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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 8:00PM. Those assembled saluted the flag and the Mayor read the Open Public Meetings Act in accordance with the law.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally, Baldassare

Absent:

Also Present: Administrator Monaco, Attorney Belardo and Municipal Clerk Kieffer

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION (if required)**

None.

#### **PRESENTATION**

None.

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

None.

#### **REPORTS**

None.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The mayor opened public comment.

The following individuals commented on Liberty Corner First Aid Squad ceasing emergency medical services in Bernards Township.

David Lai-Len - 57 Lyons Road

Susan Kessel - 77 Lyons Road

Mary Jane Walsh - 125 Jamestown Road

Nancy D'Andrea - 3 Vanderveer Drive

Todd Edelstein - 172 Riverside Drive

Ana Acosta - 7 Bernard Drive

Eugenia Molito - 88 Molito Way

Greg Taylor - 218 Lurline Drive

John Belardo

Charles Fortenbacker - (non -resident, mother resides at 43 Haas Road)

Kate Lorosa, 11 Morgan Lane – Commented on Harry Dunham Park, requesting the park provide more playground equipment for younger children.

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. Committeeperson Fields informed the public that it was Liberty Corner First Aid Squad members who voted to cease operations due to critical EMT staffing crisis. Municipal Clerk Kieffer commented that the Township Committee meeting scheduled for November 15, 2022, is canceled due to lack of quorum.

#### **FIRE & RESCUE APPOINTMENT**

None.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Consent Agenda

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

Roll Call:

Aye: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally, Baldassare

Nay: Abstain:

Motion carried.

\*\*Begin Consent Agenda\*\*

#### Resolution #2022-0395 - Approval of the Bill List Dated 10/11/2022

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the bill list dated 10/11/2022 be audited, and if found correct, be paid.

