HARDING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021 IN-PERSON / GOTOMEETING EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:30 PM EGULAR MEETING AGENDA at 7:30 PM

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA at 7:30 PM MEETING MINUTES

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

ADEQUATE NOTICE of this May 10, 2021 meeting of the Harding Township Committee was sent to the Observer Tribune on January 4, 2021 and published in the Observer Tribune on January 7, 2021.

Mayor Jones announced adequate notice of the May 10, 2021 meeting of the Harding Township Committee was published in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL – Municipal Clerk

Ms. Chipperson, Ms. DiTosto, Mr. Platt, Mr. Yates, Mr. Jones

Mayor Jones asked for a roll call. Mrs. Sharp called the roll and all members of the Township Committee were present in-person.

RESOLUTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to recess into executive session. Upon a motion made by Township Committee Member Yates, seconded by Township Committee Member DiTosto, and with a roll call vote of all ayes, none opposed, the meeting recessed at 6:32 pm.

Resolution TC 21-104- Resolution to Recess into Executive Session

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Harding Township Committee that it shall adjourn into executive session to discuss the following subject matter(s) without the presence of the public in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 10:4-12b; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the matter(s) discussed will be made known to the public at such time as appropriate action is taken on said matter(s), and when disclosure will not result in unwarranted invasion of individual privacy or prejudice to the best interests of the Township of Harding provided such disclosures will not violate Federal, State or local statutes and does not fall within the attorney-client privilege. The Township Committee will return to public session after this Executive Session.

Contracts:

- 1. Joint Court R. Falzarano
- 2. L&T Farm R. Falzarano

Attorney Client Privilege:

1. KRE – M. Roselli

Vote on Resolution:

	MOTION	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson Ms. DiTosto Mr. Platt Mr. Yates Mr. Jones	2 nd 1 st	APPROVAL	APPROVAL		

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION – Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to reconvene into Public Session. Upon a motion made by Township Committee Member DiTosto, seconded by Township Committee Member Yates and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the Township Committee meeting reconvened into public session at 7:31 pm.

ROLL CALL – Municipal Clerk

Ms. Chipperson, Ms. DiTosto, Mr. Platt, Mr. Yates, Mr. Jones

Mayor Jones asked for a roll call. Mrs. Sharp called the roll and all members of the Township Committee were present in-person. There were three members of the public in-person and seven members of the public on GoToMeeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones led members of the Township Committee and members of the public and members on the GoToMeeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADEQUATE NOTICE of this meeting of the Harding Township Committee was given as follows: Notice was sent to the *DAILY RECORD* and the *OBSERVER TRIBUNE* on January 4, 2021, and published in the OBSERVER TRIBUNE on January 7, 2021; Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Township Municipal Building on Blue Mill Road in Harding, NJ on January 7, 2021, and Notice was filed with the Municipal Clerk on January 7, 2021.

Mayor Jones announced adequate notice of the May 10, 2021 Township Committee meeting was published in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

RESOLUTION TC 21-105 – RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Jones asked Committee Member Chipperson to proceed with Resolution TC 21-105 listed on the Non-Consent agenda. *Township Committee Member Chipperson read Resolution TC 21-105*.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that the minutes from the following meetings are approved as prepared and shall be filed as a permanent record in the Municipal Clerk's office: April 12, 2021 and April 19, 2021

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that the minutes from the following Executive Session meeting(s) are approved as prepared and shall be filed as a permanent record in the Municipal Clerk's office: **April 12, 2021**

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to accept the Township Committee meeting minutes. Upon a motion made by Township Committee Member Yates, seconded by Township Committee Member Platt.

Mayor Jones asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call:

Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:

Vote on Resolution:

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson Ms. DiTosto Mr. Platt Mr. Yates Mr. Jones	2 nd 1 st	XIIROVAL XI XI XI XI			

RESOLUTIONS – (NON-CONSENT – REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION):

RESOLUTION TC 21-106 – EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Yates to proceed with Resolution TC 21-106 listed on the Non-Consent agenda. Township Committee Member Yates commented that with this resolution and TC 21-107, the newspaper failed to publish several weeks in a row the Township's budget, therefore, the budget cannot be adopted this evening. Due to this, the Township must pass this emergency resolution which will provide temporary appropriations, until the budget can be adopted at the June Township Committee meeting.

