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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 phone), and Municipal Clerk Pisano

EXECUTIVE SESSION (if required)

None.

PUBLIC WORK SESSION (if required)

None.

REPORTS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The mayor opened public comment.

Todd Edelstein, 172 Riverside Dr. – commented that Municipal Court sessions should no longer be remote and should be returned to open session so the public can observe.

No additional comments were heard and the Mayor closed the public comment period.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE BOARD / LIAISON REPORTS AND STAFF COMMENTS

Staff provided comments and committee members reported on their appointed boards and recent activities. McNally stated that he will look into Mr. Edelstein's concerns regarding virtual Court sessions.

FIRE & RESCUE APPOINTMENT

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[Ordinance #2505](#) - *Accepting a Wetlands Conservation Easement on Property Located at 40 Ridgeview Drive; Block 4301, Lot 25, from Hong Wang and Ganlin Chang to the Township of Bernards* – [Map](#) – *Public Hearing*

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

Motion by Grochala, second by Fields, that Ordinance #2505 be adopted and advertised as required by law.

Roll Call:

Aye: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally, Baldassare

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

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

1. Pursuant to the Local Land and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq., Bernards Township hereby accepts from Hong Wang and Ganlin Chang, having an address at 40 Ridgeview Drive, Basking Ridge, NJ, 07920, a Wetlands Conservation Easement on Block 4301, Lot 25, in Bernards Township.
2. The easement is on file with the office of the Township Clerk.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

The items listed within the consent agenda portion of the meeting have been referred to the Township Committee for reading and study, are posted on the agenda on the website, are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Township Committee with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is required, the item may be removed from the agenda by township committee action and placed on the regular agenda under new business.

Motion by McNally, second by Grochala, that the Consent Agenda be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally, Baldassare

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

****Begin Consent Agenda****

Resolution #2022-0329 - Approval of the Bill List Dated 08/09/2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that the bill list dated 08/09/2022 be audited, and if found correct, be paid.

