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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 Deputy Mayor read the Open Public Meetings Act in accordance with the law.

ROLL CALL

Present: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally

Absent: Baldassare (8:00 PM)

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION (if required) Resolution #2022-0459 - *Authorizing an Executive Session*

Meeting of the Bernards Township Committee

Motion by Asay, second by Fields, and unanimously agreed that Resolution # 2022-0459 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 disclosure of 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.

Reason for Closed Session

Estimated Time of Disclosure or Upon Occurrence Of



Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose right could be adversely affect request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting subject to the balancing of the public's interest and the employee's privacy rights under *South Jersey Publishing*, 124 NJ 478.

The employee(s) and nature of discussion is. *Personnel – 2023
Board Appointments and Professional Appointments*

Upon Appointment

The meeting resumed in open session at 8:00 PM. Baldassare returned to the dais and resumed to preside over the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Resolution #2022-0445 - *In Recognition of Service to Bernards Township Widette Fox – Pool Commission*

Motion by Fields, second by Grochala, and unanimously agreed that Resolution #2022-0445 be approved.

WHEREAS, Widette Fox has given innumerable hours to our local government, its democratic process, and to the citizens of Bernards Township; and

WHEREAS, Widette Fox has rendered inestimable services as a member of the Pool Commission from 2017 to 2022; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that in recognition of her years of faithful service, the Bernards Township Committee extends to Widette Fox deep appreciation and sincere gratitude on behalf of all the residents and officials of Bernards Township; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this citation of her service be inscribed at length in the minutes of this Township meeting, held on the 13th day of December 2022, and that a suitable copy thereof, signed by the members of the Township Committee and attested by the Municipal Clerk, with the corporate seal of the Township thereunto affixed, be presented to Widette Fox.

Resolution #2022-0446 - In Recognition of Service to Bernards Township Linda Sims – Shade Tree Commission

Motion by Grochala, second by Asay, and unanimously agreed that Resolution #2022-0446 be approved.

WHEREAS, Linda Sims has given innumerable hours to our local government, its democratic process, and to the citizens of Bernards Township; and

WHEREAS, Linda Sims has rendered inestimable services as a member of the Shade Tree Commission from 2016 to 2022; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that in recognition of her years of faithful service, the Bernards Township Committee extends to Linda Sims deep appreciation and sincere gratitude on behalf of all the residents and officials of Bernards Township; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this citation of her service be inscribed at length in the minutes of this Township meeting, held on the 13th day of December 2022, and that a suitable copy thereof, signed by the members of the Township Committee and attested by the Municipal Clerk, with the corporate seal of the Township thereunto affixed, be presented to Linda Sims.

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

None.

REPORTS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The mayor opened public comment.

Sherry Nelson, 195 Smoke Rise Rd. – Commented on the resolution for the proposed round-about at the intersection of Allen Road and Somerville Road.

Todd Edelstein, 172 Riverside Dr. – Commented on renewal of the shared services agreement for the operation of a shared municipal court and public comment.

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.

Attorney Belardo left the dais and returned at the conclusion of Administrator/COO Monaco's comments.

FIRE & RESCUE APPOINTMENT

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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" – Planning Board Report - Public Hearing

The clerk read the ordinance by title, the committee acknowledged the Planning Board's Report finding that the ordinance was not inconsistent with the Master Plan, and the mayor opened the public hearing. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

Motion by Fields, second by McNally, that Ordinance #2509 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, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey, that the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards, Chapter 21, "Land Development," Section 21-17, "Signs," shall be amended, revised and supplemented as follows (new text is double underlined; deleted text is ~~stricken~~):

§ 21-17.2 General Sign Regulations (applicable to all signs in all zones).

1. The following design standards shall apply to all signs:
 1. Lettering and numbering on all signs shall not be less than four inches high, except lettering and numbering on signs in the B-1 and B-3 Zones shall not be less than three inches high.
 2. All signs shall be constructed of permanent quality materials and shall contain professionally drawn lettering/numbering.
 3. With the exception of temporary craftsman/contractor signs and temporary signs for charitable uses, freestanding signs with wire supports and any signs constructed of cardboard or corrugated plastic are prohibited.

Ordinance #2512 - Accepting a Wetlands Conservation Easement on Property Located at 11 Parkwood Lane; Block 11201, Lot 23, from Kshitij Bhatia and Niyati Shah-Bhatia to the Township of Bernards – Map – Public Hearing

The Clerk read the Ordinance by title and the Mayor opened the public hearing. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

Motion by McNally, second by Grochala, that Ordinance #2512 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 Kshitij Bhatia and Niyati Shah-Bhatia, having an address at 11 Parkwood Lane, Basking Ridge, NJ, 07920, a Wetlands Conservation Easement on Block 11201, Lot 23, 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 #2513 - Accepting a Wetlands Conservation Easement on Property Located at 295 Douglas Road, Block 7301, Lot 17, from Brian Diplock and Katie Diplock to the Township of Bernards – Map – Public Hearing

The Clerk read the Ordinance by title and the Mayor opened the public hearing. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

Motion by McNally, second by Fields, that Ordinance #2513 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 Brian Diplock and Katie Diplock, having an address at 295 Douglas Road, Far Hills, NJ, 07931, a Wetlands Conservation Easement on Block 7301, Lot 17, in Bernards Township.
2. The easement is on file with the office of the Township Clerk.
3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage and publication according to law.

