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# September 27, 2022 - COMBINED AGENDA/REGULAR MEETING

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

The mayor called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Those assembled saluted the flag and the mayor read the Open Public Meetings Act in accordance with the law.

# **ROLL CALL**

Present: Asay (7:32), Grochala, Fields, McNally, Baldassare, Jr.

Absent:

Also Present: Administrator/COO Monaco, Township Engineer Timko, Township Attorney Belardo and

Municipal Clerk Pisano

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - <u>Resolution #2022-0394</u> - Authorizing an Executive Session Meeting of the Bernards Township Committee

Motion by Fields, second by McNally, and unanimously agreed that Resolution # 2022-0394 be approved. The meeting temporarily adjourned to Executive Session at 7:31 PM.

WHEREAS, NJSA 10:4-12 allows for a public body to go into closed session during a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of the Township Committee will reconvene.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Township Committee will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in NJSA 10:4-12; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee hereby declares that the discussion of subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Township Attorney advises the Township Committee that the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the Township or any other entity with respect to said discussion. That time is currently estimated as the time of said matter.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Township Committee, hereby declares that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the discussion(s) shall take place and hereby directs the Municipal Clerk to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

Estimated Time

	Estimated Time
Reason for Closed Session	of Disclosure or
	Upon Occurrence
	<u>Of</u>
Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as lawyer. Under certain circumstances, if public disclosure of the matter would have a potentially negative impact on the Township's position in the litigation or negotiation, this information may be withheld until such time that the matter is concluded, or the circumstances no longer present a potential impact.  Attorney Client Privilege – Potential Litigation; Liberty Corner Rescue	Upon resolution
Squad.	

The meeting resumed in open session at 8:00 PM.

**PRESENTATION** - <u>Resolution #2022-0385</u> - Commendation on Attaining Eagle Scout Designation, Owen Mays

The mayor and township committee members congratulated Owen on his achievement.

Motion by Asay, second by Grochala, and unanimously agreed that Resolution # 2022-0385 be approved.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is very pleased to recognize the outstanding personal effort of Owen Mays reaching the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Owen Mays, a member of Troop 54 of Liberty Corner, has been an active scout, demonstrating outstanding leadership within the Troop, and has contributed many service hours to his community during his years in scouting; and

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee offers its best wishes to Owen Mays for continued success, and congratulations for a personal achievement that will serve as a reminder of the importance of the pursuit of excellence throughout his life.

# **PUBLIC WORK SESSION (if required)**

None

# **REPORTS**

None

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

# **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The mayor opened public comment.

John Coelho, 22 Benedict Crescent - commented on Owen Mays' Eagle Scout achievement

Janet Baker, 31 Newell Drive – commented on a recent 911 response at her home, the township's responsiveness during emergencies, the mayor and township engineer's communication, and the current road construction project on Newell Drive

Joe Crucilla, 275 S. Finley Ave – commented on car wash activity at the High School on weekends

Nancy D'Andrea – 3 Vanderveer Drive - commented on political signs and length of time displayed

Steve Baker, 31 Newell Drive – commented on IDA and about OEM meetings

Bruce McArthur, 55 Pond Hill Road and John Crane, 39 Decker Street - commented on Rhonda Pisano's retirement

Todd Edelstein, 172 Riverside Drive – commented on car wash activity at the High School and Rhonda Pisano's retirement

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. In addition, Baldassare read comments from Joan Bannan regarding Pisano's retirement.

# **FIRE & RESCUE APPOINTMENT**

<u>Resolution #2022-0393</u> - Appointment to Membership in Township of Bernards Volunteer First Aid Squad of the Basking Ridge Fire Company #1, Ella Quincy, Full Member

Motion by Grochala, second by Asay, and unanimously agreed that Resolution #2022-0393 be approved.

WHEREAS, pursuant to §2-14.1 and §2-16.1 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards, the Bernards Township Fire Department shall consist of the Basking Ridge Fire Company #1 and the Liberty Corner Fire Company; and the Bernards Township First Aid and Emergency Department shall consist of the First Aid Squad of the Basking Ridge Fire Company No. #1 and the Liberty Corner First Aid Squad; and

**WHEREAS**, the First Aid Squad of the Basking Ridge Fire Company #1 is recommending Ella Quincy, residing at 53 North Maple Avenue, 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.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Ordinance #2507 - Accepting a Wetlands Conservation and Drainage Easement on Property Located at 34 Gerard Avenue; Block 5602, Lot 3, from Vincent Cook and Lisa Cook 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 Fields, second by Grochala, that Ordinance #2507 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 Vincent Cook and Lisa Cook, having an address at 34 Gerard Avenue, Basking Ridge, New Jersey, 07920, a Wetlands Conservation and Drainage Easement on Block 5602, Lot 3, 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.