Check #	Check Date	Vendor	Amount Paid	Reconciled/Void Ref Num
133309	08/09/22	90507 GANDER, JENNIFER	189.07	1657 Direct Deposit
133310	08/09/22	90552 HRABOVSKY, GEORGE	33.94	1657 Direct Deposit
133311	08/09/22	90563 CARTOCCIO, KAITLIN	294.90	1657 Direct Deposit
133312	08/09/22	90703 BOHANNON, KENDALL	119.99	1657 Direct Deposit
133313	08/09/22	A0168 ALLIED OIL COMPANY, LLC	18,061.52	1657 Direct Deposit
133314	08/09/22	A0453 AMAZON.COM	1,818.41	1657 Direct Deposit
133315	08/09/22	A0611 AMERICAN WEAR, INC	951.04	1657 Direct Deposit
133316	08/09/22	A0716 ACB SERVICES INC	2,660.00	1657 Direct Deposit
133317	08/09/22	B0581 BUY WISE AUTO PARTS	984.73	1657 Direct Deposit
133318	08/09/22	B0668 BEARING DEPOT & SUPPLY INC	47.70	1657 Direct Deposit
133319	08/09/22	C0083 CDW GOVERNMENT, INC.	689.49	1657 Direct Deposit
133320	08/09/22	C0486 CITY FIRE EQUIPMENT CO, INC	2,250.00	1657 Direct Deposit
133321	08/09/22	D0754 DC EXPRESS	863.40	1657 Direct Deposit
133322	08/09/22	H0029 HUMPHREYS PEST CONTROL, INC.	131.00	1657 Direct Deposit
133323	08/09/22	H0420 HARMONY TREE CARE LLC	3,600.00	1657 Direct Deposit
133324	08/09/22	J0252 JERSEY PLUMBING SERVICE LLC	4,200.00	1657 Direct Deposit
133325	08/09/22	K0354 KANOPY INC	434.00	1657 Direct Deposit
133326	08/09/22	M0342 MORTON'S MARKETING RESOURCES	401.64	1657 Direct Deposit
133327	08/09/22	M0511 MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC.	1,231.20	1657 Direct Deposit
133328	08/09/22	N0069 NATIONAL BUSINESS FURNITURE	1,103.00	1657 Direct Deposit
133329	08/09/22	O0110 ONE SOURCE OF NEW JERSEY, LLC	216.00	1657 Direct Deposit
133330	08/09/22	P0534 PLUG 'N PAY TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	20.00	1657 Direct Deposit
133331	08/09/22	P0706 PARTS AUTHORITY LLC	264.99	1657 Direct Deposit
133332	08/09/22	R0393 RESEARCH&DESIGN LANDSCAPE LLC	500.00	1657 Direct Deposit
133333	08/09/22	R0824 REPUBLIC SERVICES OF NJ LLC	215.00	1657 Direct Deposit
133334	08/09/22	S0016 STORR TRACTOR COMPANY	1,866.88	1657 Direct Deposit
133335	08/09/22	S0135 CJHRC-CENTRAL JERSEY HOUSING	3,041.66	1657 Direct Deposit
133336	08/09/22	S0202 SUBURBAN PROPANE	373.10	1657 Direct Deposit
133337	08/09/22	S0227 SHEARON ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN	25,244.44	1657 Direct Deposit
133338	08/09/22	S0443 STAPLES ADVANTAGE	49.86	1657 Direct Deposit
133339	08/09/22	S0741 SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS	615.00	1657 Direct Deposit
133340	08/09/22	T0192 TURN OUT UNIFORMS INC	690.93	1657 Direct Deposit
133341	08/09/22	U0001 UNITEMP INC.	919.06	1657 Direct Deposit
133342	08/09/22	72012 PINGRY CORPORATION	8,074.52	1658
133343	08/09/22	A0035 PENWORTHY/AMERICAN MEDIA	233.48	1658
133344	08/09/22	A0425 ATLANTIC TACTICAL	106.24	1658
133345	08/09/22	A0545 ASPIRE TECHNOLOGY PARTNERS	20,602.10	1658
133346	08/09/22	A0728 ATLANTIC ADVANCED URGENT CARE	216.00	1658
133347	08/09/22	B0001 BAKER & TAYLOR, INC.	2,129.46	1658
133348	08/09/22	B0015 BRODART COMPANY	41.34	1658
133349	08/09/22	B0017 BRIDGEWATER RESOURCES, INC.	2,697.89	1658
133350	08/09/22	B0026 BERNARDS TOWNSHIP CURRENT	90,905.38	1658
133351	08/09/22	B0034 BERNARDS TOWNSHIP PAYROLL ACCT	623,322.20	1658
133352	08/09/22	B0353 BERNARDS PLAZA ASSOCIATES	612.12	1658
133353	08/09/22	B0469 BEATLEMANIA AGAIN, LLC	2,000.00	1658
133354	08/09/22	B0473 BLUE EMBER TECHNOLOGIES, LLC	1,075.95	1658
133355	08/09/22	B0518 BERNARDSVILLE HARDWARE	5.58	1658
133356	08/09/22	B0854 BAKHRU, RENUKA	570.00	1658
133357	08/09/22	C0024 GANNETT NEW JERSEY NEWSPAPERS	20.28	1658
133358	08/09/22	C0024 GANNETT NEW JERSEY NEWSPAPERS	10.92	1658
133359	08/09/22	C0346 CROWN TROPHY OF GREEN BROOK	55.80	1658
133360	08/09/22	C0482 OPTIMUM	11.45	1658
133361	08/09/22	C0482 OPTIMUM	33.32	1658
133362	08/09/22	C0482 OPTIMUM	138.44	1658
133363	08/09/22	C0522 CHATHAM LAWNMOWER SALES & SVC	540.24	1658
133364	08/09/22	C0545 AHS HOSPITAL CORP	724.50	1658
133365	08/09/22	C0597 CLIFFSIDE BODY CORPORATION	6,780.00	1658
133366	08/09/22	C0613 CIGNA GROUP INSURANCE	1,524.74	1658
133367	08/09/22	C0712 CARE TRAK INTERNATIONAL, INC	220.00	1658
133368	08/09/22	C0774 COLONIAL LIFE & ACC INSURANCE	643.94	1658
133369	08/09/22	C0941 CHEN, TING	165.00	1658
133370	08/09/22	C0943 CEDAR RIDGE LAWN CARE LLC	11,175.00	1658