NEW BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

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

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

Roll Call:

Aye: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally, Baldassare

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

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

Resolution #2022-0442 - Approval of the Bill List Dated 12/13/2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that the bill list dated 12/13/2022 be audited, and if found correct, be paid.

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

134533	12/13/22	90038 FORGIONE, LUCY A.	126.65	1678	Direct	Deposit
134534	12/13/22	90203 HURST, CHRISTOPHER	374.98	1678	Direct	Deposit
134535	12/13/22	90220 BETTLER, DENNIS	53.00	1678	Direct	Deposit
134536	12/13/22	90327 MCKNIGHT, ALEX	20.00	1678	Direct	Deposit
134537	12/13/22	90388 O'GRADY, SEAN	55.88	1678	Direct	Deposit
134538	12/13/22	90395 NERI, MARK	263.69	1678	Direct	Deposit
134539	12/13/22	90400 ALBANESE, CHRISTOPHER	258.00	1678	Direct	Deposit
134540	12/13/22	90505 DECIBUS, FRANCIS J.	471.97	1678	Direct	Deposit
134541	12/13/22	90570 BERCARI, ANDREW	11.00	1678	Direct	Deposit
134542	12/13/22	90608 UNTAMO, TRAVIS MILLER	25.35	1678	Direct	Deposit
134543	12/13/22	90687 DMITRUCK, KATELYN	148.69	1678	Direct	Deposit
134544	12/13/22	A0044 APPROVED FIRE PROTECTION CO.	829.14	1678	Direct	Deposit
134545	12/13/22	A0398 STERLING TALENT SOLUTIONS	524.21	1678	Direct	Deposit
134546	12/13/22	A0453 AMAZON.COM	2,118.97	1678	Direct	Deposit
134547	12/13/22	A0611 AMERICAN WEAR, INC	1,121.40	1678	Direct	Deposit
134548	12/13/22	A0716 ACB SERVICES INC	2,660.00	1678	Direct	Deposit
134549	12/13/22	B0203 DIFRANCESCO BATEMAN, PC	8,078.00	1678	Direct	Deposit
134550	12/13/22	B0388 BLACKSTONE AUDIO BOOKS	34.94	1678	Direct	Deposit