Resolution TC 21-106 – Emergency Temporary Appropriations

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen in that the Township is expected to enter in contracts, commitments or payments prior to the 2021 budget and no adequate provision has been made in the 2021 temporary budget for the aforesaid purposes, and

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

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary appropriation resolutions adopted in the year 2021 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$5,123,792.91,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Harding, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

1. Emergency temporary appropriations be and the same are hereby made in the amount of \$5,123,792.91 as follows:

Department	Budget Line Item	2021 EMERGENCY TEMPORAR' APPROPRIATIONS		
HUMAN RESOURCES	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 1,630.00		
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 201,940.00		
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 28,590.00		
MIS	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 55,000.00		
MAYOR AND COUNCIL	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 1,890.00		
MAYOR AND COUNCIL	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 5,150.00		
MUNICIPAL CLERK	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 21,280.00		
MUNICIPAL CLERK	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 20,950.00		
ELECTION	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 2,370.00		
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 90,030.00		
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 14,830.00		
AUDIT SERVICES	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 16,280.00		
TAX COLLECTION	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 30,150.00		
TAX COLLECTION	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 3,100.00		
TAX ASSESSMENT	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 28,840.00		
TAX ASSESSMENT	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 3,000.00		
COST OF TAX APPEAL	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 15,750.00		
TAX MAP REVISION	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 3,420.00		
LEGAL SERVICES	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 68,250.00		
ENGINEERING SERVICES	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 26,250.00		
PLANNING BOARD	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 6,780.00		
PLANNING BOARD	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 27,150.00		
BD OF ADJUSTMENT	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 23,370.00		
BD OF ADJUSTMENT	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 21,530.00		
UNIFORM CONST. CODE	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 146,790.00		
UNIFORM CONST. CODE	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 9,270.00		
LIABILITY INSURANCE	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 78,750.00		
GROUP INSURANCE	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 726,630.00		
HEALTH BENEFIT WAIVER	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 15,750.00		
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 60.00		
POLICE DEPARTMENT	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 1,041,010.00		
POLICE DEPARTMENT	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 59,230.00		
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 2,100.00		
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 790.00		
FIRE HYDRANT SERVICE	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 3,150.00		
STREETS & ROAD MAINT	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 358,700.00		
STREETS & ROAD MAINT	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 42,530.00		
SNOW REMOVAL	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 30,000.00		
SNOW REMOVAL	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 66,400.00		
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 1,050.00		
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 47,250.00		
RECYCLING	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 5,730.00		

RECYCLING	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 9,980.00
BUILDING & GROUNDS	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 62,480.00
VEHICLE MAINT.	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 31,240.00
CONDOMINIUM REIMB	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 24,680.00
HEALTH SERVICE	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 46,000.00
HEALTH SERVICE	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 9,720.00
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 1,200.00
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 7,200.00
ANIMAL CONTROL COST	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 1,050.00
WELFARE ADMINISTRATION	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 400.00
OPENSPACE COMMISSION	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 1,200.00
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 790.00
CONT. TO S/C PROGRAM	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 2,370.00
MAINT. OF PARKS	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 19,690.00
MAINT OF LIBRARY	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 21,000.00
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 270.00
ACCUMULATED LEAVE COMP	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 35,000.00
ELECTRICITY	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 23,630.00
STREET LIGHTING	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 2,100.00
TELEPHONE	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 14,970.00
WATER & SEWER	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 530.00
NATURAL GAS/HEATING OIL	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 6,830.00
GASOLINE	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 31,500.00
CONTINGENCY	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 1,320.00
PERS	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 172,000.00
DCRP	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 4,000.00
SOCIAL SECURITY	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 196,500.00
PFRS	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 413,000.00
JUDGEMENTS	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 60.00
CHATHAM/MORRIS CO911 I/L	OTHER EXPENSES	\$
MORRIS COUNTY I/L	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 54,820.00
MORRIS CTY PARTNERSHIP	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 530.00
JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 62,500.00
TOTAL CURRENT BUDGET EXCLUDII	NG CIF & DEBT SERVICE	\$ 4,611,280.00
BOND PRINCIPAL	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 255,000.00
NOTES PRINCIPAL	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 15,632.91
BOND INTEREST	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 96,700.00
NOTES INTEREST	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 21,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT F	UND & DEBT SERVICE	\$ 388,332.91
SEWER UTILITY	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 13,130.00
SEWER UTILITY	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 110,000.00
SEWER UTITLITY - SOCIAL SECURITY	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 1,050.00
TOTAL SEWER UTILITY EXCLUDING CAPI	TAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 124,180.00

- 2. Said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2021 budget.
- 3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director, Division of Local Government Services.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA VOTE:

Township Committee Member Yates made a motion to approve the resolution placed on this evening's Non-Consent Agenda by consent of the Township Committee, seconded by Township Committee Member Platt.

Mayor Jones asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call: Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:

Vote on Resolution:

	MOTION	FOR Approval	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson Ms. DiTosto Mr. Platt Mr. Yates Mr. Jones	2 nd 1 st	APPROVAL S S S S S S S			

RESOLUTIONS – (NON-CONSENT – REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION):

RESOLUTION TC 21-107 – RE-ADVERTISING PUBLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING DATES OF MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Yates to proceed with Resolution TC 21-107 listed on the Non-Consent agenda. Township Committee Member Yates explained due to the budget not be published in the paper properly, this resolution will re-advertise the budget and move the public hearing to the June Township Committee meeting.