133371	08/09/22	D0740	DOVER BRAKE & CLUTCH	1,080.64	1658
133372	08/09/22	D0783	DFFLM, LLC	162.53	1658
133373	08/09/22	D0785	JOHN DEERE COMPANY	11,305.32	1658
133374	08/09/22	E0333	EHRlich, FERN OR VITALE, LOUIS	180.00	1658
133375	08/09/22	F0001	FEDEX	3.58	1658
133376	08/09/22	F0024	FISCHER, JOSEPH	4,056.00	1658
133377	08/09/22	F0047	FULLERTON FORD	214.67	1658
133378	08/09/22	F0158	FLEMINGTON DEPARTMENT STORE	387.75	1658
133379	08/09/22	F0171	FIRST CHOICE AUTO PARTS &	2,448.30	1658
133380	08/09/22	F0273	FLOWERS ON THE RIDGE	61.00	1658
133381	08/09/22	F0324	FLAGSHIP DENTAL PLANS	271.45	1658
133382	08/09/22	F0326	FX AUTOMOTIVE LLC	53.98	1658
133383	08/09/22	F0330	FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE INS	329.31	1658
133384	08/09/22	G0025	GARDEN STATE HIGHWAY PRODUCTS	229.10	1658
133385	08/09/22	G0066	GRAINGER INC	463.29	1658
133386	08/09/22	G0098	JCP&L	18.84	1658
133387	08/09/22	G0333	BEDMINSTER CAR WASH	176.75	1658
133388	08/09/22	G0509	GREEN ROCK RECYCLING	540.00	1658
133389	08/09/22	G0688	GAMUT RESOLUTIONS LLC	1,100.00	1658
133390	08/09/22	H0075	HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS	49.99	1658
133391	08/09/22	H0178	HOSE SHOP, INC.	202.99	1658
133392	08/09/22	H0246	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	381.77	1658
133393	08/09/22	H0297	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	207.06	1658
133394	08/09/22	H0415	HARD ROCK HOTEL & CASINO	232.00	1658
133395	08/09/22	H0447	HUMKEY, CHARLES	165.00	1658
133396	08/09/22	H0485	HEATH, RENEE OR CHRISTOPHER S.	2,363.13	1658
133397	08/09/22	I0013	INSTITUTE FOR PROF.DEVELOPMENT	50.00	1658
133398	08/09/22	K0039	KOBESKY, GREGG S.	275.00	1658
133399	08/09/22	K0259	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	123.54	1658
133400	08/09/22	K0331	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	192.89	1658
133401	08/09/22	K0331	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	133.02	1658
133402	08/09/22	K0331	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	133.42	1658
133403	08/09/22	K0338	KENNY, MARTIN	3,150.00	1658
133404	08/09/22	L0116	LAWMEN SUPPLY	2,706.92	1658
133405	08/09/22	L0263	LEMBO, MATTHEW J.	5.03	1658
133406	08/09/22	M0015	MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICAL	14.89	1658
133407	08/09/22	M0441	MAIN LINE COMMERCIAL POOLS,INC	7,853.51	1658
133408	08/09/22	M0444	MAGLOCLEN	400.00	1658
133409	08/09/22	M0493	MCELROY, DEUTSCH, MULVANEY &	8,367.70	1658
133410	08/09/22	M0518	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOL.	26.00	1658
133411	08/09/22	M0823	MOOSEWOOD TREE SERVICE	500.00	1658
133412	08/09/22	M0899	MR JOHN	65.00	1658
133413	08/09/22	M0912	MCGRORY, DARLENE	240.00	1658
133414	08/09/22	N0006	NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER CO.	8,519.48	1658
133415	08/09/22	N0017	NJ STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPAL.	255.00	1658
133416	08/09/22	N0029	NJ SOCIETY/MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS	1,500.00	1658
133417	08/09/22	N0032	NJ STATE DEPT HEALTH/SR SVCS	73.20	1658
133418	08/09/22	N0304	NRPA	745.00	1658
133419	08/09/22	N0415	NATIONAL FUEL OIL INC	17,275.74	1658
133420	08/09/22	N0468	NORCIA CORPORATION	1,426.99	1658