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133909 10/11	1/22	90327	MCKNIGHT, ALEX	23.43	1667 Direct Deposit
133910 10/11	1/22	90393	NERI, MARK	200.00	1667 Direct Deposit
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133912 10/11	1/22	90522	CARTOCCIO KAITLIN	177 20	1667 Direct Deposit
133914 10/11	1/22	90566	ENGLAND. ANTHONY	55 23	1667 Direct Deposit
133915 10/11	1/22	90580	MCCARTHY, SEAN	219 28	1667 Direct Deposit
133916 10/11	1/22	90590	MARTEN, RHYS	1.545.00	1667 Direct Deposit
133917 10/11	1/22	90597	WALLACE, RYAN	62.50	1667 Direct Deposit
133918 10/13	1/22	90653	SANT'ANGELO, KEVIN B	12.00	1667 Direct Deposit
133919 10/11	1/22	90706	JEFFERYS, M. NICOLE	2.87	1667 Direct Deposit
133920 10/11	1/22	90707	CASERTA, GABRIELLA	10.96	1667 Direct Deposit
133921 10/13	1/22	A0453	AMAZON.COM	2,673.43	1667 Direct Deposit
133922 10/13	1/22	A0611	AMERICAN WEAR, INC	951.04	1667 Direct Deposit
133923 10/12	1/22	A0716	ACB SERVICES INC	2,660.00	1667 Direct Deposit
133924 10/13	1/22	B0581	BUY WISE AUTO PARTS	245.20	1667 Direct Deposit
133925 10/12	1/22	B0758	BCI TRUCK, INC	55.32	1667 Direct Deposit
133926 10/11	1/22	D0754	DC EXPRESS	913.80	1667 Direct Deposit
133927 10/11	1/22	F0003	FOLEY, INCORPORATED	268.90	1667 Direct Deposit
133928 10/11	1/22	G0674	GALLS, LLC	95.00	1667 Direct Deposit
133929 10/11	1/22	H0029	HUMPHREYS PEST CONTROL, INC.	75.00	166/ Direct Deposit
133930 10/11	1/22	KU354	KANOPY INC	428.00	166/ Direct Deposit
133931 10/11	1/22	M0342	MORTON'S MARKETING RESOURCES	739.62	166/ Direct Deposit
133932 10/11	1/22	MU353	MIDWEST TAPE LLC	1,891.15	1667 Direct Deposit
133933 10/11	1/22	M0428	MIRCO CRORDE ITCHEING IIC.	123.00	1667 Direct Deposit
133334 10/11	1/22	D0634	DINC IN DAY RECUNOLOCIES INC	40.00	1667 Direct Deposit
133935 10/11	1/22	DU834	DEDIED TO SERVICES OF NIT ITO	215 00	1667 Direct Deposit
133937 10/11	1/22	90016	STORR TRACTOR COMPANY	78 67	1667 Direct Deposit
133938 10/11	1/22	S0227	SHEARON ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN	25.244.44	1667 Direct Deposit
133939 10/11	1/22	50443	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	45.10	1667 Direct Deposit
133940 10/11	1/22	S0741	SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS	11,835.50	1667 Direct Deposit
133941 10/11	1/22	S1177	SAL ELECTRIC CO., INC.	4,888.05	1667 Direct Deposit
133942 10/11	1/22	T0066	CENGAGE LEARNING CREDIT SVCS	208.70	1667 Direct Deposit
133943 10/11	1/22	T0192	TURN OUT UNIFORMS INC	1,065.96	1667 Direct Deposit
133944 10/13	1/22	T0412	TECHXTEND, INC.	11,983.70	1667 Direct Deposit
133945 10/13	1/22	T0514	TOP QUALITY SERVICES LLC	300.00	1667 Direct Deposit
133946 10/13	1/22	V0020	VILLAGE OFFICE SUPPLY	288.55	1667 Direct Deposit
133947 10/12	1/22	A0041	STEWART & STEVENSON POWER/ADDA	3,315.27	1668
133948 10/11	1/22	A0174	ALL SPORTS STADIUM, LLC	1,050.00	1668
133949 10/11	1/22	A0377	SANOFI PASTEUR	1,305.16	1668
133950 10/11	1/22	A0381	BLACK LAGOON	950.00	1668
133951 10/11	1/22	A0476	GENERAL BINDING CORPORATION	541.33	1668
133952 10/11	1/22	A0635	ABDO PUBLISHING COMPANY	65.90	1668
133953 10/11	1/22	AU694	ALVAREZ, MAX	250.00	1668
133954 10/11	1/22	AU / 2 /	ALS	47.04	1668
133933 10/11	1/22	AU / 4U	DAVED ( MAYIOD INC	6 540 06	1660
133930 10/11	1/22	B0001	DRIDCHMATER RECOIDERS INC	1 5/1 73	1668
133937 10/11	1/22	D0017	DEDNADDS TOWNSHID SUDDENT	10 400 16	1660
133930 10/11	1/22	D0020	DEDNADDS TOWNSHIP CORRENT	570 461 42	1668
133960 10/11	1/22	B0034	BERNARDS TOWNSHIP TRIEST FIND	795.86	1668
133961 10/11	1/22	B0070	BERNARDS TOWNSHIP (RECREATION)	1.152.28	1668
133962 10/11	1/22	B0241	BANISCH ASSOCIATES.INC	31.441.10	1668
133963 10/11	1/22	B0518	BERNARDSVILLE HARDWARE	2.99	1668
133964 10/11	1/22	B0857	BOLSTERLE, JOHN	70.00	1668
133965 10/11	1/22	C0037	CLERK'S PETTY CASH	32.00	1668
133966 10/11	1/22	C0069	STATE OF NEW JERSEY	600.00	1668
133967 10/13	1/22	C0241	COOPER ELECTRIC SUPPLY	149.00	1668
133968 10/17	1/22	C0482	OPTIMUM	11.46	1668
133969 10/13	1/22	C0482	OPTIMUM	44.95	1668
133970 10/13	1/22	C0482	OPTIMUM	33.34	1668
133971 10/12	1/22	C0482	OPTIMUM	138.44	1668
133972 10/12	1/22	C0522	CHATHAM LAWNMOWER SALES & SVC	134.24	1668
133973 10/13	1/22	C0528	COUNTY CONCRETE CORPORATION	1,615.00	1668
133974 10/13	1/22	C0597	CLIFFSIDE BODY CORPORATION	2,053.60	1668
133975 10/11	1/22	C0611	CHEMUNG SUPPLY CORP	1,528.00	1668

