company or any other business entity.

PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNER

The owner or lessee of private property, or an agent of such owner or lessee, but shall not include a private property towing company acting as an agent of such owner or lessee.

PRIVATE PROPERTY TOWING

The nonconsensual towing by a motor vehicle from private property or from a storage facility of a consumer's motor vehicle that is parked illegally, parked during a time at which such parking is not permitted, or otherwise parked without authorization, or the immobilization of or preparation for moving or removing of such motor vehicle, for which a service charge is made, either directly or indirectly. This term shall not include the towing of a motor vehicle that has been abandoned on private property in violation of N.J.S.A. 39:4-56.5, provided that the abandoned vehicle is reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency prior to removal and the vehicle is removed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:4-56.6.

RECOVERY; EXTRAORDINARY TOWING SERVICE

The removal and transportation of a motor vehicle with a registered weight rating over 10,000 pounds from a highway, street or other public or private property. Extraordinary towing service shall also include the recovery of vehicles with a registered weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less that require exceptional methods to retrieve and/or tow the vehicle. "Exceptional methods" are tasks outside the routine scope of vehicle recovery, including but not limited to up-righting an overturned vehicle, and winching a vehicle from a location off the roadway.

[Recovery charges are in addition to any towing charges.](#)

ROAD SERVICE

[Use of a tow truck or service vehicle to attempt to repair a vehicle at the point of breakdown.](#)

SECURE STORAGE FACILITY

A storage facility that is either completely indoors or is surrounded by a fence, wall or other physical barrier that is at least six feet high and is lighted from dusk to dawn.

STORAGE FACILITY

A space at which motor vehicles that have been towed are stored by the towing operator.

TOWING

The moving or removing from public or private property or from a storage facility by a motor vehicle of a consumer's motor vehicle that is damaged as a result of an accident or is otherwise disabled, is recovered after being stolen, or is parked illegally or otherwise without authorization, parked during a time at which such parking is not permitted or otherwise parked without authorization, or the immobilization of or preparation for moving or removing of such motor vehicle, for which a service charge is made, either directly or indirectly. Dues or other charges of clubs or associations which provide towing services to club or association members shall not be considered a service charge for purposes of this definition.

TOWING LIST

The list maintained by the Bernards Township Police Department containing the names of those active towing operators who are licensed with the Township to provide municipal towing services for the Township.

TOWING OPERATOR

Any person in the business of or offering the services of a towing service whereby motor vehicles are or may be towed or otherwise removed from one place to another by the use of a motor vehicle adapted to and designated for that purpose.

TOWNSHIP

The Township of Bernards, Somerset County, New Jersey.

VEHICLE

Any device in, upon or by which a person or property is or may be transported upon a highway.

WINCHING

The process of moving a motor vehicle by the use of additional chains, nylon slings and additional lengths of winch cable from a position that is not accessible for direct hook up by conventional means for towing and/or loading onto a tow vehicle. Winching is not pulling a vehicle onto a flatbed carrier or lifting a vehicle by conventional means.

YARD FEE

Any fee charges to move a stored vehicle within the tow yard. The vehicle shall be stored in a manner to facilitate access and removal from the tow yard. Yard fees are unauthorized under this section.

§ 4-7.2 Purpose.

[Ord. #2253, 10-29-2013, added; Ord. #2404, 9-11-2018, amended]

It is the purpose of this section to regulate towing operations within the Township.

§ 4-7.3 Licenses.

[Ord. #2404, 9-11-2018, amended]

- a. A towing operator desiring to provide towing services within the Township must obtain a license from the Township for such services.
- b. A license shall be issued for a period of three years.
- c. The Township Committee shall have the sole discretion to deny a license to any towing operator failing to file the requisite application or to meet the requirements of this section based upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police.
- d. Licenses may be awarded by the Township at any time. The license shall not be exclusive, with the Township being able to award licenses to multiple towing operators at any time.

§ 4-7.4 Fees.

[Ord. #2404, 9-11-2018, added]

The following fees for a towing application shall apply:

- a. Rotational: ~~\$500~~300.
- b. Nonconsensual: ~~\$500~~300.
- c. ~~Rotation/nonconsensual combination: \$750.~~

§ 4-7.5 Application for License.

[Ord. #2253, 10-29-2013, added; Ord. #2404, 9-11-2018, amended]

- a. Towing operators must file an application with the Municipal Clerk to obtain or renew a towing license within the Township.
- b. The applicant shall state the complete street address of the location or locations from which the business of towing shall be conducted, indicating which is its principal location and which is its storage facility(s), which shall meet the requirements of Subsection 4-7.13 of this section. The applicant shall provide a copy of a valid certificate of occupancy for the storage facility for automobile-related uses.
- c. The applicant shall identify and provide a description of its towing vehicles, including vehicle registration number, gross vehicle weight, number of wheels and purpose, with which the applicant intends to provide towing services; and which shall meet the requirements of Subsection 4-7.6 of this section. The applicant shall provide copies of the equipment manufacturer's specification for each piece of equipment.
- d. The applicant shall disclose whether he, or if the applicant is an entity, any person with an interest of 10% or more in the entity, or any towing company in which such person has an interest of 10% or more, is subject to any of the disqualification specified in § 4-7.7.
- e. The applicant shall provide the name, address and driver's license number of the applicant and all employees of the applicant that are expected to be involved in the operation of the applicant's vehicular equipment for the towing of motor vehicles. All drivers for the applicant shall be at least 18 years of age and possess a valid driver's license for the operation of the towing equipment.
- f. The applicant shall obtain a criminal background check of the applicant and all of its employees and agents, including the obtainment of a driver's abstract. The costs associated with obtaining the criminal background checks shall be the responsibility of the applicant. Criminal background checks and fingerprinting required under this section shall comply with the provisions of Section 4-1.2. [Ord. #2414, 4-23-2019, amended]
- g. The application shall include a valid original certificate of insurance from an insurer authorized to do business in the state, at the minimum amounts set forth in Subsection 4-7.11 of this section.
- h. The applicant shall provide written proof of a minimum of five years' towing experience. The applicant shall provide a minimum of three references of the applicant's towing experience.
- i. The applicant shall provide copies of all certifications training documents for its employees as follows:
 1. Each light-duty driver, each heavy-duty driver and each recovery supervisor from a nationally recognized organization. The nationally recognized organizations that are acceptable to the Township are: Towing and

Recovery Association of America (800-728-0136), Wreck Master (800-267-2266), Garden State Towman's Association (732-530-4782).

- j. The applicant shall furnish any additional information concerning the company, personnel, vehicles, equipment and storage facilities of the applicant as may be required by the Municipal Clerk or Chief of Police during the review of the application.
- k. If any of the information required in the application changes, or if additional information should be added after the filing of the application, the applicant shall provide that information to the Municipal Clerk, in writing, within 30 calendar days of the change or addition. Any application to add an additional driver during the contract term shall be accompanied by a fee of \$25.
- l. The applicant shall provide a certified statement of the willingness of the towing operator to be available on a twenty-four-hour, seven-day-per-week basis, and to abide by the instructions and directions of the Chief of Police, his subordinates, and the provisions of this section. Such towing operators shall further provide the telephone number or numbers available on a twenty-four-hour, seven-day-per-week basis.
- m. The applicant shall provide a certified statement of compliance with the minimum requirements of Subsection 4-7.6 of this section.

§ 4-7.6 Minimum Requirements Rotational Towing; Equipment.

[Ord. #2253, 10-29-2013, added; Ord. #2404, 9-11-2018, amended]

- a. Any towing operator providing municipal rotational towing services shall have a minimum of four vehicles which meet the minimum standards set forth below:
 - 1. At least one light-duty wrecker with a minimum chassis rating of 15,000 pounds gross vehicle weight, equipped with a hydraulic boom rated for 8,000 pounds, equipped with a hydraulic wheel-lift with 3,000 pounds' lift capacity, and equipped with dual hydraulic winches with each having a capacity of 8,000 pounds, with each winch equipped with 100 feet of three-eighths-inch wire rope.
 - 2. At least two flatbed-type wreckers with a minimum chassis rating of 25,500 pounds gross vehicle weight, equipped with a minimum twenty-one-foot bed, and equipped with a hydraulic wheel-lift with 3,000 pounds' lift capacity.
 - 3. At least one of the above vehicles must have four-wheel drive.
 - 4. In addition to foregoing requirements, the towing operator must own a heavy-duty wrecker with a minimum chassis rating of 33,000 pounds gross vehicle weight, as well as have a gross vehicle weight registered of 80,000 pounds, equipped with a hydraulic boom rated for a minimum of 35 tons, equipped with a hydraulic under-reach with a minimum 45,000 pounds' lift capacity, dual hydraulic winches, and have tandem rear axles.
 - 5. All vehicles must be equipped with two-way radios, cab-mounted amber emergency warning lights (conforming to New Jersey Motor Vehicle Law standards and all light permits being obtained), tow sling-type bars with rubber straps and/or wheel-lift capability with safety straps to prevent damage to towed vehicles, and with steering locks for towing vehicles from the rear.

§ 4-7.7 Denials, Suspension or Revocation of License.