Ordinance #2508 - Accepting Wetlands Conservation Easements and a Deed of Dedication (Right of Way) on Property Presently Known as 313 Martinsville Road, Block 11401, Lot 11, to be Known After Subdivision as 313 Martinsville Road, Block 11401, Lot 11.01, and 7 Mountain Road, Block 11401, Lot 11.02, from William Moye and Carol Moye 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 McNally, that Ordinance #2508 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 William Moye and Carol Moye, having an address at 313 Martinsville Road, Basking Ridge, New Jersey, 07920, the following:
- A. Wetlands Conservation Easement on Lot 11.01 (after subdivision).

- B. Wetlands Conservation Easement on Lot 11.02 (after subdivision).
- C. Deed of Dedication (Right of Way) on Lot 11 (before subdivision).
- 2. The easements and dedication are 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 that Resolutions #2022-0376, #2022-0391 and #2022-0392 be removed and the remainder of the Consent Agenda be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally, Baldassare

Nay: Abstain:

Motion carried.

\*\*Begin Consent Agenda\*\*

# Resolution #2022-0375 - Approval of the Bill List Dated 09/27/2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that the bill list dated 09/27/2022 be audited, and if found correct, be paid.

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Check #	Check Date	Vendor		Amount Paid	Reconciled/Void Ref Num  1665 Direct Deposit 1666 Direct Deposit 1
133791	09/27/22	90342	BAHLMAN, RICH	21.95	1665 Direct Deposit
133792	09/27/22	A0168	ALLIED OIL COMPANY, LLC	13,012.72	1665 Direct Deposit
133793	09/27/22	A0398	STERLING TALENT SOLUTIONS	157.77	1665 Direct Deposit
133794	09/27/22	A0453	AMAZON.COM	374.23	1665 Direct Deposit
133795	09/27/22	B0581	BUY WISE AUTO PARTS	920.89	1665 Direct Deposit
133796	09/27/22	B0758	BCI TRUCK, INC	537.98	1665 Direct Deposit
133797	09/27/22	C0083	CDW GOVERNMENT, INC.	3,535.62	1665 Direct Deposit
133798	09/27/22	D0020	DELTA DENTAL OF NJ	12,613.38	1665 Direct Deposit
133799	09/27/22	D0033	DEMCO, INC	12.69	1665 Direct Deposit
133800	09/27/22	E0224	EXCELLENT BUILDING SERVICES	2,745.00	1665 Direct Deposit
133801	09/27/22	E0267	EAW SECURITY	10,034.96	1665 Direct Deposit
133802	09/27/22	F0003	FOLEY, INCORPORATED	385.37	1665 Direct Deposit
133803	09/27/22	H0029	HUMPHREYS PEST CONTROL, INC.	250.00	1665 Direct Deposit
133804	09/27/22	M0261	M.A.I.N., INC.	70.00	1665 Direct Deposit
133805	09/27/22	M0342	MORTON'S MARKETING RESOURCES	740.37	1665 Direct Deposit
133806	09/27/22	M0830	MOTT MACDONALD LLC	3,756.75	1665 Direct Deposit
133807	09/27/22	M0856	MCGRATH MUNICIPAL	778.50	1665 Direct Deposit
133808	09/27/22	R0824	REPUBLIC SERVICES OF NJ LLC	1,250.00	1665 Direct Deposit
133809	09/27/22	S0016	STORR TRACTOR COMPANY	153.31	1665 Direct Deposit
133810	09/27/22	S0202	SUBURBAN PROPANE	317.04	1665 Direct Deposit
133811	09/27/22	S0443	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	92.76	1665 Direct Deposit
133812	09/27/22	S0741	SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS	5.501.15	1665 Direct Deposit
133813	09/27/22	T0066	CENCAGE LEARNING CREDIT SUCS	164 94	1665 Direct Denosit
133814	09/27/22	T0378	THE GUARDIAN LIFE INS CO OF AM	93.61	1665 Direct Deposit
133815	09/27/22	T0514	TOP ONALITY SERVICES I.C	3 900 00	1665 Direct Deposit
133816	09/27/22	110001	INTTEMP MECHANCIAL DEGREES LLC	4 472 00	1665 Direct Deposit
133817	09/27/22	7/0020	VILLAGE OFFICE SUPPLY	99 30	1665 Direct Deposit
133818	09/27/22	A0126	AFIAC NEW YORK	137 94	1666
133819	09/27/22	A0338	AFIAC	694 71	1666
133820	09/27/22	A0377	SANOFT PASTELLS	1 491 61	1666
133821	09/27/22	P0001	DAKED C TAVIOD INC	953 66	1666
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122022	09/21/22	B0017	DEDNADDS MOMNSHID SUDDENE	2 206 00	1666
122023	09/21/22	B0020	DEDNADDS TOWNSHIP CURRENT	0 025 022 00	1666
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133023	09/27/22	B0034	BERNARDS TOWNSHIP PAIROLL ACCT	347,039.03	1000
133020	09/27/22	BU / 3 0	BRUNU, VINCENT	100.00	1000
133827	09/21/22	BU856	BRADY, ELEANOR	180.00	1666
133828	09/21/22	00024	GANNETT NEW JERSEY NEWSPAPERS	38.22	1666
133829	09/21/22	CU522	CHATHAM LAWNMOWER SALES & SVC	412.77	1000
133830	09/27/22	C0811	COASTAL METAL RECYCLING CORP	836.00	1666
133831	09/2//22	C0318	CENTRAL JERSEY SEC CAMERAS LLC	4,000.00	1666
133832	09/27/22	DU'/40	DOVER BRAKE & CLUTCH	83.01	1666
133833	09/27/22	D0800	DAN, MARINA	175.00	1666
133834	09/27/22	E0002	EDMUNDS GOVTECH	166.64	1666
133835	09/27/22	E0231	EKA ASSOCIATES, P.A.	1,225.00	1666
133836	09/27/22	F0047	FULLERTON FORD	2,390.73	1666
133837	09/27/22	F0158	FLEMINGTON DEPARTMENT STORE	350.00	1666