133421	08/09/22	N0470	NATIONWIDE	148.19	1658
133422	08/09/22	O0003	ORIENTAL TRADING COMPANY, INC.	255.84	1658
133423	08/09/22	O0021	OFFICE DEPOT	172.85	1658
133424	08/09/22	O0135	OUTHOUSE LLC	690.00	1658
133425	08/09/22	P0014	PUBLIC SERVICE ELEC. & GAS CO	503.62	1658
133426	08/09/22	P0046	RESERVE ACCOUNT	6,323.84	1658
133427	08/09/22	P0211	PATRIOT HILL CONDO ASSOCIATION	6,246.28	1658
133428	08/09/22	P0422	PMC ASSOCIATES WIRELESS COMM.	5,657.42	1658
133429	08/09/22	P0525	POWER PLACE, INC.	51.23	1658
133430	08/09/22	P0602	LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC	47.07	1658
133431	08/09/22	P0617	PANZARELLA, RICHARD OR MELISSA	60.00	1658
133432	08/09/22	Q0002	CINTAS CORP. - #062	334.32	1658
133433	08/09/22	R0023	RICHIES TIRE SERVICE, INC.	1,572.96	1658
133434	08/09/22	R0043	REGISTRARS' ASSOCIATION OF NJ	215.00	1658
133435	08/09/22	R0050	ROTO-ROOTER	270.00	1658
133436	08/09/22	R0308	ROUTE 23 AUTO MALL	1,957.08	1658
133437	08/09/22	R0831	RONJON HEATING & COOLING	8,700.00	1658
133438	08/09/22	R0832	RUTGERS UNIVERSITY	25.00	1658
133439	08/09/22	S0036	SOMERSET COUNTY PARK COMM.	1,200.00	1658
133440	08/09/22	S0061	SWANK MOTION PICTURES, INC.	1,125.00	1658
133441	08/09/22	S0067	SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	5,690,328.44	1658
133442	08/09/22	S0068	SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	568,205.68	1658
133443	08/09/22	S0088	SOMERSET COUNTY CLERK	14,750.81	1658
133444	08/09/22	S0101	STICKEL,KOENIG,SULLIVAN&DRILL	39.00	1658
133445	08/09/22	S0136	SOCIETY HILL AT BERNARDS II	9,127.82	1658
133446	08/09/22	S0150	SPRING RIDGE MASTER ASSOC.	27,942.97	1658
133447	08/09/22	S0378	STAVOLA ASPHALT	6,499.27	1658
133448	08/09/22	S0628	STATE OF NEW JERSEY-HB	192,147.38	1658
133449	08/09/22	S0681	SEALMASTER	255.20	1658
133450	08/09/22	S0913	SHEDLOCK CAR CARE	125.00	1658
133451	08/09/22	S0977	STAVOLA CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	467.24	1658
133452	08/09/22	S1043	SUMMIT SOUNDZ ENTERTAINMNT LLC	1,500.00	1658
133453	08/09/22	S1045	SEO, JAEHO	160.00	1658
133454	08/09/22	S1057	SOMERSET VALLEY URGENT CARE	225.00	1658
133455	08/09/22	S1167	FELIX STORCH INC	1,254.00	1658
133456	08/09/22	S1192	S & R POOL & SPA, INC.	180.00	1658
133457	08/09/22	S1193	SAHNI, ANUPAM	115.00	1658
133458	08/09/22	T0024	TRIUS OF NJ INC	422.40	1658
133459	08/09/22	T0049	TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY	1,008.00	1658
133460	08/09/22	T0240	TREASURER-STATE OF NEW JERSEY	500.00	1658
133461	08/09/22	T0338	TMDE CALIBRATION LABS, INC.	903.00	1658
133462	08/09/22	T0372	TLO, LLC	191.00	1658
133463	08/09/22	V0037	VILLAGE SUPERMARKET, INC.	136.58	1658
133464	08/09/22	V0056	VERIZON WIRELESS	957.32	1658
133465	08/09/22	V0058	VERIZON	4,678.05	1658
133466	08/09/22	V0073	VAIL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES	504.07	1658
133467	08/09/22	V0084	VERIZON	321.97	1658
133468	08/09/22	V0124	VERIZON BUSINESS FIOS	364.99	1658
133469	08/09/22	V0177	VERIZON	365.93	1658
133470	08/09/22	V0186	FISHER AND SON COMPANY, INC	508.44	1658
133471	08/09/22	W0016	WARRENVILLE TRUE VALUE	847.18	1658
133472	08/09/22	W0056	WELDON CONCRETE CO.	89.57	1658
133473	08/09/22	W0074	WELSH'S MOTOR SALES, INC.	693.60	1658