133976	10/11/22	C0613	CIGNA GROUP INSURANCE BB&T/CPS COMMUNITY HOME CARE COLONIAL LIFE & ACC INSURANCE CURCIO, JILLIAN OR DAVID DFFIM, LLC EDMUNDS GOVTECH FEDEX FULLERTON FORD FAIRFIELD MAINTENANCE INC FIREFIGHTER ONE FUN EXPRESS, LLC FLAGSHIP DENTAL PLANS FX AUTOMOTIVE LLC GIDELITY SECURITY LIFE INS GRAINGER INC JCP&L GOLD TYPE BUSINESS MACHINES BEDMINSTER CAR WASH HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS INSTITUTE FOR FORENSIC KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE KOLLY WINTHROP LLC LIN-GATE EQUIPMENT SALES & SVC LAWMEN SUPPLY LIFESAVERS, INC LUPO, DAN LOSTAN, HUNTER MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICAL MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS MORRIS COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY M&W COMMUNICATIONS, INC (MRO 442) MAIN LINE COMMERCIAL POOLS, INC MCELROY, DEUTSCH, MULVANDY & KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOL. KONICA MINOLTA BUSIN	1,560.02	1668
133977	10/11/22	C0697	BB&T/CPS	8.91	1668
133978	10/11/22	C0773	COMMUNITY HOME CARE	659.00	1668
133979	10/11/22	C0774	CURCIO. JILLIAN OR DAVID	643.94 325.00	1668
133981	10/11/22	D0783	DFFLM, LLC	61.73	1668
133982	10/11/22	E0002	EDMUNDS GOVTECH	254.16	1668
133983	10/11/22	F0001	FEDEX	32.83	1668
133984	10/11/22	F0147	FULLERTON FORD FAIRFIFT MAINTENANCE INC	363.11 375.00	1668
133986	10/11/22	F0289	FIREFIGHTER ONE	84,974.80	1668
133987	10/11/22	F0313	FUN EXPRESS, LLC	507.07	1668
133988	10/11/22	F0324	FLAGSHIP DENTAL PLANS	271.45	1668
133989	10/11/22	F0326	FX AUTOMOTIVE LLC	524.60	1668
133990	10/11/22	G0066	GRAINGER INC	607.40	1668
133992	10/11/22	G0098	JCP&L	209.60	1668
133993	10/11/22	G0300	GOLD TYPE BUSINESS MACHINES	8,670.64	1668
133994	10/11/22	G0333	BEDMINSTER CAR WASH	171.80	1668
133995	10/11/22	H0246	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	1,248.24	1668
133997	10/11/22	10077	INSTITUTE FOR FORENSIC	525.00	1668
133998	10/11/22	K0331	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	110.74	1668
133999	10/11/22	K0331	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	192.89	1668
134000	10/11/22	K0331	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	165.20	1668
134001	10/11/22	K0331	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	148.97	1668
134003	10/11/22	K0331	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	133.42	1668
134004	10/11/22	K0414	KELLY WINTHROP LLC	38.00	1668
134005	10/11/22	L0038	LIN-GATE EQUIPMENT SALES & SVC	200.00	1668
134006	10/11/22	L0116	LAWMEN SUPPLY	4,060.38	1668
134007	10/11/22	T.0498	LIPESAVERS, INC	267.30 75.00	1668
134009	10/11/22	L0502	LOSTAN, HUNTER	500.00	1668
134010	10/11/22	M0015	MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICAL	676.93	1668
134011	10/11/22	M0020	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	7,129.00	1668
134012	10/11/22	M0053	MORRIS COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY	225.00	1668
134013	10/11/22	M0131 M0441	MAIN LINE COMMERCIAL POOLS INC	2,000.00 5 311 74	1668
134015	10/11/22	M0493	MCELROY, DEUTSCH, MULVANEY &	7,880.56	1668
134016	10/11/22	M0518	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOL.	35.50	1668
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134020	10/11/22	M0518	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOL.	161.43	1668
134022	10/11/22	M0730	MIKOLAJCZYK, JACK	250.00	1668
134023	10/11/22	M0767	MOSIO, INC	480.00	1668
134024	10/11/22	M0823	MOOSEWOOD TREE SERVICE	2,000.00	1668