[Ord. #2253, 10-29-2013, added; Ord. #2404, 9-11-2018, amended]

- a. The Township may deny, suspend or revoke any license for municipal towing services upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, or upon other proof that the towing operator, or any of its employees or agents:
 - 1. Has obtained a registration through fraud, deception or misrepresentation;
 - 2. Has engaged in the use or employment of dishonesty, fraud, deception, misrepresentation, false promise or false pretense;
 - 3. Has engaged in gross negligence or gross incompetence;
 - 4. Has engaged in repeated acts of negligence or incompetence;
 - 5. Has had a towing operation registration or license revoked or suspended by any other state, agency or authority for reasons consistent with this section;
 - 6. Has violated or failed to comply on more than three occasions with the schedule of tariff or fee regulations herein; or
 - 7. Upon proof that the applicant or holder of the registration or, if the applicant is an entity, a person with an interest of 10% or more in the applicant or holder of a registration or any towing company in which such person was a person with an interest of 10% or more and was serving in such capacity at the time the conduct or conviction required to be disclosed occurred; or
 - 8. Has been convicted of:
 - (a) A crime under Chapter 11, 12, 13, 14 or 15 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes;
 - (b) Motor vehicle theft or any crime involving a motor vehicle under Chapter 20 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes; or
 - (c) Any other crime under Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes relating adversely to the performance of towing services or the storage of motor vehicles as determined by the Chief of Police.
- b. A final refusal to license or the suspension or revocation of a license by the Township shall not be made except upon reasonable notice to the applicant and an opportunity for the applicant to be heard by the Township Committee.

§ 4-7.8 Rotating List for Rotational Towing.

[Ord. #2253, 10-29-2013, added; Ord. #2404, 9-11-2018, amended]

- a. The Chief of Police is authorized to establish a system of rotation for the assignment of licensed towing operators to provide municipal towing services required pursuant to this section. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(w), the rotation system shall be established on a nondiscriminatory and nonexclusionary basis. Only licensed towing operators with the Township shall be assigned to the rotation list. A towing operator shall be added to the rotation list at any time upon being licensed with the Township pursuant to this section. All new licensed towing operators shall be assigned to the rotation list at the bottom of such list. The rotation list shall be composed so as to permit a reasonable rotation of licensed towing operators. If the towing operator currently on call under the rotation list cannot respond and provide the required municipal towing service, the Township shall move to the next towing operator on the rotation list. If no towing operator on the rotation list is able to respond and provide the required municipal towing service, the Chief of Police may deviate from the rotation list and arrange for another towing operator to provide such service.
- b. Notwithstanding the above rotation list, in the interests of public safety, the Chief of Police, at his/her discretion, taking into account the emergency, safety and location of the situation, may part from the rotation list and call for the closest available towing operator to respond.

§ 4-7.9 Nonconsensual Towing.

[Ord. #2404, 9-11-2018, added]

- a. No person shall tow any motor vehicle parked for an unauthorized purpose from any privately owned parking lot, from other private property or from any common driveway without the consent of the motor vehicle owner or operator, unless the person is registered with the Township, is authorized to act by the owner of the private property as set forth in Paragraph b, and there is posted in a conspicuous place at all vehicular entrances to the property which can easily be seen by the public, a sign no smaller than 36 inches high and 36 inches wide stating:
 1. The purpose or purposes for which parking is authorized and the times during which such parking is permitted;
 2. That unauthorized parking is prohibited and unauthorized motor vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense;
 3. The charges, which shall not exceed the fee specified in ordinances on file with the Municipal Clerk for the towing and storage of towed motor vehicles; and
 4. The tow company name, phone number, -street address of the storage facility where the towed vehicles can be redeemed after payment of the posted charges and the times during which the vehicle may be redeemed.
- b. A towing company shall not remove a motor vehicle from private property without the consent of the owner or operator of the vehicle, without first obtaining the written authorization from the property owner or lessee, or its employee or agent, who shall verify the alleged violation with the Police Department by way of notification pursuant to § 4-7.19 herein below, if it occurs during normal business hours of any premises at the location operated by the property owner or lessee authorizing the removal of the vehicle, except that general authorization in writing shall be sufficient for the removal of a motor vehicle parked on private property within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, standpipe or other water source for fighting fires; in a fire lane; in an identified handicap restricted parking area; in a manner that interferes with the entrance to or exit from the property; or if the violation occurs at a time other than during normal business hours of the premises of the property owner or lessee authorizing the removal of the vehicle.
- c. Except as provided in Paragraph d of this subsection, the owner or person in lawful possession of private property may cause the removal of the motor vehicle parked on the property by a towing company registered and in compliance with this Section 4-7 if signs are posted on the property as required under Paragraph a of this subsection, or if the vehicle is parked on the property for longer than 48 hours.
- d. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a motor vehicle parked on a lot or parcel on which is situated a single-family unit, or an owner-occupied multi-unit structure of not more than six units, or in front of any driveway or garage entrance where the motor vehicle is blocking access to that driveway or garage entrance.
- e. A towing company must release the vehicle to its owner who returns to the vehicle before it is removed from the property. In such instances, the towing company shall only charge the decoupling fee, and not require payment of the full basic tow fee.

§ 4-7.10 Schedule of Services Eligible for Charging Fee; Reasonable Fees.

[Ord. #2253, 10-29-2013, added; Ord. #2404, 9-11-2018, amended]

- a. Rotational towing:
 1. A rotational towing operator may only charge a fee for those towing and storage services set forth as follows, plus the cost of any materials, parts or fuel, unless otherwise provided for in N.J.A.C. 13:45A-31.4:

Basic Tow Fee	Fees (not to exceed)	Fees (not to exceed)
	Day	Night/Weekend/Holiday
Light-duty rate (less than 10,000 G.V.W.)		
Tow	\$125	\$150
Recovery	\$150	\$200
(Basic tow is a flat rate)		
(Recovery is billed per hour, per truck,		
with 1 hour minimum and 30-minute		

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Basic Tow Fee		Fees (not to exceed)	Fees (not to exceed)
		Day	Night/Weekend/Holiday
	increments thereafter)		
Medium-duty rate (10,000 to 32,000 G.V.W.)			
	Tow	\$150	\$200
	Recovery	\$250	\$350
	(Basic tow is a flat rate)		
	(Recovery is billed per hour, per truck, with 1 hour minimum and 30-minute increments thereafter)		
Heavy-duty rate (greater than 32,000 G.V.W.)			
	Tow	\$400	\$450
	Recovery	\$450	\$500
	(Basic tow is a flat rate)		
	(Recovery is billed per hour, per truck, with 1 hour minimum and 30-minute increments thereafter)		
Storage		Fees (not to exceed)	Fees (not to exceed)
		Outside	Inside
Light-duty (per day)		\$35	\$50
Medium-duty (per day)		\$75	\$100
Heavy-duty (per day)		\$100	\$200
Mileage		\$4 per mile from scene or site of tow	
Road service		\$75 per call	
Decoupling fee		\$25 per call	
Clean-up labor charge		\$50 per hour	

2. A towing operator may not charge a service fee for towing and storage services which are ancillary to and shall be included as part of basic towing services and is not included in the schedule approved by the Township.
3. A towing operator must accept all forms of payment, such as a debit card, charge card or credit card, for payment in lieu of cash for towing or storage services if the operator ordinarily accepts such payment at his place of business.
4. A towing operator that engages in private property towing or other nonconsensual towing shall calculate storage fees based upon full twenty-four-hour periods a motor vehicle is in the storage facility. For example, if a motor vehicle is towed to a storage facility at 7:00 p.m. on one day and the owner of the motor vehicle picks up the motor vehicle on or before 7:00 p.m. the next day, the towing operator shall only charge the owner of the motor vehicle for one day of storage. If a motor vehicle is stored for more than 24 hours, but less than 48 hours, the towing operator may only charge for two days of storage.
5. A bill for private property tow or other nonconsensual tow shall include the time at which a towed motor vehicle was delivered to a towing company's storage facility.
6. Municipal storage rates. Storage fees to be charged to or on account of the Township for the storage of Township-owned or -operated vehicles shall not exceed those fees permitted by N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.50.
7. The Township Committee may annually change the fees set forth herein by duly adopted resolution.
- b. Nonconsensual:
 1. A towing company may only charge a service fee for the following schedule of towing and storage services, unless otherwise provided for by state law:

Service Provided	Fees (not to exceed)
Full basic tow fee	\$100
Administration fee	\$30
Storage fee	
Inside storage, per day	\$35
Outside storage, per day	\$25
Decoupling fee	\$25

2. A towing company may not charge a service fee for towing and storage services which are ancillary to and shall be included as part of basic towing services, and is not included in the schedule approved by the Township.
3. A towing company must accept all forms of payment, such as a debit card, charge card or credit card, for payment in lieu of cash for towing or storage services if the operator ordinarily accepts such payment at his place of business.
4. A towing company that engages in private property towing or other nonconsensual towing shall calculate storage fees based upon full twenty-four-hour periods a motor vehicle is in the storage facility. For example, if a motor vehicle is towed to a storage facility at 7:00 p.m. on one day and the owner of the motor vehicle picks up the motor vehicle on or before 7:00 p.m. the next day, the towing company shall only charge the owner of the motor vehicle for one day of storage. If a motor vehicle is stored for more than 24 hours, but less than 48 hours, the towing company may only charge for two days of storage.

§ 4-7.11 Insurance Requirements.