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

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133474	08/09/22	W0275	WINNING TEAMS BY NISSEL LLC	102.24	1658
133475	08/09/22	W0415	WC FLOORS LLC	1,670.00	1658
133476	08/09/22	X0003	XEROX CORPORATION	250.53	1658
133477	08/09/22	X0005	XTEL COMMUNICATION	481.47	1658
133478	08/09/22	X0005	XTEL COMMUNICATION	1,693.73	1658

Report Totals	Paid	Void	Amount Paid	Amount Void
Checks:	137	0	7,420,921.25	0.00
Direct Deposit:	33	0	74,081.95	0.00
Total:	170	0	7,495,003.20	0.00

Totals by Year-Fund	Fund	Budget Total	Revenue Total	G/L Total	Total
CURRENT FUND	1-01	43,236.91	0.00	0.00	43,236.91
CURRENT FUND	2-01	7,235,824.42	0.00	0.00	7,235,824.42
DOG FUND	2-12	135.91	0.00	0.00	135.91
GOLF COURSE UTILITY	2-26	36,230.90	0.00	0.00	36,230.90
Year Total:		7,272,191.23	0.00	0.00	7,272,191.23
CAPITAL FUND	C-04	30,497.23	0.00	0.00	30,497.23
PUBLIC GRANTS	G-02	87,031.64	0.00	0.00	87,031.64
TRUST FUNDS	T-13	46,211.86	0.00	0.00	46,211.86
PROJECT		15,834.33	0.00	0.00	15,834.33
Total Of All Funds:		7,495,003.20	0.00	0.00	7,495,003.20

Resolution #2022-0330 - Approval of Block Party Permit for Birch Drive, 09/24/2022 (Rain date 09/25/2022)
WHEREAS, David Carson, 11 Birch Drive, Basking Ridge, NJ, hereinafter “the applicant,” has requested permission to close Birch Drive, on 09/24/2022 (rain date 09/25/2022), from 3:00 PM to 10:00 PM for the purpose of holding a block party; and

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

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

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

Resolution #2022-0331 - Personnel Appointment Rachel Burt – Library Director Bernards Township Library
WHEREAS, the Library Director position became available due to a resignation; and

WHEREAS, the Library Board and Human Resources Officer have deemed it necessary to fill this position; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Burt has applied for and is qualified to fill said position; and

WHEREAS, the Library Board and Human Resources Officer recommend appointment of Rachel Burt to the position of Library Director.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that Rachel Burt be appointed Library Director with a start date of September 19, 2022, at an annual salary of \$110,000.00 for a 40-hour work week.

Resolution #2022-0332 - Somerset Hills Towing, 19 Finderne Ave., Bridgewater, NJ, 08807 For the 3 Year Period of August 9th, 2022, to August 9th, 2025

WHEREAS, Somerset Hills Towing, 19 Finderne Ave., Bridgewater, NJ, 08807 has applied for a Rotational Towing License for a three-year period, August 9th, 2022, to August 9th, 2025, for the purpose of providing municipal towing services on behalf of the Township of Bernards; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 4, Section 7 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards, the applicant has provided required documentation and paid the applicable fee; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk and Chief of Police have reviewed said application and found it complete and in compliance with the ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that a Rotational Towing License be issued to Somerset Hills Towing for the 3-year period, June August 9th, to August 9th, 2025.

[Resolution #2022-0333](#) - *Approval of Block Party Permit for Juniper Way, 09/24/2022 (Rain date 09/25/2022)*

WHEREAS, Diana Hackett, 23 Prospect Avenue, Basking Ridge, NJ, hereinafter “the applicant,” has requested permission to close Juniper Way, on 09/24/2021 (rain date 09/25/2021), from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM for the purpose of holding a block party; and

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

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

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

[Resolution #2022-0334](#) - *Authorizing and Approving Purchase of Various Products and Services through the Bergen Co-Op Agreement #11BCCP awarded to Amazon Capital Services, 401 Terry Ave North, Seattle, WA 98109 In the not to exceed amount of \$ 60,000.00*

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards wishes to purchase various products and services from the Bergen Co-Op Agreement #11BCCP; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen Co-Op Agreement #11BCCP awarded a contract to Amazon Capital Services, 401 Terry Ave North, Seattle, WA 98109; and

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

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent to various products and services from the Bergen Co-Op Agreement #11BCCP.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the Purchasing Agent be authorized to issue purchase orders to Amazon Capital Services, 401 Terry Ave North, Seattle, WA 98109 through December 31, 2020.