134551	12/13/22	B0556	BRT TECHNOLOGIES, LLC	5,740.47	1678	Direct	Deposit
134552	12/13/22	B0581	BUY WISE AUTO PARTS	642.74	1678	Direct	Deposit
134553	12/13/22	D0033	DEMCO, INC	165.34	1678	Direct	Deposit
134554	12/13/22	D0754	DC EXPRESS	805.80	1678	Direct	Deposit
134555	12/13/22	K0354	KANOPY INC	466.00	1678	Direct	Deposit
134556	12/13/22	M0342	MORTON'S MARKETING RESOURCES	1,910.00	1678	Direct	Deposit
134557	12/13/22	M0353	MIDWEST TAPE LLC	1,805.95	1678	Direct	Deposit
134558	12/13/22	O0110	ONE SOURCE OF NEW JERSEY, LLC	577.30	1678	Direct	Deposit
134559	12/13/22	P0534	PLUG 'N PAY TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	20.00	1678	Direct	Deposit
134560	12/13/22	P0706	PARTS AUTHORITY LLC	306.98	1678	Direct	Deposit
134561	12/13/22	R0393	RESEARCH&DESIGN LANDSCAPE LLC	6,948.00	1678	Direct	Deposit
134562	12/13/22	S0016	STORR TRACTOR COMPANY	247.14	1678	Direct	Deposit
134563	12/13/22	S0443	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	37.74	1678	Direct	Deposit
134564	12/13/22	S0741	SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS	1,476.00	1678	Direct	Deposit
134565	12/13/22	S1177	SAL ELECTRIC CO., INC.	3,517.13	1678	Direct	Deposit
134566	12/13/22	T0066	CENGAGE LEARNING CREDIT SVCS	99.99	1678	Direct	Deposit
134567	12/13/22	T0192	TURN OUT UNIFORMS INC	616.91	1678	Direct	Deposit
134568	12/13/22	U0001	UNITEMP MECHANICAL DEGREES LLC	5,095.50	1678	Direct	Deposit
134569	12/13/22	V0020	VILLAGE OFFICE SUPPLY	82.50	1678	Direct	Deposit
134570	12/13/22	W0275	WINNING TEAMS BY NISSEL LLC	790.38	1678	Direct	Deposit
134571	12/13/22	A0126	AFLAC NEW YORK	137.94	1679		
134572	12/13/22	A0174	ALL SPORTS STADIUM, LLC	682.50	1679		
134573	12/13/22	A0232	ARROW ELEVATOR, INC.	340.00	1679		
134574	12/13/22	A0250	AMBASSADOR MEDICAL SERVICES	60.00	1679		
134575	12/13/22	A0338	AFLAC	1,262.42	1679		
134576	12/13/22	A0425	ATLANTIC TACTICAL	127.50	1679		
134577	12/13/22	A0559	ARCARI IOVINO ARCHITECTS,PC	3,250.00	1679		
134578	12/13/22	A0666	ALSTEDE FARMS, LLC	2,170.00	1679		
134579	12/13/22	A0717	AAA FACILITY SOLUTIONS LLC	18,504.15	1679		
134580	12/13/22	B0001	BAKER & TAYLOR, INC.	4,621.81	1679		
134581	12/13/22	B0017	BRIDGEWATER RESOURCES, INC.	1,803.24	1679		
134582	12/13/22	B0026	BERNARDS TOWNSHIP CURRENT	43,210.37	1679		
134583	12/13/22	B0034	BERNARDS TOWNSHIP PAYROLL ACCT	769,365.04	1679		
134584	12/13/22	B0044	BASKING RIDGE ANIMAL HOSPITAL	1,507.10	1679		
134585	12/13/22	B0518	BERNARDSVILLE HARDWARE	6.99	1679		
134586	12/13/22	B0854	BAKHURU, RENUKA	55.00	1679		
134587	12/13/22	C0008	SCHOLASTIC LIBRARY PUBLISHING	5.03	1679		
134588	12/13/22	C0024	GANNETT NEW JERSEY NEWSPAPERS	35.88	1679		
134589	12/13/22	C0024	GANNETT NEW JERSEY NEWSPAPERS	15.05	1679		
134590	12/13/22	C0024	GANNETT NEW JERSEY NEWSPAPERS	3.90	1679		
134591	12/13/22	C0482	OPTIMUM	11.46	1679		
134592	12/13/22	C0482	OPTIMUM	33.34	1679		
134593	12/13/22	C0482	OPTIMUM	138.44	1679		
134594	12/13/22	C0522	CHATHAM LAWNMOWER SALES & SVC	170.72	1679		
134595	12/13/22	C0613	CIGNA GROUP INSURANCE	1,539.29	1679		
134596	12/13/22	C0681	CAST TECHNOLOGY, INC	140.00	1679		
134597	12/13/22	C0697	BB&T/CPS	42.02	1679		
134598	12/13/22	C0811	COASTAL METAL RECYCLING CORP	1,232.00	1679		
134599	12/13/22	C0914	COLLABORATIVE SUMMER LIBRARY	403.60	1679		
134600	12/13/22	D0053	NJ DIV OF ALCOHOLIC BEV CONTRL	45.00	1679		
134601	12/13/22	D0319	DRAEGER, INC	179.00	1679		
134602	12/13/22	D0661	DAVID WEBER OIL CO.	3,325.34	1679		
134603	12/13/22	D0740	DOVER BRAKE & CLUTCH	1,402.03	1679		
134604	12/13/22	D0788	D.H. CATERING	1,447.85	1679		
134605	12/13/22	E0007	ENGINEERING PETTY CASH	7.44	1679		
134606	12/13/22	E0008	EBSCO SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES	5,047.00	1679		
134607	12/13/22	E0279	ELM USA	76.99	1679		
134608	12/13/22	E0331	EMERALD VALLEY HOA INC	1,000.00	1679		
134609	12/13/22	F0001	FEDEX	124.15	1679		
134610	12/13/22	F0047	FULLERTON FORD	1,888.60	1679		
134611	12/13/22	F0148	FAIRFIELD MAINTENANCE INC	375.00	1679		
134612	12/13/22	F0158	FLEMINGTON DEPARTMENT STORE	1,515.17	1679		
134613	12/13/22	F0258	FINDAWAY WORLD, LLC	267.95	1679		
134614	12/13/22	F0324	FLAGSHIP DENTAL PLANS	271.45	1679		
134615	12/13/22	F0326	FX AUTOMOTIVE LLC	240.96	1679		
134616	12/13/22	F0330	FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE INS	345.84	1679		
134617	12/13/22	F0346	FANELLI, DIANNE	190.00	1679		
134618	12/13/22	F0419	FLANNIGAN, PETER	190.00	1679		
134619	12/13/22	G0033	GREAT SWAMP GREENHOUSES	270.00	1679		
134620	12/13/22	G0098	JCP&L	5,216.21	1679		
134621	12/13/22	G0333	BEDMINSTER CAR WASH	226.65	1679		
134622	12/13/22	H0246	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	191.52	1679		
134623	12/13/22	H0297	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	1,475.41	1679		
134624	12/13/22	H0489	HOLT, MATTHEW OR CORINNE	95.00	1679		
134625	12/13/22	I0178	IPVIDEO CORPORATION	189.00	1679		
134626	12/13/22	J0065	JACOBUS, JODY	260.00	1679		
134627	12/13/22	J0255	JERSEY WHOLESALE TIRE CORP.	344.00	1679		
134628	12/13/22	J0266	JAMDAR,NITEEN OR CHAVAN,VARSHA	190.00	1679		
134629	12/13/22	K0039	KOBESKY, GREGG S.	102.00	1679		
134630	12/13/22	K0259	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	123.54	1679		
134631	12/13/22	K0331	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	192.89	1679		
134632	12/13/22	L0498	LUPO, DAN	75.00	1679		
134633	12/13/22	M0062	CAVENDISH SQUARE PUBLISHING	204.44	1679		
134634	12/13/22	M0443	MODERNFOLD/STYLES, INC.	880.00	1679		
134635	12/13/22	M0518	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOL.	26.00	1679		
134636	12/13/22	M0518	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOL.	70.76	1679		
134637	12/13/22	M0815	M & M PERROTTIS	317.64	1679		
134638	12/13/22	M0996	MCGREAL, GERARD	1,200.00	1679		
134639	12/13/22	M1022	MURPHY, ERIC OR REBECCA	90.00	1679		
134640	12/13/22	M1023	MOYE, WILLIAM OR CAROL	2,372.06	1679		
134641	12/13/22	N0017	NJ STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPAL.	115.00	1679		
134642	12/13/22	N0053	NJ UNEMPLOYMENT COMP. FUND	8,273.71	1679		
134643	12/13/22	N0470	NATIONWIDE	148.19	1679		
134644	12/13/22	O0021	OFFICE DEPOT	90.96	1679		
134645	12/13/22	O0046	ALLEGRA MARKETING, PRINT&MAIL	110.00	1679		
134646	12/13/22	O0100	OVERDRIVE, INC.	6,910.13	1679		
134647	12/13/22	O0105	O.C.A. BENEFIT SERVICES, LLC	94.05	1679		
134648	12/13/22	O0135	OUTHOUSE LLC	80.00	1679		
134649	12/13/22	O0162	ORIENTAL CULTURE ENTERPRISES	355.66	1679		
134650	12/13/22	P0014	PUBLIC SERVICE ELEC. & GAS CO	2,057.95	1679		
134651	12/13/22	P0046	RESERVE ACCOUNT	1,164.55	1679		