133838	09/27/22	F0179	FASTSIGNS		355.29			1666	
133839	09/27/22	F0273	FLOWERS ON TH	E RIDGE	110.50			1666	
133840	09/27/22	F0326	FX AUTOMOTIVE	LLC	26.97			1666	
133841	09/27/22	E.0338	CDEAT CWAMD C	(Y	1,100.00			1666 1666	
133843	09/27/22	G0055	GRAINGER INC	CEENHOODED	108.50			1666	
133844	09/27/22	G0098	JCP&L		34,888.19			1666	
133845	09/27/22	H0246	HOME DEPOT CRI	EDIT SERVICES	1,129.20			1666	
133846	09/27/22	H0486	HORNYAK, WILL:	ACON OF ARCON	250.00			1666	
133848	09/27/22	T0165	INTERNATIONAL INTERNATIONAL	ASSN OF ARSON	145.00			1666	
133849	09/27/22	J0002	JAEGER LUMBER	TIDDIN OF TINDON	190.76			1666	
133850	09/27/22	J0262	JLA PARTY REN	TALS LLC	1,446.67			1666	
133851	09/27/22	K0259	KONICA MINOLTA	A PREMIER FINANCE	108.92			1666	
133852	09/27/22	K0331	KONICA MINOLTA	A PREMIER FINANCE	110.74			1666	
133854	09/27/22	K0331	KONICA MINOLIZA	A PREMIER FINANCE	133.42			1666	
133855	09/27/22	K0418	KUMAR, DEVANG		335.00			1666	
133856	09/27/22	L0005	LIBRARY PETTY	CASH	9.90			1666	
133857	09/27/22	L0038	LIN-GATE EQUII	PMENT SALES & SVC	100.00			1666	
133858	09/27/22	M0015 M0178	MCKESSON MEDIO	CAL SURGICAL	33.30			1666 1666	
133860	09/27/22	M0518	KONICA MINOLTA	A BUSINESS SOL.	59.95			1666	
133861	09/27/22	M0784	MID JERSEY YOU	JTH FIELD HOCKEY	1,705.00			1666	
133862	09/27/22	M0823	MOOSEWOOD TREE	E SERVICE	16,000.00			1666	
133863	09/27/22	M0899	MR JOHN		65.00	00/07/0	0 11075	1666	
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133866	09/27/22	N0017	NJ STATE LEAG	JE OF MUNICIPAL.	1,315.00			1666	
133867	09/27/22	N0035	NEW JERSEY PLA	ANNING OFFICIALS	127.00			1666	
133868	09/27/22	N0179	NEW JERSEY ST	ATE GOLF ASSOC.	210.00			1666	
133869	09/27/22	N0415	NATIONAL FUEL	OIL INC	17,180.52			1666	
133870	09/21/22	N0451 N0468	NORCIA CORPOR	JIA ATTON	1 088 77			1666	
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133874	09/27/22	00164	ODP BUSINESS	SOLUTIONS LLC	199.27			1666	
133875	09/27/22	P0389	PROFESSIONAL (	GOV'T EDUCATORS	90.00			1666	
133877	09/27/22	P0338	PAUL MILLER C	E & ACCIDENT	1.540.43			1666	
133878	09/27/22	P0732	PATNIAK, SANDI	EP	25.00			1666	
133879	09/27/22	R0023	RICHIES TIRE :	SERVICE, INC.	4,143.66			1666	
133880	09/27/22	S0101	STICKEL, KOENI	G, SULLIVAN&DRILL	2,242.50			1666	
133881	09/27/22	S0191	SOMERSET COUNT	TY RECYCLING PROG	71,969.85			1666	
133883	09/27/22	50278	SOMERSET CTY I	HIMAN RESOURCES	80.00			1666	
133884	09/27/22	S0378	STAVOLA ASPHA	T	153.16			1666	
133885	09/27/22	S0415	SPORTWORLD		1,325.00			1666	
133886	09/27/22	S0432	SOMERSET COUN	TY TREASURER	9,164.99			1666	
133887	09/27/22	S0764	STERICYCLE		35.70			1666	
133888	09/27/22	S0 /89	STAN & SON COL	NSTRUCTION LLC	2,4/0.00			1666 1666	
133890	09/27/22	S0965	SITEONE LANDS	CAPE SUPPLY, LLC	6,750.00			1666	
133891	09/27/22	S0977	STAVOLA CONSTI	RUCTION MATERIALS	452.25			1666	
133892	09/27/22	S1191	SAVO, SCHALK, CO	ORSINI, GILLESPIE,	2,008.50			1666	
133893	09/27/22	S1197	SCHOOL SPIRIT	PROMOS LLC	1,876.60			1666	
133895	09/27/22	T0024	TRIUS OF NU II	NUTTO OTTV	253.60			1666	
133896	09/27/22	V0056	VERIZON WIRELI	SS	1,710.25			1666	
133897	09/27/22	V0058	VERIZON		166.00			1666	
133898	09/27/22	V0073	VAIL INDUSTRIA	AL SUPPLIES	227.88			1666	
133899	09/27/22	V0084	VERIZON	agg BTOG	188.99			1666	
133900	09/27/22	V0124 V0186	FISHER AND SOL	ISS FIUS I COMPANY, TNC	204.99 592.40			1666	
133902	09/27/22	W0016	WARRENVILLE TI	RUE VALUE	466.01			1666	
133903	09/27/22	W0056	WELDON CONCRE	TE CO.	5,578.63			1666	
133904	09/27/22	W0074	WELSH'S MOTOR	SALES, INC.	525.32			1666	
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Resolution #2022-0377 - Approval of Street Closing Permit for a Block Party on North Brook Ave., 10/08/2022 (Rain Date 10/09/2022)