[Ord. #2253, 10-29-2013, added; Ord. #2404, 9-11-2018, amended]

In addition to the insurance requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 45A-31.3, as may be amended from time to time, all licensed towing operators providing municipal towing services must maintain the following insurance policies, naming the Township as an additional insured:

- a. Motor vehicle liability for a tow truck capable of towing a motor vehicle that is up to 26,000 pounds, for the death of or injury to persons and damage to property for each accident or occurrence in the amount of \$750,000, single limit; and
- b. Motor vehicle liability for a tow truck capable of towing a motor vehicle that is more than 26,000 pounds, for the death of or injury to persons and damage to property for each accident or occurrence in the amount of \$1,000,000, single limit.
- c. ~~Garagekeeper's~~ Garage keeper's policy: a ~~garagekeeper's~~ garage keeper's liability policy in the minimum amount of \$100,000, and on-hook coverage, for each vehicle damaged on a separate claim.
- d. Garage liability policy: a garage liability policy covering the applicant's business, equipment and vehicles in the minimum amount of \$500,000 for any one person injured or killed, and a minimum of \$1,000,000 for more than one person killed or injured in any accident and an additional \$100,000 for any damage arising from injury to or destruction of property, and/or a combined single limit of \$1,000,000. In addition to each policy containing an endorsement showing the Township as an additional insured, such policy shall also provide an endorsement entitling the Township to 30 days' prior written notice to the Chief of Police in the event of any change in coverage under the policy, or in the event of the cancellation of the policy.
- e. Worker's compensation policy: a worker's compensation policy covering all of the applicant's employees and operators, containing statutory coverage, including liability coverage of at least \$100,000 for each accident per person, \$500,000 policy aggregate limit per disease, and \$100,000 for each disease per person.
- f. Umbrella liability insurance policy in the amount of ~~\$5~~2,000,000.

§ 4-7.12 Indemnification.

[Ord. #2253, 10-29-2013, added; Ord. #2404, 9-11-2018, amended]

Any license issued by the Township to a towing operator pursuant to this section shall include a provision whereupon the licensed towing operator assumes all liability and shall indemnify and save the Township, its committees, boards, departments, agents, and employees, harmless from damages or losses sustained by vehicles while being towed, stored or released from the towing operator's possession, and from all personal injuries and property damage occurring to any persons or property as a result of the performance of the towing operator's services, including, but not limited to, towing, storage, or other such activities relating to the municipal towing services. All responsibility for the release of a stored vehicle shall be on the towing operator only.

§ 4-7.13 Storage Facilities.

[Ord. #2253, 10-29-2013, added; Ord. #2404, 9-11-2018, amended]

- a. The towing operator providing towing services must tow all vehicles to a storage facility meeting the following requirements:
 1. Has a business office opened to the public between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at least five days a week, excluding holidays;
 2. Have the ability to provide inside vehicular storage;
 3. Have the ability to store a minimum of six vehicles;
 4. Is safe and secured, such as being completely fenced in;
 5. If it is an outdoor storage facility, lighted from dusk to dawn; and
 6. Is located within 10 driving miles of any Township border.
- b. The towing operator shall provide reasonable accommodations for after-hours release of stored motor vehicles and shall not charge a release fee or other charge for releasing motor vehicles to their owners after normal business hours or on weekends.

§ 4-7.14 Rotational Towing Standards of Towing Operator Performance.

[Ord. #2253, 10-29-2013, added; Ord. #2404, 9-11-2018, amended]

All towing operators who have been licensed with the Township to provide rotational towing services shall be obligated to comply with the following duties and regulations:

- a. Remove and tow to the designated storage facility all vehicles directed by the Chief of Police to be removed and towed because such vehicles are, in the Chief of Police's sole discretion designated as abandoned, illegally parked, disabled, involved in an accident, or to be impounded because of criminal or other investigation. At the sole discretion of the Chief of Police, taking into consideration safety concerns, the owner or operator of a disabled vehicle may be permitted to arrange for the vehicle to be towed by a towing operator of his/her choice.
- b. Store such vehicles and move such vehicles as directed by Chief of Police. When not otherwise directed or required by the Chief of Police, the owner or operator of a disabled vehicle may request that the vehicle be towed to a location other than the designated storage facility. Upon direction of the Chief of Police, the towing operator shall not release a vehicle towed which is subject to a criminal investigation, including, without limitation, compliance with "John's Law," without prior authorization by the Chief of Police.
- c. Provide twenty-four-hour, seven-day-a-week service to the Township during the term of the license.
- d. Not utilize answering machines or answering services when on call under the rotation list.

- e. Respond promptly to all requests for municipal towing services by the Chief of Police. In any event, the towing operator shall respond and be present at the location (all locations within the Township) for municipal towing services within ~~45~~20 minutes of receipt of notice of same between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (hereinafter "daytime"), and within 25 minutes of receipt of notice between the hours of 5:01 p.m. and 7:59 a.m. (hereinafter "nighttime"). In the event a towing operator does not arrive at the tow location within the above time periods, the police officer on the scene shall have the right to have a substitute towing operator called to the location who will have the right to perform the municipal towing services; and the originally called towing operator shall have no right to payment from any party.
- f. Not charge any fee for replacement of equipment or materials provided at the scene of the tow.
- g. ~~Tow any and all disabled Township owned or operated vehicles upon request by the Chief of Police to a location within the Township. The towing operator will not charge the Township for the towing of Township-owned passenger vehicles or pick up trucks within two miles of the Township border to a location within the Township. All other towing of Township owned or operated vehicles shall be charged pursuant to Subsection 4-7.10 at a discount of 20%. Nothing herein shall limit the Township from utilizing the towing services provided for in any public bid contract.~~
- h. Clean up all broken glass, ~~and~~ debris and motor vehicle fluids at the scene of accidents. (All towing operators must be equipped with a broom, ~~and a~~ shovel and absorbent materials for auto fluids (speedy dry).)
- i. Ensure that all drivers and operators of the towing operator must wear ANSI Class 3 reflective safety vests at all times when responding to a request by the Township.
- j. Furnish additional towing equipment and services during storm periods, periods of snow emergencies, traffic emergencies, natural or other disasters, any acts of God, and for any other reason when so designated by the Chief of Police. Such standby service shall begin and end when the Chief of Police notifies the towing operator. The Township reserves the right, during any such emergency, to designate temporary areas owned or leased by the Township and/or the towing operator for the storage of disabled vehicles, and to direct the towing operator to remove such disabled vehicles to said areas.
- k. A copy of all documents of all vehicles towed and/or stored as prescribed by this ordinance shall be sent to the police department on a monthly basis. This will be done in a manner prescribed by the police department. The Chief of Police and retain such records for a period consistent with records retention schedules subject to the Open Public Records Act.
- l. ~~In all of the towing operator's dealings with the public, the towing operator shall act in a professional manner, courteous at all times, and respectful to members of the public, as well as representatives of the Township. Reports of discourteous behavior by the towing operator or his/her drivers will be handled as per section 4-7.16, which may be substantiated and documented shall be considered by the Township as sufficient cause for revocation and termination of the towing operator's license, and be considered as material default under any license entered into with a towing operator pursuant to this section.~~
- l. As per N.J.S.A. No motor vehicle which has been impounded pursuant to the laws of this State shall be released by the State or local law enforcement authority which impounded the vehicle unless proof of valid motor vehicle insurance for that vehicle is presented to the law enforcement authority. The recovery or salvage of the impounded motor vehicle by, or on behalf of, an insurer, financial institution or other lending entity shall not require proof of valid motor vehicle insurance for that vehicle.

§ 4-7.15 Solicitation.

[Ord. #2253, 10-29-2013, added; Ord. #2404, 9-11-2018, amended]

All persons, towing operators, and owners of towing equipment are hereby prohibited from soliciting business at the scenes of accidents and emergencies within the Township.

§ 4-7.16 Complaints and Dispute Resolution.

[Ord. #2253, 10-29-2013, added; Ord. #2404, 9-11-2018, amended]

Any person having a dispute or complaint arising from a specific act of towing services or storage of motor vehicles which is regulated by this section shall present that complaint or dispute to the Chief of Police for resolution. The Chief of Police shall render his/her decision as to how the said complaint or dispute is to be resolved within 15 business days of his/her conducting a hearing as to the same. Such hearing can be in person, by telephone or on written presentation at the election of the Chief of Police. In the event of an adverse decision against a licensed towing operator, said license may be revoked. Any appeal of the Chief of Police's decision may be appealed to the governing body of the Township. The towing operator will be responsible for the conduct of their employees.

§ 4-7.17 Violations; Enforcement and Penalties.

[Ord. #2253, 10-29-2013, added; Ord. #2404, 9-11-2018, amended]

- a. This section shall be enforced by the Bernards Township Police Department.
- b. Any violation of the provisions of this section shall subject such violator, upon issuance of a summons and conviction in municipal court, and at the court's discretion, to the fines and penalties set forth in Township's General Penalty Ordinance for each such violation.

- c. Any violation of the provisions of this section may also subject the violator to a revocation or nonissuance of the license with the Township. If a towing operator's license is revoked pursuant to this provision, such towing operator is barred from reapplying to the Township for a period of three years from the date of the revocation.
- d. In addition to any penalties or other remedies provided herein, the towing operator that has billed a person an amount in excess of the fee specified in this section for the service provided shall reimburse such person for the excess cost.

§ 4-7.18 Unlawful Practices for Non-Consensual Towing.