134652	12/13/22	P0072	POSITIVE PROMOTIONS	787.66	1679
134653	12/13/22	P0437	POS PAPER.COM	221.85	1679
134654	12/13/22	P0602	LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC	435.62	1679
134655	12/13/22	P0735	PUC CETTI, GERMAIN OR TINA	105.00	1679
134656	12/13/22	Q0002	CINTAS CORP. - #062	417.90	1679
134657	12/13/22	R0005	RECORDER PUBLISHING CO., INC	58.65	1679
134658	12/13/22	R0006	RECREATION PETTY CASH	54.74	1679
134659	12/13/22	R0023	RICHIES TIRE SERVICE, INC.	3,822.86	1679
134660	12/13/22	R0045	RUTGERS - THE STATE UNIVERSITY	780.00	1679
134661	12/13/22	R0058	R & R IRRIGATION CO.,INC.	250.00	1679
134662	12/13/22	R0308	ROUTE 23 AUTO MALL	4,354.02	1679
134663	12/13/22	R0356	RUTGERS CO-OP EXTENSION OF	20.00	1679
134664	12/13/22	R0420	RENZ, THEODORE	360.00	1679
134665	12/13/22	R0837	REYNOLDS, CONRAD	500.00	1679
134666	12/13/22	S0101	STICKEL,KOENIG,SULLIVAN&DRILL	838.50	1679
134667	12/13/22	S0604	SMITH TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT, INC	309.80	1679
134668	12/13/22	S0628	STATE OF NEW JERSEY-HB	193,786.83	1679
134669	12/13/22	S0678	SAFE KIDS CERTIFICATION	55.00	1679
134670	12/13/22	S0691	SUPERIOR DISTRIBUTORS	499.32	1679
134671	12/13/22	S0875	SUNLIGHT GENERAL CAPITAL	137.87	1679
134672	12/13/22	S0913	SHEDLOCK CAR CARE	150.00	1679
134673	12/13/22	S1203	SANGHVI, NIHAR OR KARISHMA	105.00	1679
134674	12/13/22	S1204	SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	450.00	1679
134675	12/13/22	T0372	TLO, LLC	189.00	1679
134676	12/13/22	U0129	U.S. PACKING & CRATING LLC	1,000.00	1679
134677	12/13/22	V0037	VILLAGE SUPERMARKET, INC.	43.66	1679
134678	12/13/22	V0056	VERIZON WIRELESS	932.51	1679
134679	12/13/22	V0058	VERIZON	695.98	1679
134680	12/13/22	V0073	VAIL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES	344.62	1679
134681	12/13/22	V0084	VERIZON	446.98	1679
134682	12/13/22	V0124	VERIZON BUSINESS FIOS	364.99	1679
134683	12/13/22	V0140	VANTAGEPOINT TRANSFER AGENTS	2,349.45	1679
134684	12/13/22	V0177	VERIZON	358.65	1679
134685	12/13/22	V0185	VERIZON CONNECT	526.18	1679
134686	12/13/22	W0016	WARRENVILLE TRUE VALUE	318.05	1679
134687	12/13/22	X0003	XEROX CORPORATION	189.24	1679
134688	12/13/22	X0005	XTEL COMMUNICATION	477.36	1679
134689	12/13/22	X0005	XTEL COMMUNICATION	1,717.87	1679
134690	12/13/22	Z0077	ZIMMET, KATHRYN OR LON	90.00	1679

Report Totals	Paid	Void	Amount Paid	Amount Void
Checks:	120	0	1,120,872.04	0.00
Direct Deposit:	38	0	48,527.74	0.00
Total:	158	0	1,169,399.78	0.00