134025	10/11/22	N0006	NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER CO.	23,929.34	1668
134027	10/11/22	N0017	NEW JERSEY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	70.00	1668
134028	10/11/22	N0083	NJRPA	195.00	1668
134029	10/11/22	N0415	NATIONAL FUEL OIL INC	3,881.25	1668
134030	10/11/22	N0468	NORCIA CORPORATION	29.63	1668
134031	10/11/22	NU521	NIELSEN FLEET INC	568.36 51.56	1668
134032	10/11/22	00100	OVERDRIVE, INC.	2,835.39	1668
134034	10/11/22	00105	O.C.A. BENEFIT SERVICES, LLC	103.95	1668
134035	10/11/22	00159	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE SOL.	5,022.80	1668
134036	10/11/22	P0014	PUBLIC SERVICE ELEC. & GAS CO	486.76	1668
134037	10/11/22	P0046	RESERVE ACCOUNT	3,106.06	1668
134030	10/11/22	P0721	PAUL MILLER CHEVROLET	1,540.43	1668
134040	10/11/22	P0733	PICKARD, JILL	170.00	1668
134041	10/11/22	Q0002	CINTAS CORP #062	334.32	1668
134042	10/11/22	R0005	RECORDER PUBLISHING CO., INC	114.75	1668 1668
134043	10/11/22	R0010	RUSSELL REID	227.55	1668
134045	10/11/22	R0308	ROUTE 23 AUTO MALL	33,909.57	1668
134046	10/11/22	R0369	RUTGERS -CENTER FOR CONTINUING	200.00	1668
134047	10/11/22	R0788	RADIN, MICHAEL OR UBRIANI, KIRAN	340.00	1668
134048	10/11/22	50035 S0021	REINULDS, HILLARY S & S WORLDWIDE INC	1,288 89	1668 1668
134050	10/11/22	S0101	STICKEL, KOENIG, SULLIVAN&DRILL	1,257.75	1668
134051	10/11/22	S0327	ADT COMMERCIAL LLC	1,505.00	1668
134052	10/11/22	S0367	SOMERSET CTY HUMAN RESOURCES	40.00	1668
134053	10/11/22	S0378	STAVOLA ASPHALT	442.50	1668
134054	10/11/22	50415	SPORTWORLD STATE OF NEW JERSEY-HR	200 022 37	1668 1668
134056	10/11/22	S0675	SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RESOURCE MGT	229.00	1668
134057	10/11/22	S0681	SEALMASTER	2,352.60	1668
134058	10/11/22	S0847	SHI INTERNATIONAL	57,000.00	1668
134059	10/11/22	SU9//	STAVOLA CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	961.20	1668
134061	10/11/22	T0090	TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY	80.00	1668 1668
134062	10/11/22	T0142	TODD HARRIS CO., INC.	10,422.13	1668
134063	10/11/22	T0214	TELE-MEASUREMENTS, INC.	8,844.63	1668
134064	10/11/22	T0372	TLO, LLC	176.60	1668
134065	10/11/22	TU469	T-MOBILE US INC	1,512.11	1668 1668
134067	10/11/22	V0037	VILLAGE SUPERMARKET, INC.	423.00 76.16	1668
134068	10/11/22	V0056	VERIZON WIRELESS	933.13	1668
134069	10/11/22	V0058	VERIZON	4,421.90	1668
134070	10/11/22	V0084	VERIZON	750.27	1668
134071	10/11/22	VU124	VERIZON BUSINESS FIOS	729.98	1668 1668
134073	10/11/22	V0177	VERIZON	367.43	1668
134074	10/11/22	V0226	VIVEK, VISHAL	115.00	1668
134075	10/11/22	W0016	WARRENVILLE TRUE VALUE	1,027.59	1668
134076	10/11/22	W0030	LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC PAUL MILLER CHEVROLET PICKARD, JILL CINTAS CORP #062 RECORDER PUBLISHING CO., INC REIDER ASSOCIATES, INC. RUSSELL REID ROUTE 23 AUTO MALL RUTCERS -CENTER FOR CONTINUING RADIN,MICHAEL OR UBRIANI,KIRAN REYNOLDS, HILLARY S & S WORLDWIDE, INC. STICKEL,KOENIG,SULLIVAN&DRILL ADT COMMERCIAL LLC SOMMERSET CTY HUMAN RESOURCES STAVOLA ASPHALT SPORTWORLD STATE OF NEW JERSEY-HB SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RESOURCE MGT SEALMASTER SHI INTERNATIONAL STAVOLA CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS SAVO,SCHALK,CORSINI,GILLESPIE, TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TODD HARRIS CO., INC. TELE-MEASUREMENTS, INC. TLO, LLC T-MOBILE US INC TALEWISE LLC VERIZON VERIZON VERIZON VERIZON VERIZON VERIZON VERIZON VERIZON VIVEK, VISHAL WARRENVILLE TRUE VALUE WORLD BOOK, INC	1,226.00	1668