**WHEREAS,** Garth Davidson, hereinafter "the applicant," has applied for a street closing permit for a block party on North Brook Ave., on October 8th, (Rain Date 10/09/2022) from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM; 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 find it complete.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the street closing permit for a Block Party be approved.

# Resolution #2022-0378 - Pill Hill Landfill NJDEP Post-Closure Escrow Request

WHEREAS, Pill Hill Landfill was closed and NJDEP approved post-closure escrow for the ongoing post-closure maintenance of the site including environmental monitoring in 1996; and

WHEREAS, the landfill closure was approved in 1996 and post-closure environmental monitoring is required for 30 years until May 28, 2026; and

WHEREAS, with NJDEP approval, the post-closure escrow may be withdrawn to pay for required annual air and water monitoring and the financial plan for utilizing the balance of the fund over the next 6 years is as follows:

	YEAR	BEGINNING	CONTRIBUTIONS	INTEREST	PLANNED	INFLATED	ENDING
YEAR	NO.	BALANCE	TO FUND	(Rate %)	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
					(Current \$)	(Rate %)	
2022	26	28,043.28	28.04	0.001	5,608.66		22,462.67
2023	27	22,462.67	22.46	0.001	5,615.67		16,869.46
2024	28	16,869.46	16.87	0.001	5,623.15		11,263.18
2025	29	11,263.18	11.26	0.001	5,631.59		5,642.85
2026	30	5,642.85	5.64	0.001	5,648,49		0.00

WHEREAS, available escrow as of 12/31/2021 is \$28,043.28 and will not fully fund all monitoring until 2026; and

WHEREAS, NJDEP requires a commitment from the Township to pay for all additional costs of post-closure activities each year above the amount withdrawn or available from escrow in accordance with NJDEP requirements.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the Township of Bernards will be responsible for the additional costs of post-closure activities each year above the amount requested or available to be withdrawn from escrow in order for the Township to meet its ongoing obligation for post-closure maintenance activities at the Pill Hill Landfill until 2026.

# Resolution #2022-0379 - Pill Hill Landfill NJDEP Post-Closure Monitoring

WHEREAS, Pill Hill Landfill was closed and NJDEP approved post-closure escrow for the ongoing post-closure maintenance of the site including environmental monitoring in 1996; and

WHEREAS, the landfill closure was approved in 1996 and post-closure environmental monitoring is required for 30 years until May 28, 2026; and

WHEREAS, available escrow as of 12/31/2021 is \$28,043.28 and will not fully fund all monitoring until 2026; and

WHEREAS, NJDEP requires a commitment from the Township to pay for all additional costs of post-closure activities each year above the amount withdrawn or available from escrow in accordance with NJDEP requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the 2022 Current Fund Budget: Solid Waste Collections, Fees and Compensation line item appropriation #2-01-26-305-204.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the Township of Bernards will be responsible for the additional costs of post-closure activities each year above the amount requested or available to be withdrawn from escrow in order for the Township to meet its ongoing obligation for post-closure maintenance activities at the Pill Hill Landfill until 2026.

#### CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I, Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Bernards, hereby certify that adequate are budgeted annually for the above referenced monitoring. Monies will be available in the 2022 Current Fund Budget – Solid Waste Collections, Fees & Compensation line-item appropriation #2-01-26-305-204.

Date: 9/12/2022

Sean McCarthy Chief Financial Officer

<u>Resolution #2022-0380</u> - Unused Vacation Accrual Due Rhonda Pisano Bernards Township Municipal Clerk

**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, Rhonda Pisano's full-time employment will terminate on September 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, per the requirements of the Township's Personnel Policy, Rhonda Pisano is entitled to a Vacation Time Accrual payment for vacation time as calculated below based on an hourly rate of \$44.44.

Total Hours Available Amount Due Vacation Accrual 139.25 \$6,188.27

**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 Clerk S&W Line, Account #2-01-20-120-101 for an amount not to exceed \$6,188.27

Sean McCarthy, CFO

Date: September 14, 2022

<u>Resolution #2022-0381</u> - Unused Vacation Accrual Due Ann Marie Rivera Bernards Township – Finance 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, AnnMarie Rivera's full-time employment terminated on September 23, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, per the requirements of the Township's Personnel Policy, AnnMarie Rivera is entitled to a Vacation Time Accrual payment for vacation time as calculated below based on an hourly rate of \$34.75.

Total Hours Available Amount Due Vacation Accrual 15.25 \$529.94

**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 Finance S&W Line, Account #2-01-20-130-101 for an amount not to exceed \$529.94

Sean McCarthy, CFO

Date: September 20, 2022

Resolution #2022-0382 - Change Order # 1 - Time Extension Professional Services Contract for Storm Sewer Lining Design 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 WHEREAS, the Bernards Township Committee adopted Resolution #2022-0102 on January 25, 2022 awarding a professional services contract 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, additional time is needed to administer the closeout of the job.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Bernards Township Committee that the contract for professional engineering 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 be extended to December 1, 2022.

<u>Resolution #2022-0384</u> - Award of Purchase Orders for Identified Vendors, The Accent Group WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Bernards has adopted Ordinance #1854 "Known as Pay to Play" and P. L. 2004, Chapter 19; and

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

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

Vendor Not to Exceed
The Accent Group \$ 44,000

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

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

<u>Resolution #2022-0386</u> - Authorization of the Sale at Public Auction of the Township's Personal Property Not Needed for Public Use through USGovBid

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Agent has presented the following listing of personal property which are no longer needed for public use by the Township of Bernards:

Toro Snow Blower CCR363650 Ser #250026987

2005 Jeep Liberty Vin# 1J4GL48K85W652401

Exmark Lawnmower Ser# 514728 Robin Aire Portable Water Pump #2031409 York Rake #667

Toro Polar Trac Ser # 30370-2800000117

Toro Cab 270000080

Toro V Plow

Toro Rear Lift Attachment 30377-2800000129 Mantis Tiller TA2 GCAF1283571TA2

Misc Small Equipment Petrovend Gas Boy

Fruehauf Trailer 1994

Flatbed Trailer 1999 Carmate Ser# 1P9U820D5RL019167

Loftness Blower28HP99Edge BroomB009204Loftness Blower25PH10Alitec Stump Grinder92380301ATD Tool Box BlackATD7172Time Laps Recorder & Clock Camera1183AC

Northeast Pressure Washer DD2505HC

Nappa Air Compressor 20 gal VT614800

Misc File Furniture/File Cabinets

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-36, "Sale or other disposition of personal property," the governing body may authorize the public sale of municipal owned property no longer needed for public use; and

**WHEREAS**, the sale of surplus property shall be conducted through USGovBid pursuant to State Contract T2581/A-70967 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the state contract; and

WHEREAS, the terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with USGovBid is available on-line at; www.USGovBid.com and placed on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Bernards Township Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit Technology Pilot Program and Study Act (P.L. 2001, c. 30) authorizes the sale of surplus personal property no longer needed for public use through the use of an online auction service; and

WHEREAS, the sale will be conducted online and the address of the auction site is; www.USGovBid.com; and

WHEREAS, no express or implied warranty is made for the property subject to sale. All property is being sold in "as is"-"where is" condition; and

WHEREAS, all sales are final; and

WHEREAS, method of payment is Cash, Certified Check, Money Order or Company Check (with bank letter guaranteeing funds-mandatory); and

**WHEREAS**, all merchandise shall be removed within 10 business days from the time and date of issuance of the Buyers Certification otherwise buyers will be charged \$ 10.00 per day per item storage fee; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall be published in accordance with provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A-11-36.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Resolution (or Notice of the date, time and place of the auction, with a description of the items to be sold) shall be published in an official newspaper as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36(3); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Bernards Township Committee does hereby declare that the personal property listed above are surplus and no longer needed for Township use; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee does hereby authorize the purchasing agent to enter into an agreement with USGovBids to conduct an internet auction of surplus property identified.