[Ord. #2404, 9-11-2018, added]

It shall be an unlawful practice for any towing company:

- a. Provision of schedule of fees.
 - 1. Except as otherwise provided in Paragraph 2 of this subsection, to fail to provide the person whose motor vehicle is to be towed, prior to providing any towing services, a written schedule of fees.
 - 2. To fail to provide the schedule and information required under Paragraph 1 of this subsection immediately upon being contacted by the person whose motor vehicle was towed, if that person was not present at the time the towing services were provided.
- b. To make, give, or cause any undue or unreasonable preference or advantage or undue or unreasonable prejudice or disadvantage to any person in any particular locality, with respect to providing towing services.
- c. To give any benefit or advantage, including a pecuniary benefit, to any person for providing information about motor vehicles parked for unauthorized purposes on privately owned property or otherwise in connection with towing from privately owned property motor vehicles parked without authorization. Nothing in this section shall preclude a towing company, acting on behalf of a club or association, from charging members of the club or association a fee at a rate established by contract between the towing company and the club or association which is lower than the rate specified in the towing company's schedule on file with the Township, provided that membership in such club or association is generally available to the public.
- d. To fail, when so requested by the owner or operator of a vehicle subject to nonconsensual towing, to release a vehicle to the owner or operator that has been, or is about to be, hooked or lifted but has not actually been moved or removed from the property when the vehicle owner or operator returns to the vehicle, or to charge the owner or operator requesting release of the vehicle more than the decoupling fee.
- e. To charge any fee other than those charges established by municipal ordinance, or the rate specified in the towing company's schedule on file with the Township, or to charge a fee in an amount or for a service not listed on the schedule on file with the Township at the time. Nothing in this section shall preclude a towing company, acting on behalf of a club or association, from charging members of the club or association a fee at a rate established by contract between the towing company and the club or association which is lower than the rate specified in the towing company's schedule on file with the Township, provided that membership in such club or association is generally available to the public.
- f. To refuse to accept for payment in lieu of cash or an insurance company check for towing or storage services, such as a debit card, charge card or credit card, if the operator ordinarily accepts such payment at his place of business.

§ 4-7.19 Notification to Police Department.

[Ord. #2404, 9-11-2018, added]

The towing of any vehicle without the consent of the owner must be reported to the Bernards Township Police Department prior to the removal of the vehicle from the property. The towing operator must advise the Police Department of the time and place from which the vehicle was towed, the license number, the vehicle identification number, the make, the model and color of the vehicle, and the location to which the vehicle was towed, in order to provide the Police Department the opportunity to verify that the license number matches the vehicle identification number.

NEW BUSINESS

2021 Municipal Budget and Golf Utility Budget - Presentation, User Friendly Budget Form

CFO McCarthy gave a presentation of the proposed 2022 Municipal Operating Budget and Golf Utility Budget. The overall proposed municipal budget is \$43,933.073 which is an increase of 1.98% over the 2021 budget with the municipal services tax rate of \$0.299. The increase on the average home will be roughly \$56.89. The budget includes Coronavirus state and local fiscal recovery funds (SLFRF) totaling \$2,830.028.38 with funds being delivered in 2 installments. A public hearing for the budget is scheduled for 04/26/2022.

Appropriations Summary

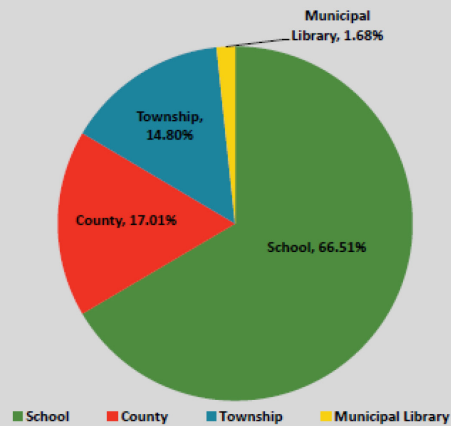
Budget Category	2022 Budget Appropriations	2021 Budget Appropriations	2022 Budget Requests	
			% +/- (2022 - 2021)	\$ +/- (2022 - 2021)
S&W (Less Library & Grants)	\$ 11,633,747.28	\$ 11,337,878.46	2.61%	\$ 295,868.82
OE (Less Library & Grants)	\$ 14,429,522.95	\$ 14,094,310.25	2.38%	\$ 335,212.70
Library	\$ 2,438,067	\$ 2,389,934	2.01%	\$ 48,133.00
CAP Adjustment Provision	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 4,000,000	0.00%	\$ -
Operations	\$ 32,501,337	\$ 31,822,123	2.13%	\$ 679,214.52
Public & Private Grants	\$ 1,429,294	\$ 1,149,499	24.34%	\$ 279,795.18
Capital	\$ 5,666,486	\$ 5,260,675	7.71%	\$ 405,810.81
RFUT	\$ 4,335,956	\$ 4,265,679	1.65%	\$ 70,276.96
Total	\$ 43,933,073	\$ 42,497,976	3.38%	\$ 1,435,097.47
Total Approp Less Capital, Grants & RFUT	\$ 32,501,337.23	\$ 31,822,122.71	2.13%	\$ 679,214.52

Estimated Tax Rate and Levy

	2022	2021
<u>ESTIMATED RATES</u>	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>
School Rate Unofficial (Estimate)	\$ 1.344	\$ 1.403
County Rate Unofficial (Estimate)	\$ 0.314	\$ 0.328
County Open Space Rate	\$ 0.030	\$ 0.032
Township	\$ 0.299	\$ 0.312
Municipal Library Tax Levy Law	\$ 0.034	\$ 0.035
	\$ 2.021	\$ 2.110

	2022	2021
<u>ESTIMATED TAX LEVIES</u>	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>
School	\$ 96,770,773.14	\$ 94,873,307.00
County	\$ 22,613,265.40	\$ 22,169,868.04
County Open Space	\$ 2,138,993.09	\$ 2,097,052.05
Township	\$ 21,540,783.57	\$ 21,121,995.45
Municipal Library Tax Levy Law	\$ 2,438,067.00	\$ 2,389,934.00
	\$ 145,501,882.20	\$ 142,652,156.54

Bernards Twp Tax Levy by Category 2022



2022 Capital Budget

	2021	2022	\$ +/-
Buildings	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 415,000.00	\$ 115,000.00
Emergency Equipment BRFA\$	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 66,800.00	\$ 20,800.00
Emergency Equipment BRFC	\$ 172,275.00	\$ 231,800.00	\$ 59,525.00
Emergency Equipment LCFC	\$ 178,000.00	\$ 210,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
Engineering	\$ 4,075,000.00	\$ 4,790,000.00	\$ 715,000.00
Grounds	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 57,500.00	\$ (27,500.00)
Motor Vehicle Fleet	\$ 260,000.00	\$ 557,500.00	\$ 297,500.00
Parks and Recreation	\$ 195,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ (115,000.00)
Police	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 8,500.00
Pool	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
Streets and Roads	\$ 395,000.00	\$ 440,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
Systems Administration	\$ 65,400.00	\$ 65,400.00	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 5,860,675.00	\$ 7,081,500.00	\$ 1,220,825.00

2022 Golf Utility Budget

	Appropriated 2022	Appropriated 2021	\$ +/- 2022 vs 2021
Total Revenue	\$ 419,841.22	\$ 376,492.26	\$ 43,348.96
Salaries & Wages	\$ 106,840.96	\$ 78,600.00	\$ 28,240.96
Other Expenses	\$ 313,000.26	\$ 297,892.26	\$ 15,108.00
Total Budget	\$ 419,841.22	\$ 376,492.26	\$ 43,348.96

Township committee members praised the budget and thanked the staff for being able to produce this budget, keeping the overall costs in-line with past budgets and the “pay-as-you-go” philosophy.

[Resolution #2022-0180](#) – Introduction of the 2022 Budget and Municipal Budget Notice of the Township of Bernards, County of Somerset for Fiscal Year 2022

Motion by Fields, second by McNally, that Resolution #2022-0180 be approved.

Roll Call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget be published in the Courier News in the issue of April 4, 2022; with a public hearing to be held on April 26, 2022; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the Year 2022.

GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR:

Appropriations within the "CAPS"	\$ 28,561,388.92
Appropriations excluded from "CAPS"	\$ 11,035,728.21
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$ 4,335,956.09
Total General Appropriations	\$ 43,933,073.22

Less Anticipated Revenues Other Than Current Property Tax \$ 19,954,222.65

Difference:

Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Budget	\$ 21,540,783.57
Municipal Library Tax Levy	\$ 2,438,067.00
Total Levy	\$ 23,978,850.57

Resolution #2022-0181 – Introduction of the 2022 Utility Budget and Utility Budget Notice of the Self-Liquidating Golf Utility of the Township of Bernards, County of Somerset for Fiscal Year 2022

Motion by Fields, second by Asay, that Resolution #2022-0181 be approved with a public hearing on 4/26/22.

Roll Call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget be published in the Courier News in the issue of April 4, 2022; with a public hearing to be held on April 26, 2022; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the Year 2022.

GOLF GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR:

Appropriations – Salary & Wages	\$ 106,840.96
Appropriations – Operating Expenses	\$ 313,000.26
Total Appropriations	\$ 419,841.22

Less Anticipated Revenues \$ 419,841.22

Difference: \$ 0.00

Resolution #2022-0182 – Emergency Temporary Appropriation – Operations

Motion by Fields, second by Asay, that Resolution #2022-0182 be approved.