[Resolution #2022-0335](#) - *Opposing the Proposed Increases to the State Health Benefits Program*

WHEREAS, the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP), governed by N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq., offers medical, prescription drug, and dental coverage to qualified State and participating local government public employees, retirees, and eligible dependents; and

WHEREAS, all SHBP plans are self-funded meaning that the money paid out for benefits comes directly from a SHBP fund supplied by the State, participating local employers, and member premiums; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Pensions and Benefits is responsible for the daily administrative activities of the SHBP, the State Health Benefits Commission is the executive organization responsible for overseeing the SHBP; and

WHEREAS, the State Health Benefits Commission, comprised of state officials and union representatives, annually consider the calendar year premium levels for the Local Government Employer Group of the SHBP based on recommendations found in the Rate Setting Recommendation Analysis of the Local Government Employee Group; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary rate increase for the 2023 Local Government Employer Group is 22.8%, which includes a 21.6% increase for Active, a 13% increase in Early Retiree, and a 0.7% increase for Medicare Retiree; and

WHEREAS, subsequent news accounts have Department of Treasury noting “rates for active members and early retirees would likely be increase between 12-20% across the various plans for the upcoming year”; and

WHEREAS, such proposed exorbitant rate increases will fall upon the local property taxpayer along with the local public employees at a time where there is record inflation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed premium increase for most active employees will take thousands more out of their paychecks annually and lead to huge costs for local governments that will translate into higher property tax bills for struggling families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bernards Township Committee of Bernards Township, County of Somerset, call up the State Health Benefit Commission to reconsider the rate increase and strike a rate increase that is appropriate in the current economic conditions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bernards Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, County of Somerset, urge the legislature to adopt legislation expanding the composition of the State Health Benefits Commission to include representatives from both municipal and county government management; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Murphy, State Treasurer Muoio, Senate President Scutari, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Senator Jon Bramnick, Assemblywoman Munoz, Assemblywoman Matsikoudis, and New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

[Resolution #2022-0336](#) - Award of Change Order #1 for the 2022 Site Inspection Services to Andrew S. Holt, P.E., P.P., C.M.E., NJ Lic. #24GE03855400 of the firm Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc., 96 U.S. Highway 206, Suite 101, Flanders, NJ 07836 Increase of \$60,000.00 for a new not to exceed amount of \$75,000.00

WHEREAS, the Bernards Township Committee adopted Resolution #2022-01030 on January 25, 2022, awarding Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. a contract in the amount of \$15,000.00 for professional site inspection services; and

WHEREAS, additional consulting and engineering site inspection work is needed for additional site development projects in the Township requiring an increase in scope and time for the additional consulting services; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Township Engineer and Purchasing Agent to award this change order to Andrew S. Holt, P.E., P.P., C.M.E., NJ Lic. #24GE03855400 of the firm Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc., 96 U.S. Highway 206, Suite 101, Flanders, NJ 07836; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the Bernards Township Trust Fund Inspection Fees-Escrow, accounts #T-13-56-051-IFP and #T-13-56-050-IFO line-item appropriations or ordinances.

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 Andrew S. Holt, P.E., P.P., C.M.E., NJ Lic. #24GE03855400 of the firm Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc., 96 U.S. Highway 206, Suite 101, Flanders, NJ 07836 in the amount of \$60,000, for a new total award of \$75,000.00.

CFO CERTIFICATION

I, Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Bernards, hereby certify that adequate funds are available in the Bernards Township Trust Fund Inspection Fees-Escrow, accounts #T-13-56-051-IFP and #T-13-56-050-IFO line-item appropriations or ordinances.

Date: August 2, 2022



Sean McCarthy
Chief Financial Officer

[Resolution #2022-0337](#) - Approval of Block Party Permit for Cayuga Way, 08/27/2022 (Rain date 09/10/2022)

WHEREAS, Scott Oberman, 14 Cayuga Way, Basking Ridge, NJ, hereinafter “the applicant,” has requested permission to close Cayuga Way, on 08/27/2022 (rain date 09/10/2022), from 12:00 PM to 11:00 PM for the purpose of holding a block party; and

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

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

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

[Resolution #2022-0338](#) -*Approval of Block Party Permit for Grist Mill Drive, 09/24/2022 (Rain date 09/25/2022)*

WHEREAS, Shari Brower, 370 Grist Mill Drive, Basking Ridge, NJ, hereinafter “the applicant,” has requested permission to close Grist Mill Drive, on 09/24/2022 (rain date 09/25/2022), from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM for the purpose of holding a block party; and

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

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

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

[Resolution #2022-0339](#) - *Authorizing Submission by the Friends of the Kennedy-Martin-Stelle Farmstead, Inc. of an Application of a Grant with Impact 100 for Site Improvements*