Resolution #2022-0387 - Rejection of Bids for 2022 Road Improvements

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Bernards received bids on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 10:30 AM for 2022 Road Improvements:

BIDDERS NAME	TOTAL BID AMOUNT
South State, Inc.	\$1,131,000.00
Crossroads Paving	\$1,168,105.00
Reivax Contracting Corp.	\$1,182,406.70
Black Rock Enterprises, LLC	\$1,185,673.90
AJM Contractors, Inc.	\$1,237,188.75
Top Line Construction Corp.	\$1,268,598.08
P&M Construction Corp.	\$1,313,623.00
Capital Paving & Contracting	\$1,376,370.75

WHEREAS, the low bidder, South State, Inc., has submitted an unbalanced bid, whereby a unit price of \$0.02 was submitted for three (3) bid items; test pits, HMA milling 5" depth, and tack coat and the price for Hot Mix Asphalt Surface Course was inflated by 50% to \$150 per ton. It is not possible for a contractor to provide these construction items at the cost of \$0.02 per unit; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest bidder, Crossroads Paving, has in correspondence to the Purchasing Agent dated September 16, 2022 withdrawn their bid; and

**WHEREAS**, the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest bidder, Reivax Contracting Corp, also submitted an unbalanced bid whereby a unit price of \$1.00 was submitted for the bid item for Dense Graded Aggregate Base Course 5" Thick and the price for Mobilization was inflated to \$100,000.00 which does not reflect the items' true cost; and

**WHEREAS**, the 4<sup>th</sup> lowest bidder, Black Rock Enterprises, also submitted an unbalanced bid whereby a unit price of \$4.00 was submitted for the bid item for Dense Graded Aggregate Base Course 5" Thick and the price for Hot Mix Asphalt Base Course was inflated to \$145.00 per ton which does not reflect the items' true cost; and

WHEREAS, Bernards Township project specifications indicate on the Bid Proposal Form that all unbalanced bids or pennied unit prices may be rejected; and

WHEREAS, due to inflation driving the high cost of diesel, gasoline and other petroleum products including asphalt, and the effect of inflation on the cost of concrete and construction materials in general, the Township has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to reject all bids and re-bid the project sometime in 2023; and

WHEREAS, based on the aforementioned it is the combined recommendation of the Township Engineer, Administrator and Purchasing Agent to reject all bids and rebid the project at a future date when at the determination of the Township bidding can be optimized; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that all bids be rejected, and the project rebid in 2023.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a copy of this resolution shall be on file, available for public inspection in the office of the Bernards Township Purchasing Agent, 1 Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, New Jersey 07920.

Resolution #2022-0388 - Commendation on the Occasion of Your Employment with the Township of Bernards

Kumar, Vathsala – 25 Years	Kyriacou, Chris – 25 Years	Schley, David – 25 Years
Mahoney, Stephen – 20 Years	Cheng, Hank – 20 Years	Sweeney, Michael – 20 Years
Fallon, Brian – 20 Years	Resetar, Michael – 20 Years	Worthington, Courtney – 20 Years
Whitmore, John – 20 Years	Baldassare, Tracy – 20 Years	Mottley, Michael – 20 Years
O'Connell, Judith – 20 Years	Matthews, Steven – 20 Years	Dillin, Gail – 15 Years
Severino, Anthony – 15 Years	Thornton, Valerie – 15 Years	Barber, Jacqueline – 15 Years
Zolnierowski, Slawomir – 15 Years	Siclare, Ann Marie – 15 Years	O'Grady, Sean – 15 Years
Fentress, Vivian – 15 Years	Struzienski, Margaret – 15 Years	Neri, Mark – 15 Years
Nicoletti Jr, Thomas – 10 Years	Davenport, Douglas – 10 Years	Vaias, Karen – 10 Years
Dietl, Frank – 10 Years	Hennessey, Roseann – 10 Years	Meth, Leslie – 10 Years
Austin-Dominguez, Jody – 10 Years	Bahr, Christopher – 10 Years	Cartoccio, Kaitlin – 10 Years
Lakatos, Michael – 10 Years	Franceschetti, Rita – 10 Years	Habina, George – 10 Years
Browne, Deborah – 10 Years	Driscoll, Brady – 10 Years	Hsu, Carol – 5 Years
Kiefer, Cynthia – 5 Years	Matty Jr, Louis – 5 Years	Brothers Jr, Gregory – 5 Years
Smith, Ann – 5 Years	Solomon, Mark – 5 Years	

**WHEREAS,** the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards desires to convey to you an expression of its appreciation and grateful acknowledgment for the valued services rendered by you as a member of the Township of Bernards Employee Family; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that its sincere appreciation is given to acknowledge your worthwhile contribution towards the material development, communal welfare and quality of life in the Township of Bernards; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** a heartfelt congratulations is extended to you on the occasion of your anniversary of employment with the Township of Bernards.