Roll Call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to the fact that the Township of Bernards is expected to enter into contracts, commitments or payments prior to the 2022 Budget adoption, and no adequate provision has been made in the 2022 temporary appropriations for the aforesaid purpose; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for said purpose above mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2022 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$26,889,455.92

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

1. Emergency temporary appropriations are hereby made in a total amount of \$26,889,455.92 as follows:

General Administration S&W	262,674.33
General Administration OE	14,975.00
Human Resources S&W	168,368.58
Township Committee S&W	30,798.00
Township Committee S&W	27,200.00
Township Committee OE	35,825.00
Municipal Clerk S&W	197,857.28
Municipal Clerk OE	32,380.00
Financial Administration S&W	264,120.38
Financial Administration OE	28,025.81
Audit Services	26,035.00
Purchasing Administration S&W	84,749.86
Purchasing Administration OE	17,187.00
Computer Network Administration S&W	308,314.01
Computer Network Administration OE	257,423.45
Revenue Administration S&W	71,696.54
Revenue Administration OE	39,600.19
Tax Assessment Administration S&W	301,273.15
Tax Assessment Administration OE	55,135.00
Legal Services	505,000.00
Engineering Services S&W	534,777.42
Engineering Services OE	70,510.00
Total General Government	3,333,926.00
Planning Board S&W	103,035.47
Planning Board OE	107,465.00
Bd. of Adjustment S&W	171,745.87
Bd. of Adjustment OE	75,700.00
Environmental Commission S&W	1,200.00
Environmental Commission OE	725.00
Total Land Use Administration	459,871.34
Code Enforcement S&W	653,978.81
Code Enforcement OE	377,545.88
Total Code Enforcement	1,031,524.69
Liability Insurance	493,064.44
Workers Compensation Insurance	259,629.14
Employee Group Insurance (SHBP only)	1,723,757.97
Waiver from Health Coverage	73,880.00
Employee Benefits (other)	105,425.09
Unemployment Insurance	19,000.00
Total Insurance	2,674,756.64
Police S&W	4,850,189.07
Police OE	234,605.00
Crossing Guards S&W	125,000.00
Crossing Guards OE	12,250.00
Police Cars	110,000.00
Office of Emergency Mgt. S&W	16,000.00
Office of Emergency Mgt. OE	20,000.00
Aid to Volunteer Fire Companies	110,000.00
Aid to Volunteer Ambulance	30,000.00
Fire Official S&W	137,218.27

Fire Official / Fire Hydrants OE	449,870.80
Municipal Prosecutor	
Total Public Safety	6,095,133.14
Streets and Road Maintenance S&W	1,402,686.69
Streets and Road Maintenance OE	434,100.00
Streets and Road Maint. - Snow S&W	190,000.00
Streets and Road Maint. - Snow OE	589,500.00
Vehicle Maintenance S&W	237,894.85
Vehicle Maintenance OE	361,700.00
Solid Waste Collection S&W	75,500.00
Solid Waste Collection OE	25,500.00
Public Buildings S&W	174,987.55
Public Buildings OE	260,700.00
Other Public Works Functions - Shade Tree S&W	1,500.00
Other Public Works Functions - Shade Tree OE	3,780.00
Other Public Works Functions - St.Lt.Maint. OE	39,000.00
Municipal Services Act OE	178,790.00
Total Public Works Functions	3,975,639.09
Public Health Services S&W	367,929.31
Public Health Services OE	84,300.00
Animal Control Services S&W	53,382.11
Contributions to Social Svc. Agencies	23,300.00
Total Health and Human Services	528,911.42
Recreation Svcs. & Programs S&W	449,107.96
Recreation Svcs. & Programs OE	257,095.00
Grounds S&W	549,753.40
Grounds OE	139,200.00
Pool Commission S&W	379,976.01
Pool Commission OE	276,482.42
Total Parks and Recreation Functions	2,051,614.79
Community Service S&W	68,017.91
Community Service OE	8,200.00
Pay for Performance - S&W	76,553.78
Deer Task Force S&W	7,800.00
Deer Task Force OE	31,375.00
Charter Day S&W	3,500.00
Charter Day OE	15,500.00
Labor Day Bike Races S&W	2,350.00
Labor Day Bike Races OE	515.00
Total Other Common Operating Functions	213,811.69
Utilities	646,057.04
Total Utilities and Bulk Purchases	646,057.04
Solid Waste Disposal S&W	78,447.91
Solid Waste Disposal OE	118,000.00
Total Landfill/Solid Waste Disposal Costs	196,447.91
Public Employees Retirement System	994,082.17
Social Security	836,360.00
Police & Fire Retirement System	1,400,253.00
Defined Contribution Retirement System	13,000.00
Total Statutory Expenditures	3,243,695.17
Municipal Library S&W	1,279,793.51
Municipal Library OE	1,158,273.49
Total Education Functions	2,438,067.00
Total Temporary Emergency	26,889,455.92

2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2022 budget.
3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director, Division of Local Government Services.

Resolution #2022-0183 – Emergency Temporary Appropriation-Golf

Motion by Grochala, second by Asay, that Resolution #2022-0183 be approved.

Roll Call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to the fact that the Township of Bernards is expected to enter into contracts, commitments or payments prior to the 2022 Budget adoption, and no adequate provision has been made in the 2022 temporary appropriations for the aforesaid purpose; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for said purpose above mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2022 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$419,841.22.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S. 40A:4-20:

1. Emergency temporary appropriations are hereby made in a total amount of \$419,841.22 as follows:

Temporary Appropriations – Golf S&W	\$ 106,840.96
Temporary Appropriations – Golf O.E.	\$ 313,000.26
Total Temporary Emergency Appropriations:	\$ 419,841.22

2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2022 budget.
3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director, Division of Local Government Services.

Resolution #2022-0184 - Authorizing the Bernards Township Chief Financial Officer to Conduct the Annual Budget Examination

Motion by Grochala, second by Fields, that Resolution #2022-0184 be approved.

Roll Call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Township of Bernards has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2022 budget year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Township of Bernards that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.
2. That the provision relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

Resolution #2022-0150 - Proclaiming Arbor Day in Bernards Township

Motion by McNally, second by Grochala, and unanimously agreed that Resolution ##2022-0150 be approved.

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees in our township increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Township Committee of the Township of Bernards does hereby proclaim April 29, 2022, as Arbor Day; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that in the community of Bernards township, we urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands to support our town's urban forestry program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, we urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

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 Fields, that the Consent Agenda be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally, Baldassare

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Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried.

****Begin Consent Agenda****

Resolution #2022-0169 - Approval of the Bill List Dated 03/29/2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that the bill list dated 03/29/2022 be audited, and if found correct, be paid.

Check #	Check Date	Vendor	Amount Paid	Reconciled/Void Ref Num
131895	03/29/22	90019 CENTRELLI, DAVID	40.72	1633 Direct Deposit
131896	03/29/22	90026 DEPOORTERE, PAT	25.86	1633 Direct Deposit
131897	03/29/22	90071 KRUKOWSKI, RICHARD	27.00	1633 Direct Deposit
131898	03/29/22	90239 SCHLEY, DAVID L	350.00	1633 Direct Deposit
131899	03/29/22	90310 FALLON, BRIAN	1,032.46	1633 Direct Deposit
131900	03/29/22	90343 WORTHINGTON, COURTNEY	27.00	1633 Direct Deposit
131901	03/29/22	90370 MATTHEWS, STEVEN	42.64	1633 Direct Deposit
131902	03/29/22	90507 GANDER, JENNIFER	22.30	1633 Direct Deposit
131903	03/29/22	90535 YEAGER, ROBERT	27.00	1633 Direct Deposit
131904	03/29/22	90537 KRUKOWSKI, JEFFREY	27.00	1633 Direct Deposit
131905	03/29/22	90558 DAVENPORT, DOUGLAS	27.00	1633 Direct Deposit
131906	03/29/22	90563 CARTOCCIO, KAITLIN	60.00	1633 Direct Deposit
131907	03/29/22	90570 BERCARI, ANDREW	27.00	1633 Direct Deposit
131908	03/29/22	90578 ZIMMERMAN, CHRISTOPHER	148.91	1633 Direct Deposit
131909	03/29/22	90608 UNTAMO, TRAVIS MILLER	27.00	1633 Direct Deposit
131910	03/29/22	90666 MCCREA, ALEC	395.00	1633 Direct Deposit
131911	03/29/22	90671 DOWD, NANCY	203.70	1633 Direct Deposit
131912	03/29/22	90674 NYDEGGER, RUSSELL	256.39	1633 Direct Deposit
131913	03/29/22	90676 WOLLNY, CHRISTOPHER	27.00	1633 Direct Deposit
131914	03/29/22	90677 BEGRAFT, GERALYN	99.00	1633 Direct Deposit
131915	03/29/22	90685 PEARCE, VINCENT (AL)	27.00	1633 Direct Deposit
131916	03/29/22	90709 OSTRANDER, TYLER	26.03	1633 Direct Deposit
131917	03/29/22	90714 WILLIAMS, BRANDON	134.99	1633 Direct Deposit
131918	03/29/22	A0044 APPROVED FIRE PROTECTION SYS	2,074.83	1633 Direct Deposit
131919	03/29/22	A0150 ATLANTIC SALT, INC.	64,427.84	1633 Direct Deposit
131920	03/29/22	A0453 AMAZON.COM	1,775.71	1633 Direct Deposit
131921	03/29/22	D0020 DELTA DENTAL OF NJ	12,586.15	1633 Direct Deposit
131922	03/29/22	D0033 DEMCO, INC	317.91	1633 Direct Deposit
131923	03/29/22	E0224 EXCELLENT BUILDING SERVICES	2,745.00	1633 Direct Deposit
131924	03/29/22	N0297 NORTHERN SAFETY CO., INC.	116.90	1633 Direct Deposit
131925	03/29/22	N0482 NICOLETTI SNOW REMOVAL LLC	8,340.00	1633 Direct Deposit
131926	03/29/22	O0021 OFFICE DEPOT	35.98	1633 Direct Deposit
131927	03/29/22	R0824 REPUBLIC SERVICES OF NJ LLC	1,250.00	1633 Direct Deposit
131928	03/29/22	S1176 STONEFIELD ENG. & DESIGNS LLC	3,720.00	1633 Direct Deposit
131929	03/29/22	S1177 SAL ELECTRIC CO., INC.	3,018.81	1633 Direct Deposit
131930	03/29/22	T0066 CENGAGE LEARNING CREDIT SVCS	178.44	1633 Direct Deposit
131931	03/29/22	T0192 TURN OUT UNIFORMS INC	721.92	1633 Direct Deposit
131932	03/29/22	T0378 THE GUARDIAN LIFE INS CO OF AM	83.40	1633 Direct Deposit
131933	03/29/22	V0020 VILLAGE OFFICE SUPPLY	147.50	1633 Direct Deposit
131934	03/29/22	W0339 W.B. MASON	274.41	1633 Direct Deposit
131935	03/29/22	72067 HOROWITZ, ROBERT I.	700.00	1634
131936	03/29/22	77049 195 MORRISTOWN ROAD LLC	3,532.66	1634
131937	03/29/22	A0716 ACB SERVICES INC	2,660.00	1634
131938	03/29/22	A0730 ARYA, PAYAL OR GUARAV	175.00	1634
131939	03/29/22	B0001 BAKER & TAYLOR, INC.	4,079.64	1634
131940	03/29/22	B0017 BRIDGEWATER RESOURCES, INC.	1,284.41	1634
131941	03/29/22	B0026 BERNARDS TOWNSHIP CURRENT	2,908.58	1634
131942	03/29/22	B0029 BERNARDS TWP BD OF EDUCATION	7,980,080.00	1634
131943	03/29/22	B0034 BERNARDS TOWNSHIP PAYROLL ACCT	544,159.12	1634
131944	03/29/22	B0098 BERNARDS TOWNSHIP (RECREATION)	6,303.92	1634
131945	03/29/22	B0145 BASKING RIDGE GARDEN CLUB	500.00	1634
131946	03/29/22	B0154 ASSA ABLOY/BESAM	392.25	1634
131947	03/29/22	B0831 BADGE COMPANY OF NJ LLC	1,400.00	1634
131948	03/29/22	C0136 RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY	375.00	1634
131949	03/29/22	C0200 CALIBRE PRESS, INC.	495.00	1634
131950	03/29/22	C0345 COURIER NEWS SUBSCRIPTIONS	537.78	1634
131951	03/29/22	C0522 CHATHAM LAWNMOWER SALES & SVC	471.40	1634
131952	03/29/22	C0584 COMBAT SPORTS, LLC	400.00	1634
131953	03/29/22	C0681 CAST TECHNOLOGY, INC	382.50	1634
131954	03/29/22	C0811 COASTAL METAL RECYCLING CORP	132.00	1634
131955	03/29/22	C0852 CUNDER, JOE	300.00	1634
131956	03/29/22	C0920 CENTRAL JERSEY EQUIP SALES LLC	2,478.60	1634
131957	03/29/22	C0938 COLONIAL BOWLING & ENTERTAIN.	611.75	1634
131958	03/29/22	D0322 DELL MARKETING, L.P.	1,537.36	1634
131959	03/29/22	D0635 DELAMATER, JAMES	580.00	1634
131960	03/29/22	D0740 DOVER BRAKE & CLUTCH	941.61	1634
131961	03/29/22	D0857 DIXON, JESSICA	200.00	1634
131962	03/29/22	E0270 EBERSBACH, ROBERT	900.00	1634
131963	03/29/22	E0284 ENVIROPROBE SERVICE, INC	850.00	1634
131964	03/29/22	F0001 FEDEX	23.95	1634
131965	03/29/22	F0024 FISCHER, JOSEPH	950.00	1634
131966	03/29/22	F0123 FODALE, EDWARD	300.00	1634
131967	03/29/22	F0148 FAIRFIELD MAINTENANCE INC	2,000.00	1634
131968	03/29/22	F0324 FLAGSHIP DENTAL PLANS	250.40	1634
131969	03/29/22	F0376 FAMILY ADVENTURES MILLTOWN	519.80	1634
131970	03/29/22	F0378 FAIRWAY GREEN, INC.	609.00	1634
131971	03/29/22	F0430 FEINGOLD, RICK	200.00	1634
131972	03/29/22	G0066 GRAINGER INC	228.58	1634
131973	03/29/22	G0098 JCP&L	7,757.85	1634
131974	03/29/22	G0509 GREEN ROCK RECYCLING	1,540.00	1634
131975	03/29/22	G0675 GALEONE, HEIDI	460.00	1634
131976	03/29/22	G0685 GRABOWSKI, IWONA	440.00	1634
131977	03/29/22	H0246 HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	820.14	1634
131978	03/29/22	I0013 INSTITUTE FOR PROF.DEVELOPMENT	50.00	1634