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards 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,” “Farmhouse,” “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. (the “Friends”) entered into Lease Agreement C1775-1, dated March 29, 2005, entered into an Amendment to Lease Agreement C2106-1, dated June 15, 2010, entered into a second Amendment to Lease Agreement C2181-1, dated February 14, 2012; entered into a third Amendment to Lease Agreement C2320-1, dated November 30, 2015; and entered into a fourth Amendment of Lease Agreement Ordinance #2469, dated 04/27/2021; and

WHEREAS, the Friends wishes to pursue a grant with *Impact 100* under the Arts & Culture Category to improve the entrance way to Farmstead Arts with the installation of a small masonry retaining wall with a sign installed on top; and

WHEREAS, if any additional money is secured through this grant, remaining funds may be used to improve the sound system in the farmhouse and/or lighting or stage improvements; and

WHEREAS, the height and position of the wall and sign must be approved by the Township Engineer prior to construction and as per the lease agreement, construction permit fees shall be waived.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the Farmstead is hereby authorized to apply for an *Impact 100* grant; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards approves use of this grant be used to improve the entrance way to Farmstead Arts with a retaining wall and sign with approval through the Engineering department.

[Resolution #2022-0340](#) - *Award of Bid Renewal for 2022-2023 Municipal Trash Services Republic Services of New Jersey LLC. 9 Frontage Road Clinton, NJ 08809*

WHEREAS, The Township received bids on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at 10:30 A.M. for Municipal Trash Services.

WHEREAS, Republic Services of New Jersey LLC., has satisfactorily performed such services in 2021-2022; and

WHEREAS, this is the second year of a three-year contract; and

WHEREAS, it is a combined recommendation of the Director of Public Works, Township Administrator and Purchasing Agent that a renewal for the second year of the initial contract be awarded to Republic Services of New Jersey LLC., 9 Frontage Road Clinton, NJ 08809.

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 Republic Services of New Jersey LLC., 9 Frontage Road Clinton, NJ 08809.

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

Elliot Crowley, General Manager

[Resolution #2022-0341](#) - *Award of Bid Renewal for 2022-2023 Municipal Electric Services Sal Electric Company 83 Fleet Street, Jersey, NJ 07306*

WHEREAS, The Township received bids on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at 10:30 A.M. for Municipal Electric Services.

WHEREAS, Sal Electric Company, has satisfactorily performed such services in 2021-2022; and

WHEREAS, this is the second year of a three-year contract; and

WHEREAS, it is a combined recommendation of the Director of Public Works, Township Administrator and Purchasing Agent that a renewal for the second year of the initial contract be awarded to Sal Electric Company 83 Fleet Street, Jersey, NJ 07306

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 Sal Electric Company 83 Fleet Street, Jersey, NJ 07306

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

Philip Chianetta, President

[Resolution #2022-0344](#) - *Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement for Road Maintenance Services for the Municipally Shared Portions of Mine Brook Road And Douglas Road*

WHEREAS, Mine Brook Road and Douglas Road in the Township of Bernards and the Borough of Far Hills in Somerset County, New Jersey, are each jurisdictionally shared roadways, with the center line being the municipal boundary; and

WHEREAS the Township of Bernards and the Borough of Far Hills desire that the Township of Bernards provide road maintenance services for the municipally shared portions of Mine Brook Road and Douglas Road; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et. seq., authorizes and empowers the Township of Bernards and the Borough of Far Hills to enter into this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the costs and expenses incurred will be split on a 50/50 basis between the Township of Bernards and the Borough of Far Hills; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards shall invoice the Borough of Far Hills for services provided pursuant to this Agreement and Far Hills shall pay Bernards Township, in full within 30 days of invoice receipt; and

WHEREAS, as allowable under State statute, this Agreement shall be in force for five (5) years (August 1, 2022 – July 31, 2027) and any previous agreements are hereby terminated and made null and void.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that an agreement, substantially in the form attached hereto, shall be entered into by the Township of Bernards and the Borough of Far Hills; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of Bernards Township, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey does hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to execute said agreement.

End Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes:

07/26/2022 Open Session Minutes

Motion by Grochala, second by McNally, and unanimously agreed that the 07/26/2022 Open Session minutes be approved for content and release.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (if required)

None

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Rhonda Pisano
Municipal Clerk

James Baldassare, Jr.
Mayor

Approved: 08/23/2022