Fund Description	Fund	Budget Total	Revenue Total	G/L Total	Total
CURRENT FUND	2-01	936,504.04	0.00	0.00	936,504.04
DOG FUND	2-12	46,547.32	0.00	0.00	46,547.32
GOLF COURSE UTILITY	2-26	261.42	0.00	0.00	261.42
Year Total:		983,312.78	0.00	0.00	983,312.78
CAPITAL FUND	C-04	26,143.49	0.00	0.00	26,143.49
PUBLIC GRANTS	G-02	2,710.27	0.00	0.00	2,710.27
TRUST FUNDS	T-13	149,088.03	0.00	0.00	149,088.03
PROJECT		8,145.21	0.00	0.00	8,145.21
Total Of All Funds:		1,169,399.78	0.00	0.00	1,169,399.78

Resolution #2022-0443 - Personnel Appointment Steven Anello – Civil Engineering Technician – Engineering

WHEREAS, the Civil Engineering Technician position became available due to a vacancy; and

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

WHEREAS, Steven Anello has applied for and is qualified to fill said position; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, Township Administrator, Chief Financial Officer and Human Resources Officer recommend appointment of Steven Anello to the position of Civil Engineering Technician.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that Steven Anello be appointed Civil Engineering Technician with a start date of January 3, 2023, at an hourly rate of \$28.00 for a 40-hour work week.

Resolution #2022-0444 - Personnel Appointment Daniel Herron – Staff Engineer – Engineering

WHEREAS, the Staff Engineer position became available due to a vacancy; and

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

WHEREAS, Daniel Herron has applied for and is qualified to fill said position; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, Township Administrator, Chief Financial Officer and Human Resources Officer recommend appointment of Daniel Herron to the position of Staff Engineer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that Daniel Herron be appointed Staff Engineer with a start date of December 14, 2022, at an hourly rate of \$30.00 for a 40-hour work week.

Resolution #2022-0447 - Personnel Appointment - Promotion of Anne O’Gorman to Senior Librarian – Children’s Department

WHEREAS, the responsibilities and needs of the Library’s Children’s Department were evaluated by the Library Director and the Human Resources Officer; and

WHEREAS, Anne O’Gorman has been in the role of Librarian – Children’s Services within the Library; and

WHEREAS, based on Ms. O’Gorman’s levels of proficiency and demonstrated performance and accomplishments, the Library Director recommends her promotion to the role of Senior Librarian – Children’s Services; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator and Human Resources Officer concur with the recommended appointment of Anne O’Gorman to full time Senior Librarian – Children’s Services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that Anne O’Gorman be appointed full time Senior Librarian – Children’s Services, effective January 1, 2023, at an hourly rate of \$31.87 for a 35-hour work week.

Resolution #2022-0448 - Award of Change Order # 1 for Professional Services Contract for 2022 Municipal Auditor Awarded to Man C. Lee of the firm Nisivoccia LLP, Municipal Auditor in an additional amount of \$2,500.00 in the Revised Not to Exceed Amount of \$28,350.00

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards requires services for Municipal Auditor; and

WHEREAS, the Bernards Township Committee on January 4, 2022, passed resolution #2022-0050 to hire Man C. Lee of the firm, Nisivoccia LLP, to provide Municipal Audit services for the year 2022 in the not to exceed amount of \$25,850.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds will be made available in the 2022 Budget in Audit Services Other Expenses line account # 2-01-20-136-204.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, Somerset County, New Jersey that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a change order to; Man C. Lee of the firm, Nisivoccia LLP, a change order in the amount of \$2,500.00 for a new not to exceed amount of \$28,350.00.

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

Man C Lee, CPA, RMA, Partner

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I, Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Bernards, hereby certify that adequate funds will be made available for the above referenced change order in the amount of \$2,500 and the new not to exceed amount of \$28,350.00. Monies are available in the 2022 Budget in: Audit Services Other Expenses #2-01-20-136-204.

Date: 12/5/2022



Sean McCarthy
Chief Financial Officer

Resolution #2022-0449 - Rescinding Resolution #2022-0222 for One (1) 2022 Ford F450 Utility Body from Beyer Ford LLC, 170 Ridgedale Ave., Morristown, NJ 07960 In the Amount of \$64,378.50.

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2022 the Bernards Township Committee approved the purchase of One (1) 2022 Ford F450 Utility Body awarded to Beyer Ford LLC, in the amount of \$ 64,378.50; and

WHEREAS, Beyer Ford LLC has informed Ryan Wallace, Director of Public Works that Beyer Ford LLC cannot provide the specified vehicle at the original purchase price due to manufacturer delays.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, Somerset County, New Jersey, hereby rescinds Resolution #2022-0222 dated April 26, 2022 in the amount of \$64,378.50 for One (1) 2022 Ford F450 Utility Body from Beyer Ford LLC; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Purchasing Agent be directed to cancel the purchase order submitted to Beyer Ford LLC in the amount of \$64,378.50

Resolution #2022-0450 - Interlocal Services Agreement Between the Bernards Township Sewerage Authority and the Township of Bernards January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2027

WHEREAS, the Bernards Township Sewerage Authority requires Administrative and other services as itemized in the agreement; and

WHEREAS, Bernards Township requires other services as itemized in the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Bernards Township Sewerage Authority and Bernards Township have both indicated a willingness to provide services as pursuant to and on the terms set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the faithful performance by Bernards Township, the Bernards Township Sewerage Authority agrees to pay the lump sum amount of \$512,070 in 2023. For future years the contract amount shall be increased annually at 2%; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:48-5 authorizes a municipality to contract with any public or private entity for the provision of any service which the municipality itself could provide directly; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et. seq. the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, provides the mechanism for making such contract between public agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that a contract in the similar form, and with the same or similar terms and conditions as the interlocal agreement, shall be entered into between the Bernards Township Sewerage Authority and Bernards Township.