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131979	03/29/22	I0170	IONESCU, ADRIAN	800.00	1634
131980	03/29/22	J0256	JAFARY, AHMAR	175.00	1634
131981	03/29/22	K0039	KOBESKY, GREGG S.	760.00	1634
131982	03/29/22	K0059	KAYSER, JOHN P	470.00	1634
131983	03/29/22	K0259	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	108.92	1634
131984	03/29/22	K0331	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	82.60	1634
131985	03/29/22	K0331	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	133.42	1634
131986	03/29/22	K0412	KISKER, STEPHEN OR JENNIFER	50.00	1634
131987	03/29/22	L0408	LOUJOR LLC	652.50	1634
131988	03/29/22	M0008	MILLINGTON QUARRY, INC.	165.66	1634
131989	03/29/22	M0055	MCASC	80.00	1634
131990	03/29/22	M0493	MCELROY, DEUTSCH, MULVANEY &	6,105.00	1634
131991	03/29/22	M1011	MICROGRAPHIC-COMPUTER SERVICES	185.00	1634
131992	03/29/22	N0006	NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER CO.	0.00	03/29/22 VOID 0
131993	03/29/22	N0006	NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER CO.	3,687.58	1634
131994	03/29/22	N0050	NJ SHADE TREE FEDERATION	145.00	1634
131995	03/29/22	N0244	NORTHERN TOOL & EQUIPMENT CO.	465.35	1634
131996	03/29/22	N0389	NJ MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION	60.00	1634
131997	03/29/22	N0462	N M PREMIUM FOODS, INC	133.60	1634
131998	03/29/22	N0470	NATIONWIDE	146.70	1634
131999	03/29/22	N0489	NU-TEK ROOFING SYSTEMS	18,700.00	1634
132000	03/29/22	O0100	OVERDRIVE, INC.	119.05	1634
132001	03/29/22	P0511	PERFORMANCE TRAILERS INC.	19,100.00	1634
132002	03/29/22	P0538	PROVIDENT LIFE & ACCIDENT	60.04	1634
132003	03/29/22	P0725	PENCZAK, JOSEPH	200.00	1634
132004	03/29/22	P0726	PEREIRA, JEFF	200.00	1634
132005	03/29/22	P0727	119 PENN LYLE RD LLC	87.50	1634
132006	03/29/22	R0005	RECORDER PUBLISHING CO., INC	33.15	1634
132007	03/29/22	R0005	RECORDER PUBLISHING CO., INC	7.65	1634
132008	03/29/22	R0005	RECORDER PUBLISHING CO., INC	130.00	1634
132009	03/29/22	R0023	RICHIES TIRE SERVICE, INC.	2,318.52	1634
132010	03/29/22	R0025	RIDGE RESTAURANT	158.55	1634
132011	03/29/22	R0493	RIDGE BAGEL & CAFE	504.57	1634
132012	03/29/22	R0821	RER SUPPLY LLC	705.00	1634
132013	03/29/22	R0828	REID, JASON C.	100.00	1634
132014	03/29/22	S0101	STICKEL, KOENIG, SULLIVAN&DRILL	1,209.00	1634
132015	03/29/22	S0105	FUNPLEX	1,617.00	1634
132016	03/29/22	S0275	SCOTT, MICHAEL I	1,150.00	1634
132017	03/29/22	S0524	STATE TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY	225.00	1634
132018	03/29/22	S0741	SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS	7,747.00	1634
132019	03/29/22	S0744	SAHARA SAM'S OASIS, LLC	125.00	1634
132020	03/29/22	S0854	SOMERSET COUNTRY LIVING	50.00	1634
132021	03/29/22	S1022	SCANDIC BUILDERS	1,452.50	1634
132022	03/29/22	S1057	SOMERSET VALLEY URGENT CARE	140.00	1634
132023	03/29/22	S1183	SPROW, MARIKA	400.00	1634
132024	03/29/22	S1184	SEVILLE, TYLER	159.83	1634
132025	03/29/22	T0154	TILCON NEW YORK, INC.	108.98	1634
132026	03/29/22	T0438	TOP GOLF USA INC	892.50	1634
132027	03/29/22	T0470	TERRA CONTRACTING	1,730.00	1634
132028	03/29/22	T0509	TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE	25.00	1634
132029	03/29/22	V0037	VILLAGE SUPERMARKET, INC.	12.32	1634
132030	03/29/22	V0056	VERIZON WIRELESS	1,601.23	1634
132031	03/29/22	V0058	VERIZON	509.90	1634
132032	03/29/22	V0084	VERIZON	727.27	1634
132033	03/29/22	V0177	VERIZON	192.73	1634
132034	03/29/22	V0186	FISHER AND SON COMPANY, INC	7,243.80	1634
132035	03/29/22	V0222	VERTULLO, MEGHAN	730.00	1634
132036	03/29/22	W0016	WARRENVILLE TRUE VALUE	182.80	1634
132037	03/29/22	W0259	VENTURA, MIESOWITZ, KEOUGH &	2,257.00	1634
132038	03/29/22	W0275	WINNING TEAMS BY NISSEL LLC	959.88	1634
132039	03/29/22	W0325	WERNER, ALBERT	707.80	1634
132040	03/29/22	W0379	WEST, CHRIS	400.00	1634
132041	03/29/22	W0402	WATER SUPPLY INNOVATIONS, LLC	5,011.20	1634
132042	03/29/22	X0003	XEROX CORPORATION	219.39	1634
132043	03/29/22	X0005	XTEL COMMUNICATION	473.62	1634
132044	03/29/22	Z0046	ZAYANASKOSKY, JOHN	1,490.00	1634
132045	03/29/22	Z0058	ZAMORSKI, STAN	100.00	1634
132046	03/29/22	Z0089	ZOLNA, JARED	110.00	1634