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Totals by Year-Fur Fund Description			d 	Budget Total		G/L Total	Total
CURRENT FUND		1-0	1	10,352.60	0.00	0.00	10,352.60
CURRENT FUND		2-0	1	991,842.48	0.00	0.00	991,842.48
DOG FUND		2-1	2	230.22	0.00	0.00	230.22
GOLF COURSE UTILIT	?Y	2-2	6	50,733.10	0.00	0.00	50,733.10
	Ye	ear Total:		1,042,805.80	0.00	0.00	1,042,805.80
CAPITAL FUND		C-0	4	118,068.43	0.00	0.00	118,068.43
PUBLIC GRANTS		G-0	2	12,042.27	0.00	0.00	12,042.27
TRUST FUNDS		T-1	3	41,923.74	0.00	0.00	41,923.74
PROJECT				8,753.25	0.00	0.00	8,753.25
	Total Of	All Funds:	===		0.00	0.00	1,233,946.09

<u>Resolution #2022-0396</u> - Personnel Appointment Ryan Valentino – Fire Prevention Inspector (Part Time) WHEREAS, a part-time Fire Prevention Inspector position became available due to a vacancy; and

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

WHEREAS, Ryan Valentino has applied for and is qualified to fill said position; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Official, Township Administrator, Chief Financial Officer and Human Resources Officer recommend the appointment of Ryan Valentino to the position of part-time Fire Prevention Inspector.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that Ryan Valentino be appointed part-time Fire Prevention Inspector effective November 1, 2022, at an hourly rate of \$23.00 for a 20-hour work week. This appointment remains contingent on the annual renewal of the Shared Fire Prevention Services Agreement with Bernardsville.

<u>Resolution #2022-0397</u> - Personnel Appointment Michael Costa – Plumbing Subcode Official/Inspector – Construction

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

WHEREAS, a full-time Plumbing Subcode Official/Inspector position became available due to a retirement; and

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

WHEREAS, Michael Costa is qualified to fill said position; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Official, Township Engineer, Township Administrator, Chief Financial Officer and Human Resources Officer recommend appointment of Michael Costa to position of full-time Plumbing Subcode Official/Inspector.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that Michael Costa be appointed full-time Plumbing Subcode Official/Inspector at an hourly rate of \$36.05 for a 40-hour work week with an effective date of November 1, 2022

<u>Resolution #2022-0398</u> - Personnel Appointment Joseph Desiato – Administrative Coordinator – Finance Department

WHEREAS, the full time Administrative Coordinator position became available due to a resignation; and

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

WHEREAS, Joseph Desiato has applied for and is qualified to fill said position; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator, Chief Financial Officer and Human Resources Officer recommend appointment of Joseph Desiato to full time Administrative Coordinator.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that Joseph Desiato be appointed full time Administrative Coordinator with a promotion date of October 12, 2022 at an hourly rate of \$27.73 for a 40-hour work week.

Resolution #2022-0399 - Commendation on the Occasion of Your Retirement - Michael Resetar

**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 the Plumbing Subcode Official of the Township of Bernards for the past 20+ years; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, on the occasion of your 20+ years of service you are retiring to start the next challenging and exciting chapter of your life;

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

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

Resolution #2022-0400 - Acceptance of Grant and Insertion of Grant Revenue Items Into the 2022 Budget \$10,089.19 for the Somerset County Municipal Alliance Grant for the Purpose of Funding the 2023 Municipal Alliance Program and \$2,522.30 for the 2023 Municipal Alliance 25% Match

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received an award of \$10,089.19 from the Somerset County Board of Freeholders for the purpose of funding the "Municipal Alliance" program and the Township will provide a 25% cash match of \$2,522.30 and wishes to amend its 2022 budget to include these amounts as revenue items.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:

2023 Municipal Alliance 2023 Municipal Alliance 25% Match

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that like sums of \$10,089.19 and \$2,522.30 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"

Public and Private Appropriations Offset by Revenues:

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Township Clerk forward two copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

<u>Resolution #2022-0405</u> - Award of Change Order #1 for Newell Drive Storm Sewer Lining To Vortex Services LLC, 210 Bennett Road, Freehold, NJ 07 Increase of \$7,814.00 (4.63%)

WHEREAS, the Engineering Department requests the following change order be authorized by the Township Committee:

Vendor	CO	Original Award	Amount of Increase	New Total
	Number 1	\$168,637.50	\$7,814.00 (4.63%)	\$176,451.50
TOTAL CO	CO #2		\$7,814.00 (4.63%)	\$176,451.50

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Township Engineer and Purchasing Agent to award this change order to Vortex Services LLC, 210 Bennett Road, Freehold, NJ 07728; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the budget or the line item appropriation Capital Ordinance #2446, line account #C-04-55-446-A08.

**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 Vortex Services LLC, 210 Bennett Road, Freehold, NJ 07728 in the amount of for a new total award of \$176,451.50.

#### CFO CERTIFICATION

I, Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Bernards, hereby certify that adequate funds are available for the in the budget or the line item appropriation Capital Ordinance #2446 in the not to exceed amount of \$7,814.00. Monies are available in account #C-04-55-446-A08.

Date: October 5, 2022

Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer

Resolution #2022-0406 - Authorizing and Approving Repair and Upgrade of Guide Rail from MCCPC (Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council) Contract # 26 – Various Items to Road Safety Systems, LLC, 12 Park Drive, Shamong NJ, 08088 In the Amount Not to Exceed \$33,935.00

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards Department of Public Works wishes to Repair Guide Rail; and

	TOTAL	\$33,935.00
	MCCPC Contract #26 – Various Items	
	Repair of Guide Rail – 37 Somerville Rd	\$33,935.00
QTY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT TOTAL

WHEREAS, it is the combined recommendation of the Director of Public Works, Administrator and Purchasing Agent to award this purchase to; Road Safety Systems, LLC, 12 Park Drive, Shamong NJ, 08088 in the Amount Not to Exceed \$33,935.00.; 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 #T-13-56-054-SIF (\$33,935.00); and

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, Somerset County, New Jersey that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for Repair of Guide Rail at 37 Somerville Road to Road Safety Systems, LLC, 12 Park Drive, Shamong NJ, 08088 in the Amount Not to Exceed \$33,935.00.

#### CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I, Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Bernards, hereby certify that adequate funds are available for the above referenced purchase in the amount not to exceed \$33,935.00. Monies are available in the SIF line account #T-13-56-054-SIF.

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Date: October 6, 2022

Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer

\*\* End Consent Agenda\*\*

#### Resolution #2022-0403 - Italian Heritage Month Celebration - October 2022

The mayor and township committee recognized the Italian Heritage month, thanked UNICO for their services to the community, and presented them with the resolution. Motion by Grochala, second by Fields, and unanimously agreed that Resolution #2022-0403 be approved.

WHEREAS, like so many of the cultures represented in this Township, Americans of Italian ancestry bring values and traditions that enrich the fabric of our Township; and

WHEREAS, Italians began migrating to the United States in 1880, and today there more than twenty-six million Americans of Italian descent in the country; and

WHEREAS, over two million Americans of Italian descent reside in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Italian Americans, continue to contribute to every area of society; and

WHEREAS, October has been designated Italian American Heritage month to celebrate the cultural heritage, achievements, and contributions Italian Americans have made across the country.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards does hereby recognize October as Italian Heritage Month.

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

<u>Resolution #2022-0401</u> - Personnel Appointment Denise Segal – Substitute Crossing Guard – Police Department

Motion by Grochala, second by Asay, that Resolution #2022-0401 be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally,

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

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

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

WHEREAS, Denise Segal 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 Denise Segal to the position of Substitute Crossing Guard.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that Denise Segal be hired as a Substitute Crossing Guard effective October 13, 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.

<u>Resolution #2022-0402</u> - Personnel Appointment Bryson Buchanan – Patrol Officer – Police Department Motion by Fields, second by Grochala, that Resolution #2022-0402 be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally,

Nay: Abstain: Motion carried.

WHEREAS, the full time position of Patrol Officer became vacant due to an interim restructuring; and

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

WHEREAS, Bryson Buchanan 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 Bryson Buchanan to full time Patrol Officer.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that Bryson Buchanan be appointed full time Patrol Officer effective Wednesday, October 12, 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 to preside over the meeting.