Resolution #2022-0453 - Award of Purchase Orders for Identified Vendor; Sal's Auto Body **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
Sal's Auto Body	\$ 44,000

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

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

Resolution #2022-0454 - Change Order #1 – Increase of \$12,000.00 Authorizing an Increase to the Professional Service Contract for Legal Services, Labor Counsel Awarded to Richard Flaum, Esq., of the firm of DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum P.C. For a New Not to Exceed Amount of \$37,000.00

WHEREAS, the Bernards Township Committee adopted Resolution #2020-0058 on January 3, 2022 awarding a professional services contract in the amount of \$25,000.00 to Labor Attorney, Richard Flaum, Esq., of the firm of DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum P.C.; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the 2022 Current Fund Budget – Legal Fees and Compensation, line account #2-01-20-155-20B.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bernards Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, Somerset County, New Jersey that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a change order to; Richard Flaum, Esq., in the amount of \$12,000.00 for a new not to exceed amount of \$37,000.00 for the contract term from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

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

Richard Flaum, Esq.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I, Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Bernards, hereby certify that adequate funds will be made available for the above referenced change order in the amount of \$12,000 and the new not to exceed amount of \$37,000.00. Monies are available in the 2022 Budget in: Legal Fees and Compensation line account #2-01-20-155-20B.

Date: December 6, 2022



Sean McCarthy
Chief Financial Officer

Resolution #2022-0455 - Canceling Current Fund 2022 Budget Appropriation Balances

WHEREAS, the following Current Fund 2022 Budget appropriation balances remain unexpended:

<u>BUDGET LINE ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
General Administration S&W	\$ 28,673.67
General Administration OE	\$ 46,834.00
Human Resources S&W	\$ 33,620.42
Human Resources OE	\$ 35,000.00
Township Committee OE	\$ 68,000.00
Municipal Clerk S&W	\$ 14,037.72
Municipal Clerk OE	\$ 34,979.00
Financial Administration S&W	\$ 12,126.62
Financial Administration OE	\$ 23,765.19
Audit Services	\$ 16,250.00
Purchasing Administration S&W	\$ 7,809.14
Purchasing Administration OE	\$ 24,237.00

Computer Network Administration S&W	\$	24,999.99
Computer Network Administration OE	\$	50,000.55
Revenue Administration S&W	\$	32,533.46
Revenue Administration OE	\$	27,450.81
Tax Assessment Administration S&W	\$	55,737.85
Tax Assessment Administration OE	\$	36,382.00
Legal Services	\$	350,151.00
Engineering Services S&W	\$	31,327.58
Engineering Services OE	\$	67,238.00
Planning Board S&W	\$	33,561.53
Planning Board OE	\$	99,989.00
Bd. of Adjustment S&W	\$	11,472.13
Bd. of Adjustment OE	\$	60,944.00
Environmental Commission S&W	\$	2,997.00
Environmental Commission OE	\$	14,185.00
Code Enforcement S&W	\$	61,982.19
Code Enforcement OE	\$	209,884.12
Unemployment Insurance	\$	18,500.00
Liability Insurance	\$	39,424.56
Workers Compensation Insurance	\$	26,567.86
Employee Group Insurance(SHBP Only)	\$	110,628.03
Waiver from Health Coverage	\$	24,273.00
Employee Benefits (other)	\$	37,199.91
Police S&W	\$	109,999.93
Police OE	\$	25,000.00
Crossing Guards S&W	\$	10,000.00
Crossing Guards OE	\$	5,000.00
Police Cars	\$	21,677.15
Office of Emergency Mgt. S&W	\$	16,620.00
Office of Emergency Mgt. OE	\$	16,093.00
Fire Official S&W	\$	36,361.73
Fire Official / Fire Hydrants OE	\$	57,194.20
Streets and Road Maintenance S&W	\$	54,260.31
Streets and Road Maintenance OE	\$	184,706.00
Streets and Road Maint. - Snow S&W	\$	115,750.00
Streets and Road Maint. - Snow OE	\$	189,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance S&W	\$	62,000.15
Vehicle Maintenance OE	\$	50,406.00
Solid Waste Collection S&W	\$	10,125.00
Solid Waste Collection OE	\$	93,444.00
Public Buildings S&W	\$	34,538.45
Public Buildings OE	\$	60,507.00
Other Public Works Functions - Shade Tree S&W	\$	3,078.00
Other Public Works Functions - Shade Tree OE	\$	11,255.00
Other Public Works Functions - St.Lt.Maint. OE	\$	46,575.00
Municipal Services Act OE	\$	62,430.00
Public Health Services S&W	\$	82,279.69
Public Health Services OE	\$	82,732.00
Animal Control Services S&W	\$	17,390.89
Contributions to Social Svc. Agencies	\$	5,331.00
Recreation Svcs. & Programs S&W	\$	56,554.04
Recreation Svcs. & Programs OE	\$	49,305.00
Grounds S&W	\$	12,447.60
Grounds OE	\$	67,598.00
Pool Commission S&W	\$	6,359.99
Pool Commission OE	\$	31,062.58
Community Service S&W	\$	28,164.09
Community Service OE	\$	23,810.00
Pay for Performance - S&W	\$	0.22
Deer Task Force S&W	\$	3,078.00
Deer Task Force OE	\$	13,045.00