Report Totals	Paid	Void	Amount Paid	Amount Void
Checks:	111	1	8,672,309.41	0.00
Direct Deposit:	40	0	104,895.80	0.00
Total:	151	1	8,777,205.21	0.00

Totals by Year-Fund	Fund	Budget Total	Revenue Total	G/L Total	Total
CURRENT FUND	1-01	725.00	0.00	0.00	725.00
CURRENT FUND	2-01	8,692,010.70	0.00	0.00	8,692,010.70
DOG FUND	2-12	11.00	0.00	0.00	11.00
GOLF COURSE UTILITY	2-26	3,957.38	0.00	0.00	3,957.38
Year Total:		8,695,979.08	0.00	0.00	8,695,979.08
CAPITAL FUND	C-04	31,458.20	0.00	0.00	31,458.20
PUBLIC GRANTS	G-02	2,655.27	0.00	0.00	2,655.27
TRUST FUNDS	T-13	38,950.50	0.00	0.00	38,950.50
PROJECT		7,437.16	0.00	0.00	7,437.16
Total Of All Funds:		8,777,205.21	0.00	0.00	8,777,205.21

Resolution #2022-0170 - Granting the Friends of Kennedy Martin Stelle Farmstead, dba Farmstead Arts, Located at 450 King George Road., Block 8401, Lot 23, An Exemption from Ordinance §3-16.2 Prohibiting Alcoholic Beverages in Any Municipal Property to Allow for the Serving and Consumption of Alcohol at Fundraiser Events Sponsored by the Friends of the Farmstead

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards ("Township") owns the real property identified as Block 8401, Lot 23, consisting of approximately 4.397± acres, and located along King George Road in the Township of Bernards, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Property contains an "English Barn," "Farm House," Wagon House," "Cow Shed," and other ancillary structures, which are on the New Jersey Historic Register and the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the Township and the Friends of the Kennedy-Martin-Stelle Farmstead, Inc. ("Friends") entered into Lease Agreement and subsequent First, Second and Third Amendments to the Lease; and

WHEREAS, the Friends are required to raise or provide all funds necessary for preservation, restoration, development, operation and maintenance of the Lease Premises; and

WHEREAS, the Friends submitted a request to the Township Committee on 02/04/2022 to allow alcohol to be serve and consumed at fundraising events held at the Farmstead; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #2020-0222, Resolution #2020-0306, Resolution #2020-0430, and Resolution #2021-0287 permits relief of certain ordinances to assist local businesses as they re-open following the lifting of COVID-19 Executive Orders through 12/31/2022; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance §3-16.2 prohibits the possession, sale, buying, consuming or giving away alcoholic beverages in any municipal property within the Township except for residents obtaining a permit for consumption of alcoholic beverages within a Township park in conjunction with a special event or private event after obtaining a permit as described in §4-4.6 or in §10-1.3.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards approves the following:

1. Bernards Township Committee hereby waives **Ordinance §3-16.2 Possession, Sale, Buying, Consuming or Giving Away Alcoholic Beverages Prohibited** for property located at 450 King George Rd., Block 8401, Lot 23, thereby allowing The Friends of Kennedy Martin Stelle Farmstead, dba Farmstead Arts to serve alcohol at their Annual Fundraising Event for 2022, sponsored solely by KMS Farmstead, and shall expire 12/31/2022.
2. Farmstead Arts agrees that the serving of alcoholic beverages will be limited to wine, beer and/or signature cocktail(s) and will be only served only to those individuals 21 years of age or older.
3. Farmstead Arts will follow any NJ State Liquor License requirements and apply for and obtain any and all necessary Catering Permits, Social Affairs Permits, or the like, from the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control as appropriate for each event.
4. Farmstead Arts will ensure that all alcohol permits are administered in a manner consistent with recommendations from the Township Risk Manager as follows:
 - a. There will be no individual charge for alcoholic beverages associated with a Social Affairs Permit.
 - b. Alcohol will be distributed solely by TIPS trained bartenders.
 - c. Each event shall require submittal to the Township a "Hold Harmless" form from The Friends of the Kennedy Martin Stelle Farmstead and accompanying Certificate of Insurance in keeping with the insurance requirements outlined therein (or as approved by the Township's Risk Management Consultant).
 - d. Electronic copies of all the above (endorsement, insurance certificate, HH) shall be provided to the Township a minimum of 10 days prior to event.
5. Events, as determined by municipal staff, that raises to a level necessitating a Special Event Permit, Farmstead Arts will submit a Special Event Permit application along with any applicable fees and/or additional permits as required for that event.
6. This wavier is subject to additional terms and conditions as needed and may be amended or withdrawn by the Township Committee of Bernards Township at any time.

Resolution #2022-0171 - Unused Vacation Accrual Due Robert DeMaio Construction Department

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, Robert DeMaio's full-time employment terminated on March 25, 2022; and

WHEREAS, per the requirements of the Township's Personnel Policy, Robert DeMaio is entitled to a Vacation Time Accrual payment for vacation time as calculated below based on an hourly rate of \$31.45.

	Total Hours Available	Amount Due
Vacation Accrual	54	\$1,698.30

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 Construction Code S&W Line, Account #2-01-22-195-101 for an amount not to exceed \$1,698.30



Sean McCarthy, CFO

Date: March 16, 2022

Resolution #2022-0172 - *Authorizing the Friends of the Kennedy-Martin-Stelle Farmstead, Inc. to Lease, License, Rent or Otherwise Permit the Use of the Farmstead Property for Classes, Programs, Events and Meetings Consistent with the Purpose of a Lease Agreement with Ed Walter to Use Space Solely as an artist's studio*

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards owns the real property identified as Block 8401, Lot 23 (formally known as Block 185, Lot 20.03), consisting of approximately 4.397± acres, and located at 450 King George Road in the Township of Bernards, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Property contains an "English Barn," "Farm House," Wagon House," "Cow Shed," and other ancillary structures, which are on the New Jersey Historic Register and the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the Township and the Friends of the Kennedy-Martin-Stelle Farmstead, Inc. ("Friends") entered into Lease Agreement C1775-1, dated March 29, 2005, for the Property (the "Lease"), which was thereafter amended to increase the term of the Lease; and

WHEREAS, Sections 2 and 3 of the Lease provide that Friends may provide access to Township residents for meetings and other appropriate events, provide alternate uses, and sublet or assign any interests in the Lease, subject to the prior written approval of the Township; and

WHEREAS, by email dated March 16, 2022 the Friends requested approval to permit a lease agreement with Ed Walter for use of space solely as an artist studio; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has reviewed the proposed non-exclusive license agreement and finds it consistent with public purposes of the Lease and Mission and Vision of the Friends.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, in the County of Somerset and State of NJ, that the Township of Bernards hereby grants authorization to the Friends of the Kennedy-Martin-Stelle Farmstead, Inc., to enter into a non-exclusive lease agreement with Edward Walter of Ed Walter Design Inc., dba Strategy Studio; 21 Brownlee Place, Ste 274, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 from April 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township hereby explicitly reserves the right to revoke the authorization herein granted to Friends at its sole discretion.

Resolution #2022-0177 - *Award of Change Order #1 for the Independent Agreement with Central Jersey Housing Resource Center (CJHRC) in the amount of \$11,000.00 for a new not to exceed amount of \$69,092.00*

WHEREAS, Bernards Township requires specialized services for the administration of their low and moderate rental and purchase units located in Bernards Township; and

WHEREAS, Bernards Township adopted Resolution #2021-0191 on April 27, 2021 approving an independent agreement with CJHRC, 92 East Main Street, Suite 407, Somerville, NJ 08876 to provide such services as an Administrative Agent; and

WHEREAS, Change Order #1 in the amount of \$11,000.00 is needed for the additional costs incurred during the contract period as outlined in an email from CJHRC dated March 14, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the 2021 budget or the line item, account # 1-01-20-155-204.

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 CJHRC, 92 East Main Street, Suite 407, Somerville, NJ in the amount of \$11,000.00 for a new total award of \$69,092.00

CFO CERTIFICATION

I, Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Bernards, hereby certify that adequate funds are available for the above referenced change order in the 2021 budget, account # 1-01-20-155-204 in the amount of \$11,000.00 for a new not to exceed amount of \$69,092.00.



Date: March 21, 2022

Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer

Resolution #2022-0179 - *Bernards Township Housing Rehabilitation Program Authorizing and Approving Deferred Loan Agreement to Robert Charkowsky 3302 Balsam Way Block 9001 Lot 33.08*

WHEREAS, Bernards Township (hereinafter referred to as "Township") has authorized Central Jersey Housing Resource Center ("CJHRC") to administer the Bernards Township Housing Rehabilitation Program; and

WHEREAS, Central Jersey Housing Resource Center (CJHRC) is a nonprofit collaboration of businesses, financial institutions, social service agencies, public officials and housing advocates who work to increase the accessibility and availability of affordable housing in Central New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, CJHRC currently operates a centralized housing resource information center in Somerset County and is a HUD certified agency specialized in the state and federal housing regulations; and

WHEREAS, the principal goal of the Bernards Township Housing Rehabilitation Program is to provide funding for affordable unit qualified owners to bring substandard units up to code; and

WHEREAS, Robert Charkowsky whose principal address is 3302 Balsam Way, Basking Ridge, County of Somerset, in the State of New Jersey 07920 (the "Property") is the owner of an affordable housing unit; and

WHEREAS, Robert Charkowsky has submitted an application to the Bernards Township Housing Rehabilitation Program for funds to be provided by way of a deferred loan to rehabilitate a central air unit and furnace; and

WHEREAS, Robert Charkowsky is eligible to receive funding for the rehabilitation of his owner-occupied unit under the program pursuant to the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls at N.J.A.C. 5:80-16.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the funding will be provided to Robert Charkowsky by way of a ten-year, interest free, amortized depreciating loan in the amount of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$ 8,500.00); and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that we do hereby approve the deferred loan agreement for the funds to be used for the rehabilitation on the property as set forth in the Deferred Loan Agreement and Rehabilitation Construction Contract; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that we do hereby authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the agreement and other required legal documents with Robert Charkowsky on behalf of the Township; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that a copy of the resolution be on file and available for public inspection, in the office of the Bernards Township Purchasing Department, Municipal Building, Basking Ridge, New Jersey 07920.