<u>Resolution #2022-0390</u> - Authorizing and Approving Purchase of the Renewal Enterprise Software (\$57,000.00) and Office 365 Licenses (\$39,466.65) from the (County of Bergen) New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance Contract #CK04 to SHI, 290 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ 08873 In the Amount Not to Exceed \$96,466.65

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards wishes to purchase renewal of Enterprise Software Enterprise Software and Office 365 Licenses from (County of Bergen) New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance Contract #CK04; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen awarded a contract to SHI, 290 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ 08873; 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**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the budget; the line item appropriation to be charged is line account #2-01-20-140-204; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the IT Director and the Purchasing Agent to purchase renewal Enterprise Software Licenses from (County of Bergen) New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance Contract #CK04.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the Purchasing Agent be authorized to issue purchase order to SHI, 290 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ 08873 in the amount not to exceed \$ 96,466.65.

#### CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I, Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Bernards, hereby certify that adequate funds are available for the above referenced purchase in the amount of \$ 17, 619.00 for a new not to exceed amount of \$120,437.85. Monies are available in the Police Cars-Payment line account #2-01-25-251-295.

Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer

\*\* End Consent Agenda\*\*

Resolution #2022-0376 - Resolution Proclaiming October 13, 2022, as Bonnie Brae Giving Day Motion by McNally, second Fields, and unanimously agreed that Resolution #2022-0376 be approved.

WHEREAS, in 1915, Harry V. Osborne, an Essex County Judge, seeing so many destitute young men passing through his courtroom, and concerned about the lack of facilities to care for and help them with their family and emotional problems, decided to create a place for them so they would not slip through the cracks of society and fall into delinquency; and

WHEREAS, in 1916, Judge Osborne rented a small farm, naming it the Bonnie Brae Farm for Boys, officially opening the doors to the first 14 boys in Bonnie Brae's history; and

WHEREAS, in 1920, with so many boys being referred for help, the original farm became too small, and with the help of private donations, Bonnie Brae Farm for Boys moved to a larger property purchased in Bernards Township; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1950's rules governing organizations that operated for the public good and were supported by charitable donations needed to be incorporated in the state of New Jersey as nonprofit organizations, which Bonnie Brae was granted on October 13, 1953; and

WHEREAS, through the succeeding decades, Bonnie Brae continues to distinguish itself in the community, growing and adapting to the changing needs of those they serve, making the transition from a farm to a residential treatment center with a fully accredited school, adding accomplishments and accolades that include; the Knights Drum Corps playing in President Obama's Inaugural Parade, the launching of the Aftercare Program, the establishment of community-based Transitional Living homes, and most recently the establishment of a Crisis Stabilization Home – the first to provide residential services for females; and

WHEREAS, over 100 years later, Bonnie Brae has transformed the lives of 12,750 youth and their families from across the state, with a goal of helping 2,000 more by 2025, with more than 250 dedicated therapists, counselors, nurses, teachers and staff and thousands of supporters to help make this possible.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that on this occasion of Bonnie Brae's Anniversary as an official New Jersey Nonprofit, that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards does hereby proclaim October 13, 2022, as Bonnie Brae Giving Day in Bernards Township, New Jersey; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards encourages all members of the community to celebrate Bonnie Brae for their contributions to the community and to support the local businesses that have partnered with Bonnie Brae in this celebration.

The mayor left the dais and Deputy Mayor McNally presided over the meeting.

Resolution #2022-0391 - Change Order # 1- Purchase of three (3) 2022 Ford Utility Police Interceptor vehicles from the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract 15-A Item #2to Maplecrest Ford Inc., 102 E. Main St, Mendham, New Jersey 07945 in the amount of \$17,619.00. For a New Not to Exceed Amount of \$120,437.85

Motion by Grochala, second by Asay, that that Resolutions #2022-0391 be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally

Nay:

Date: September 20, 2022

Abstain:

Motion carried.

WHEREAS, the Bernards Township Committee approved resolution # 2022-0120 on March 15, 2022 to purchase three (3) 2022 Ford Utility Police vehicles; and

WHEREAS, a global microchip shortage, and major supply chain disruptions has made delivery of 2022 Ford Police Interceptor a logistical challenge as the manufacturer will not guarantee price protection of the 2022 vehicles as vehicles will be re-entered as 2023 vehicles; and

WHEREAS, it is the combined recommendation of the Police Chief, Administrator and Purchasing Agent to award this change order purchase to; Maplecrest Ford Inc., 102 E. Main St, Mendham, New Jersey 07945 in the amount of \$17, 619.00 for a new not to exceed amount of \$120,437.85; and

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

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, Somerset County, New Jersey that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue change order for three (3) 2022 Ford Utility Police vehicles to Maplecrest Ford Inc., 102 E. Main St, Mendham, New Jersey 07945 in the amount of \$ 17,619.00 for a new not to exceed amount of \$ 120,437.85.

#### CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I, Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Bernards, hereby certify that adequate funds are available for the above referenced purchase in the amount of \$17,619.00 for a new not to exceed amount of \$120,437.85. Monies are available in the Police Cars-Payment line account #2-01-25-251-295.

Date: September 20, 2022

Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer

Resolution #2022-0392 - Authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement with the Bernards Township Board of Education Concerning the Hiring and Placement of a Special Police Officer III in the Bernards Township School District

Motion by Grochala, second by Fields, that that Resolutions #2022-0392 be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally

Nay: Abstain:

Motion carried.

**WHEREAS,** the State of New Jersey has created a new class of Special Police Officers known as Special Police Officer III (SLEOIII) specifically and solely for the purpose of school security as outlined in N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.10, 40A:14-146.11, 40A:14-146.14, and 40A:14-146.16, and other appropriate provisions of New Jersey law; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards (the "Township") and the Bernards Township Board of Education (the "Board" or "District") agree that having Special Class III Police Officer who is specifically trained for school security is a best practice for the safety and security of the students, faculty, staff and visitors to District Schools located in Bernards Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township and the Board agree that school security is of the utmost importance to create a safe learning environment for students; and

WHEREAS, the Township and the Board agree that the Township, through the Bernards Township Police Department, shall hire, subject to the terms of a Memorandum of Agreement, and make available a designated number of SLEO III Officer's as determined necessary to the Bernards Township School District.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that we do hereby authorize and approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Bernards Township Board of Education and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the Township.

Baldassare returned to the dais and resumed to preside over the meeting.

Ordinance #2509 - An Ordinance of the Township of Bernards, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, Amending, Revising and Supplementing the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards, Chapter 21, "Land Development," Section 21-17, "Signs" – Introduction

The Clerk read the Ordinance by title. Motion by McNally, second by Grochala, that Ordinance #2509 be introduced on first reading, advertised as required by law, with a public hearing on 10/25/2022.

Roll Call:

Aye: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally, Baldassare

Nay: Abstain:

Motion carried.

<u>Resolution #2022-0383</u> - Commendation on the Occasion of Your Retirement Rhonda Pisano Committee members commented on Pisano's retirement and wished her well.

Motion by Fields, second by Grochala, that Resolution #2022-0383 be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally, Baldassare

Nay: Abstain:

Motion carried.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards desires to convey to you an expression of its appreciation and grateful acknowledgment for the valued services rendered by you as an employee of the Township of Bernards for the past 28+ years; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda has given generously of her time and efforts in a dignified, faithful and professional manner; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda has had an honorable history working as a public servant with a career that has stretched over 28 years, working for Bernards Township since 1994 and owning A Different Approach, Accessibility Consulting, LLC; and

WHEREAS, in Bernards Township Rhonda began working part time in the Engineering Department and assisted in multiple township offices over the years including DPW, Construction, and Sewerage Authority; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda provided Bernards Township's "American with Disabilities Self Evaluation and Transition Plan" in 1995, updated in 1998, updated in 2008 to include election polling locations, and updated in 2010 to include the Coakley-Russo Golf Course and provided "Disability Awareness Trainings" for all Bernards Township staff in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda was a key team member who assisted in the development and implementation of a document imaging system with Image Media for Engineering block and lot files in 2001 and beyond, working with the vendor on indexing, prepping documents, and training employees on use; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda began in the Municipal Clerk's office in 2011 – 2013 as the assistant to the Municipal Clerk and was promoted to the Deputy Municipal Clerk position in 2014; and

WHEREAS, during her time in the Municipal Clerk's office, Rhonda attained and maintained her Mini Master's in Public Administration from Rutgers in 2016, Registered Municipal Clerk Certification from the State of NJ in 2013, Certified Municipal Clerks designation in 2018 from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda was promoted to the Municipal Clerk position in 2019, serving in this role with distinction for the past 3 years, elevating Bernards Township's municipal clerk's position from a mainly clerical role to one of leadership and respect, both within the Township and throughout the County and the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda's personal achievements include serving as Environmental Commission Recording Secretary from 1996 – 2000, and as Member of Municipal Clerk's Association of Somerset County served on the Education Committee from 2014 – 2018 and as Executive Board Secretary in 2019 and 2020.

**NOW**, **THEREFORE**, **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that we do hereby recognize and congratulate Rhonda for her dedication and exemplary service to the residents of Bernards Township and thank her for her selfless work as the Municipal Clerk.

Signed and sealed on behalf of the Township Committee on this 27th Day of September, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

## Approval of Minutes:

09/13/2022 Open Session Minutes

Motion by Fields, second by Grochala, and unanimously agreed that these minutes be approved for content and release.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Approved 10/11/2022

Motion by Grochala, second by Fields, and unanimously agreed that that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda Pisano
Municipal Clerk

James Baldassare, Jr.
Mayor