Charter Day S&W	\$	6,097.00
Charter Day OE	\$	6,480.00
Labor Day Bike Races S&W	\$	945.00
Labor Day Bike Races OE	\$	500.00
Accumulated Leave Compensation	\$	105,300.00
Utilities	\$	187,629.51
Solid Waste Disposal S&W	\$	12,619.09
Solid Waste Disposal OE	\$	98,658.00
Public Employees Retirement System	\$	230.05
Police & Fire Retirement System	\$	1,500.00
Social Security	\$	42,100.00
Defined Contribution Retirement System	\$	10,000.00
Total Cancellations	\$	4,000,000.00

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balance may be credited to Fund Balance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that the above listed unexpended balances totaling \$4,000,000.00 of the Current Fund's 2022 Budget Appropriations be cancelled.

Resolution #2022-0456 - Approval of Special Event Permit Community Holiday Sing – 12/24/2022

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards appointed James D. Felter as the 2022 Holiday Sing Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Felter has submitted an application for this special event, planned for 12/24/22 from 6:30 P.M. to 7:45 P.M., with event time 6:55 to 7:30; and

WHEREAS, the special event will require the temporary closure of S. Finley Avenue from Henry Street to East Oak Street, and East Oak Street from Maple Avenue to S. Finley Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk, Officer in Charge, Recreation Director, and Superintendent of Public Works have reviewed the application and find it complete.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the request for the special event including the temporary street closures is hereby approved.

Resolution #2022-0457 - Amending License Stipends for Construction Department Appointments

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution #2021-0164 the Township Committee established stipends for utilization of NJ Uniform Construction Code technical licenses; and

WHEREAS, the NJ Uniform Construction Code requires that each employee is licensed in the technical subcode to which they are appointed to be responsible for; and

WHEREAS, in the event an employee receives an additional technical license issued by the State of New Jersey which is related to enforcement of the NJ Uniform Construction Code; and

WHEREAS, the additional license is deemed to be utilized by the Construction Official; and

WHEREAS, during the course of daily inspections, efficiency would be improved by a single inspector with multiple disciplines; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator and Human Resources Officer have reviewed the request to amend the annual stipend compensation for additional licenses obtained and utilized by Construction Department employees as outlined below:

FIRST ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL LICENSE	\$3,000 ANNUALLY
EACH ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL LICENSE	\$2,000 ANNUALLY
MAXIMUM ANNUAL STIPEND PER EMPLOYEE	\$9,000

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that we do hereby approve the amended annual stipend compensation established for utilization of NJ Uniform Construction Code technical licenses.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that we do hereby approve the inclusion of an annual pensionable stipend (for employees who are non-exempt) not to exceed \$9,000 per employee for the utilization of a NJUCC technical license outside the employee's regular job duties effective 01/01/2023.

Resolution #2022-0460 - Authorizing Placement of the Septic System for 131 Church Street in the Township of Bernards Easement Buffer

WHEREAS, 131 Church Street requires a new mound septic system to replace the existing failed septic system; and

WHEREAS, the property is narrow and mostly constrained by wetlands; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide service to the property the new septic system must be located within the buffer portion of the Township of Bernards conservation easement; and

WHEREAS, approval from the Township is required to locate the new septic system within the buffer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that we do hereby authorize the installation of a mound septic system for 131 Church Street in the buffer portion only of the Township's conservation easement.

*** End Consent Agenda ***

Resolution #2022-0451 - Resolution opposing the proposed round-about at the intersection of Allen Road and Somerville Road

Motion by McNally, second by Asay, that Resolution #2022-0451 be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Asay, Grochala, McNally, Baldassare

Nay:

Abstain: Fields

Motion carried.

WHEREAS, the intersection of Allen Road CR652 and Somerville Road is a 4 way stop; and

WHEREAS, Allen Road CR652 is a county road and Somerville Road is a Township road and the intersection is the responsibility of Somerset County; and

WHEREAS, due to accidents and traffic delays Somerset County proposed a round-about to upgrade the intersection to reduce accidents and reduce traffic delays; and

WHEREAS, the County held an on-line public information presentation earlier this year; and

WHEREAS, the proposed round-about can reduce accidents and delays but requires a very long construction period of at least 12 months; and

WHEREAS, the proposed construction will also require long detours at various times during construction; and

WHEREAS, residents of the Hills development served by Allen Road expressed their opposition and concerns for the proposed round-about; and

WHEREAS, a traffic signal can also reduce accidents and delays but with less construction impact, shorter overall construction time and minimal detours if any; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the Township of Bernards does not support the replacement of the 4 way stop at Allen Road and Somerville Road with a round-about and does support the installation of a traffic signal.