CFO CERTIFICATION

I, Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer of Bernards Township, hereby certify that adequate funds are available for the above referenced loan in the not to exceed amount of \$8,500.00. Monies are available in the 2022 Affordable Housing Trust Fund line account #T-13-56-055-COA.

Date: March 22, 2022



Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer

Resolution #2022-0185 - Personnel Appointments – Temporary P/T Violations Clerks Bedminster Township, Borough of Peapack and Gladstone, Borough of Bernardsville, and Bernards Township Shared Court

WHEREAS, the Shared Municipal Court currently employs a full-time Court Administrator, Deputy Court Administrator and three Violations Clerks; and

WHEREAS, there is the need for temporary part-time Violations Clerks to assist the Shared Municipal Court staff, as needed, and to provide additional assistance for the court offices when members of the staff are out due to vacation, sick time or other permitted leave.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernards Township Committee of the Township of Bernards hereby approves that the following individuals be employed by the Township of Bedminster Municipal Court as “as needed” Temporary Part-Time Violations Clerks with no benefits:

Sebastian Paiz	\$16 per hour
Jennifer Peterson	\$20 per hour
Julie Kosakowski	\$25 per hour

Resolution #2022-0186 - Award of Contract to M.A.I.N. (Morris Automated Information Network, Inc.) as the provider of Database, Telecom, Operating, Downloadable Materials and Integrated Library System (ILS) Assessments for the Bernards Township Library In the Not to Exceed Amount of \$77,326.48

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey in N.J. S.A. 40:54-12.1, provides for Municipal Libraries to make certain purchases without advertising for bids, in particular for (3) specialized library services; and

WHEREAS, the Bernards Township Library is a full participating member library of M.A.I.N. (Morris Automated Information Network, Inc.) since 1997; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 annual assessment for Bernards Township Library totals \$70,826.48; and

WHEREAS, from time to time in 2021 M.A.I.N. may provide other specialized library services to Bernards Township Library in the areas of training, consortium compatible computer supplies, or software licensing at a cost not to exceed \$6,500.00, and

WHEREAS, the Library Director and Chief Financial Officer have certified funds are available in the budget; the line item appropriation or ordinance to be charged is line account #2-01-29-390-265 (\$70,826.48), #2-01-29-390-222 (\$500.00), #2-01-29-390-264 (\$2,000.00) and #2-01-29-390-268 (\$4,000.00).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, Somerset County, New Jersey that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order to M.A.I.N. (Morris Automated Information Network, Inc.) in the not the exceed amount of \$77,326.48.

CFO CERTIFICATION

I, Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer of Bernards Township, hereby certify that adequate funds are available for the above referenced purchase. Monies are available in line account #2-01-29-390-265 (\$70,826.48), #2-01-29-390-222 (\$500.00), #2-01-29-390-264 (\$2,000.00) and #2-01-29-390-268 (\$4,000.00).

Date: March 23, 2022



Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer

Resolution #2022-0187 - Personnel Appointment Carol Callahan – Deputy Tax Assessor – Tax Assessor

WHEREAS, the full-time position of Deputy Tax Assessor became vacant due to a resignation; and

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

WHEREAS, Carol Callahan has applied for and is qualified to fill said position; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor, Township Administrator, Chief Financial Officer and Human Resources Officer recommend appointment of Carol Callahan to full-time Deputy Tax Assessor.

NOW, THEREOFRE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that Carol Callahan be appointed to fill the vacant position of full-time Deputy Tax Assessor, filling the unexpired term of Patricia Caljean, expiring 06/30/2023; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that Carol Callahan be appointed with a hire date of Monday, April 11, 2022, at an annual salary of \$70,000.00 for a 40-hour work week; and

Resolution #2022-0188 - *Approving the Library Construction Project and Authorizes the Submission of a Grant Agreement with the State Librarian by the Bernards Township Library in Accordance with the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act for the Purpose of Securing Funding for Improved Access to the Library's Front and Rear Entrances*

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Legislature approved an appropriation in the amount of \$95,042.50 ("Grant Amount"), which Grant Amount is funded by tax-exempt general obligation bonds issued by the State of New Jersey ("the State"); and

WHEREAS, the only purpose for the Grant Amount is to finance eligible expenses of a library construction project, as defined under the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act (the "Bond Act") and the regulations implementing the Bond Act. (L. 2017, c. 149 and N.J.A.C. 15:24 -1.1 thru – 6.1); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards only intended purpose for the Grant Amount is to provide funding for the eligible expenses of the library construction project for which the Grant Amount was approved by the State Legislature (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, in order to receive the Grant Amount for the Project, the Township of Bernards is required to pass a resolution approving the Project for the Bernards Township Library, 32 South Maple Avenue, Basking Ridge, New Jersey (the "Library"); and

WHEREAS, in order to receive the Grant Amount for the Project, the Township of Bernards is further required to execute a grant agreement with the State Librarian (the "Grant Agreement") or authorize the Board of Trustees of the Library to execute and deliver the Grant Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards wishes to approve the Project and authorize the execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement.

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

Section 1. The above recitals are incorporated into and are made a part of this Resolution.

Section 2. The Township Committee of the Township of Bernards hereby approves the Project.

Section 3. The Township Committee of the Township of Bernards hereby approves the Grant Agreement and authorizes the Library Board President to execute and deliver the Grant Agreement.

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 #2-01-LI-R01-C05 (Building Maintenance Projects) and #2-01-LI-R01-D01 (Professional Services).

Date: 03/29/2022



Sean McCarthy, CFO

****End Consent Agenda****

Mayor Baldassare turned the meeting over to the deputy mayor. Baldassare recused himself from Resolutions #2022-0167, #2022-0168, and #2022-178 and left the dais. McNally presided over the meeting.

Resolution #2022-0167 - Personnel Appointment, Joshua Filipovits – Patrol Officer – Police Department

Motion by Asay, second by Grochala, and unanimously agreed that Resolution #2022-0167 be approved.

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

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

WHEREAS, Joshua Filipovits 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 Joshua Filipovits to full time Patrol Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that Joshua Filipovits be appointed full time Patrol Officer effective Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at an annual salary of \$49,992.00 which is in accordance with the Policemen's Benevolent Association, Local No. 357 Contract.

Resolution #2022-0168 - Personnel Appointment, Mark Dennis – Substitute Crossing Guard – Police Department

Motion by Grochala, second by Asay, and unanimously agreed that Resolution #2022-0168 be approved.

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, Mark Dennis 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 Mark Dennis to the position of Substitute Crossing Guard.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that Mark Dennis be hired as a Substitute Crossing Guard effective March 30, 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 #2022-0178 - Amending Resolution #2022-0164, Personnel Appointment, Corinne Batsides – Patrol Officer – Police Department

Motion by Fields, second by Grochala, and unanimously agreed that Resolution #2022-0178 be approved.

WHEREAS, Resolution #2022-0164 appointing Corinne Batsides as Patrol Officer was adopted on March 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police, Township Administrator and Human Resources Officer recommends that the effective start date be amended from April 28, 2022, to March 29, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that Corinne Batsides be appointed full time Patrol Officer effective Tuesday, March 29, 2022, 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 and resumed presiding the meeting.

Ordinance #2494 - An Ordinance to Amend the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards, Chapter 12 "Building and Housing," Section 1-3 "Construction Fee Schedule"- Introduction

The clerk read the ordinance by title. Motion by Fields, second by McNally that Ordinance #2494 be introduced on first reading, advertised as required by law and scheduled for a public hearing on 04/12/2022.

Roll Call:

Aye: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally, Baldassare

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

Ordinance #2495 - *An Ordinance of the Township of Bernards Appropriating \$500,000.00 for Various Capital Improvements – Introduction*

The clerk read the ordinance by title. Motion by McNally, second by Fields that Ordinance #2495 be introduced on first reading, advertised as required by law and scheduled for a public hearing on 04/12/2022.

Roll Call:

Aye: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally, Baldassare

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

Ordinance #2496 - *Accepting a Wetlands Conservation Easement and a Stream Buffer Conservation Easement on Property Located at 282 Stonehouse Road; Block 8101, Lot 9, from Carmine and Cynthia DiNardo to the Township of Bernards – Introduction*

The clerk read the ordinance by title. Motion by Grochala, second by Fields that Ordinance #2496 be introduced on first reading, advertised as required by law and scheduled for a public hearing on 04/12/2022.

Roll Call:

Aye: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally, Baldassare

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

03/15/2022 Open Session Minutes

Motion by McNally, second by Asay, and unanimously agreed that the 03/15/2022 Open Session minutes be approved for content and release.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (if required)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Fields, second by Asay, and unanimously agreed that the meeting be adjourned at 9:29 PM.

Rhonda Pisano
Municipal Clerk

James Baldassare, Jr.,
Mayor

Approved: 04/12/2022