## Resolution #2022-0404 - Migration of Liberty Corner First Aid Squad, Inc. ("LCFAS") Assets Due to Termination of EMS Service

Mayor Baldassare and Deputy Mayor McNally commented in support of resolution #2022-0404, and having a responsibility to the residents & township emergencies services to ensure funds and assets are used for the safety of Bernards township residents.

Motion by McNally, second by Grochala, that Resolution #2022-0404 be approved.

Roll Call:

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

Nay: Abstain:

Motion carried.

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2022, the LCFAS notified Bernards Township (the "Township") that the LCFAS membership voted to cease operations of Emergency Medical Services ("EMS") in Bernards Township effective midnight on Monday, September 5, 2022 due to critical and inadequate staffing issues; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #2022-0352 authorized an amendment to Atlantic Ambulance Corporation's agreement to expand, include, and ensure 24 hour and 7 days a week EMS services to the residents of Bernards Township in the LCFAS service area; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #2022-0352 directs the administration of Bernards Township to work with the appropriate parties to determine and recover for the Township LCFAS's assets, dissolution of the organization, and future use of the land and building; and

WHEREAS, as of midnight September 5, 2022, the Township concluded that LCFAS was no longer providing EMS services to the Township and, as such, that the assets, contributions and donations provided to LCFAS by the public for the purpose of proving such services are to be reverted back to the Township for EMS related purposes; and

WHEREAS, Chief Financial Officer Sean McCarthy was tasked with identifying all resources provided by the Township and to identify all assets provided by public funding to LCFAS to support EMS to the residents of the Township, that should be reverted to the Township upon termination of LCFAS for the continuation of uninterrupted EMS services following LCFAS departure, including facilities, vehicles, equipment, and accounts; and

WHEREAS, CFO McCarthy by letter dated September 9, 2022, attached hereto, demanded from LCFAS a full accounting and return by LCFAS of all assets so the Township could dedicate these assets to EMS related services; and

WHEREAS, LCFAS has not replied to CFO McCarthy's letter; and

WHEREAS, Dave "Phil" Lai-Len, LCFAS President, on behalf of various members of LCFAS have indicated to CFO McCarthy and the Township an intent not to return contributions, donations and assets to the Township, including some members stating all LCFAS assets could be used for international donations, including rescue squad vehicles; and

WHEREAS, it is the Township's intent that any LCFAS assets be migrated to the Township bank accounts which will be specifically redeployed and dedicated for EMS purposes serving the residents of the Township, and any funds reverting to the Township will be held in a separate trust account via a State approved dedication by Ryder as a "Reserve for EMS Services" used for EMS purposes serving Township residents; and

WHEREAS, LCFAS disputes that all LCFAS assets are to be reverted to Bernards Township and asserts that assets, other than building and land, belong to LCFAS and can, and should be, maintained and held by LCFAS or given away to other users; and

WHEREAS, LCFSA further asserts that these assets can be used at LCFAS's discretion, suggesting donations and assets of equipment could be made to other organizations in need in other jurisdictions, to provide fire rehabilitation services, to outfit police vehicles with Lucas chest compression devices and used for scholarship funds; and

WHEREAS, LCFAS has refused to cooperate with the Township's administration on the assessment of or liquidation of said assets.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards hereby authorizes the Township Attorney to pursue litigation, and all other means, against LCFAS to ensure the proper migration of all assets provided to LCFAS for the purposes of providing EMS services to Bernards Township; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards will redeploy assets from LCFAS to future EMS services to benefit all the Township residents who in good faith provided such assets to LCFAS by way of donations and taxation to support EMS; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that the migrated assets of LCFAS will be held in a separate trust account via a State approved dedication by Ryder as a "Reserve for EMS Services" for EMS purposes serving Township residents.

#### Approval of Minutes:

#### 09/27/2022 Open and Closed Session Minutes

Motion by Asay, second by Grochala, and unanimously agreed that the 09/27/2022 Open Session minutes be approved for content and release and the 09/27/2022 Executive Session Minutes be approved for content.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION (if required)**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Approved 10/25/2022

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine V. Kieffer
Municipal Clerk

James Baldassare, Jr.
Mayor