Resolution #2022-0458 - Authorizing a renewal of Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone, the Borough of Bernardsville, the Township of Bedminster, and the Township of Bernards, for the Establishment and Operation of a Shared Municipal Court.

Attorney Belardo left the dais.

Motion by McNally, second by Fields, that Resolution #2022-0458 be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Asay, Grochala, Fields, McNally, Baldassare

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

WHEREAS, the Township of Bedminster (“Bedminster”), the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone (“Peapack-Gladstone”), the Borough of Bernardsville (“Bernardsville”) and the Township of Bernards (“Bernards”) have reviewed their needs, resources and personnel and have found that they can assist each other at considerable savings to the tax payers of each municipality by establishing and operating a shared municipal court; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq., any municipality of the State of New Jersey may contract with any other municipality for the shared provision within their several jurisdictions of any service that any party to the agreement is empowered to provide within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:12-1(c), two or more municipalities, by resolution, may agree jointly to provide for courtrooms, chambers, equipment, supplies and employees for their municipal courts and agree to appoint judges and administrators without establishing a joint municipal court; and

WHEREAS, in a Shared Municipal Court, each Court retains its own identity; and

WHEREAS, the Shared Municipal Court shall be operated as four separate courts, pursuant to which Bedminster is the host municipality and provides the services described in this Agreement to Peapack and Gladstone, Bernardsville and Bernards; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards adopted resolution 2020-0209 and 2020-0243 authorizing a shared services agreement with the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone, the Borough of Bernardsville, the Township of Bedminster, and the Township of Bernards, for the Establishment and Operation of a Shared Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, that agreement expires December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a renewal of the Shared Services Agreement, in the form attached hereto and made a part hereof, was negotiated and agreed to by Bedminster, Peapack-Gladstone, Bernardsville and Bernard which renews a shared municipal court and provides for the sharing of court facilities and court staff including the municipal judge, court administrators, other court employees, prosecutors, public defenders and security personnel for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Bedminster, Peapack-Gladstone, Bernardsville and Bernards have negotiated a Shared Services Agreement, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Shared Services Agreement has been reviewed by the Township Attorney, along with representatives of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards finds it to be in the best interest of the Township and its residents to enter into this Shared Services Agreement with Peapack-Gladstone, Bernardsville, Bedminster, and Bernards for the establishment and operation of a shared municipal court.

COMMENCING ON OR ABOUT January 1, 2023, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, in the County of Somerset, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. There shall be a shared municipal court servicing the Township of Bedminster, Borough of Peapack and Gladstone, Borough of Bernardsville and Township of Bernards subject to compliance with the terms and conditions of the approval of Honorable Yolanda Ciccone, A.J.S.C.
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone, the Borough of Bernardsville, the Township of Bernards, and the Township of Bernards, which Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions for the operation of the shared municipal court, including the sharing of court facilities and court staff including the municipal judge, court administrators, other court employees, prosecutors, public defenders and security personnel.
3. The Township Clerk/Administrator, Township Attorney and other appropriate Township officials are further authorized to take any and all action required to comply with this Agreement.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption, and the adoption of the appropriate mechanism approving the Shared Services Agreement adopted by the Township.

Resolution #2022-0452 - In Appreciation to Frank Pollaro of Pollaro Custom Furniture, Inc. and the Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church for the Donation of the Table Made from the Historic Basking Ridge White Oak Tree that was Located at the Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church

Motion by Fields, second by McNally, and unanimously agreed that Resolution #2022-0452 be approved.

WHEREAS, the Historic Basking Ridge White Oak Tree that was located on the grounds of the Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church reached the end of its 600-year life in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Pollaro Custom Furniture, Inc acquired the lower trunk section of the tree; and

WHEREAS, visionary master craftsman Frank Pollaro offered to create and donate to the Township a Table for Townhall made from the Historic Basking Ridge White Oak Tree; and

WHEREAS, the intricate process of creating the Table took several years and is now complete; and

WHEREAS, this project was not possible without the following members of the Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church; Dennis Jones, Dr. Maureen Paterson, Bill Emmitt, Jon Klippel and Bruce McArthur.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards gratefully acknowledges and thanks, Dennis Jones, Dr. Maureen Paterson, Bill Emmitt, Jon Klippel and Bruce McArthur for their help with this project; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards hereby gratefully acknowledges and thanks and is honored to accept the Table that master craftsman Frank Pollaro of Pollaro Custom Furniture, Inc. created and donated to the Township of Bernards, which preserves the Historic Basking Ridge White Oak Tree for many years to come with a new life.

Approval of Minutes:

11/29/2022 Open and Closed Session Minutes

Motion by Asay, second by McNally, and unanimously agreed that the 11/29/2022 Open Session minutes be approved for content and release and the 11/29/2022 Executive Session Minutes be approved for content.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Fields, second by McNally, and unanimously agreed that that the meeting be adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Christine V. Kieffer
Municipal Clerk

Andrew McNally .
Mayor

Approved: 01/10/2023