Resolution TC 21-107 -Re-Advertising Publication and Public Hearing Dates of Municipal budget for Fiscal Year 2021

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2021, the Township Committee adopted Resolution TC 21-094 thereby approving the Fiscal Year 2021 municipal budget; and

WHEREAS, Resolution TC 21-094 provided that said budget would be published in the Observer-Tribune on April 15, 2021 and further provided that a public hearing on the budget would be held at the Municipal Building on May 10, 2021, at 7:30 P.M. at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2021 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-1 et seq., (the "Local Budget Law"); and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk was advised that the budget was not properly published by the Observer-Tribune on April 15, 2021, nor on April 29, 2021, despite the efforts of the Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore necessary to re-advertise the budget and to set a new public hearing date for the budget to meet the requirements of the Local Budget Law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Harding Township that the 2021 Fiscal Year Municipal Budget shall be re-advertised in the Observer-Tribune on Thursday, May 13, 2021 and that a public hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Municipal Building on June 14, 2021, at 7:30 P.M. at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2021 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA VOTE:

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Yates to proceed with Resolution TC 21-107 listed on the Non-Consent agenda. Township Committee Member Yates reported that the new public hearing date for the budget will be June 14, 2021 at 7:30 pm.

Township Committee Member Yates made a motion to approve the resolution placed on this evening's Non-Consent Agenda by consent of the Township Committee, seconded by Township Committee Member DiTosto.

Mayor Jones asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call:

Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:

Vote on Resolution:

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson Ms. DiTosto Mr. Platt Mr. Yates Mr. Jones	2 nd 1 st				

RESOLUTIONS - (NON-CONSENT - REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION):

Mr. Roselli, Township Attorney explained that this resolution will need to be tabled till the June 14, 2021 meeting.

RESOLUTION TC 21-108 – PUBLIC HEARING & ADOPTION OF BUDGET – MUNICIPAL BUDGET NOTICE FISCAL YEAR 2021

Mayor Jones asked Committee Member Yates to proceed with Resolution TC 21-108 listed on the Non-Consent agenda.

Resolution TC 21-108 – Public Hearing & Adoption of Budget – Municipal Budget Notice Fiscal Year 2021

WHEREAS, the Township Committee introduced and approved the 2021 Municipal Budget on April 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the approved introduction of the budget was advertised as required by law on April 15, 2021 and again in the April 29, 2021 edition of the Observer Tribune with notice of the public hearing to be held on May 10, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the municipal budget for the year 2021:

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated		
	2021		2020
1. Surplus	\$ 2,400,000.00	\$	2,100,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 1,365,918.24	\$	1,539,991.28

3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	\$	90,000.00	\$	90,000.00
4. a.) Local Tax for Muncipal Purposes	\$	5,934,749.00	\$	5,835,587.00
b.) Additon to Local School District Tax	\$	=	\$	
c.) Minimum Library Tax	\$	-	\$	-
Tot Amt to be Rsd by Taxes for Sup of Muni Bnd	\$	5,934,749.00	\$	5,835,587.00
Total General Revenues	\$	9,790,667.24	\$	9,565,578.28
Summary of Appropriations		2021 Budget		nal 2020 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries and Wages	\$	3,529,700.00	\$	3,417,600.00
Other Expenses	\$	3,528,160.24	\$	3,506,137.28
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	\$	854,300.00	\$	758,500.00
3. Capital Improvements	\$	587,100.00	\$	585,000.00
4. Debt Service (Include for School Purposes)	\$	372,700.00	\$	383,600.00
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$	918,707.00	\$	914,741.00
Total General Appropriations	\$	9,790,667.24	\$	9,565,578.28
2021 Dedicated Sewer Utility				
Summary of Revenues	Anticipated			
		2021		2020
1. Surplus	\$	49,000.00	\$	39,000.00
2. Miscellaneous Revenues	\$	200,000.00	\$	200,000.00
3. Deficit (General Budget)	\$	*	\$	-
Total Revenues	\$	249,000.00	\$	239,000.00
Summary of Appropriations		2021 Budget		Final 2020 Budget
1. Operation Expenses: Salaries and Wages	\$	25,000.00	\$	25,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	202,000.00	\$	192,000.00
2. Capital Improvements	\$	20,000.00	\$	20,000.00
3. Debt Service	\$	~	\$	-
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00
5. Surplus (General Budget)	\$		\$	_
Total Appropriations	\$	249,000.00	\$	239,000.00

Balance of Outstanding Debt					
		General	S	ewer Utility	
Interest	\$	747,025.00	\$	-	
Principal	\$	3,750,000.00	\$	-	
Outstanding Balance	\$	4,497,025.00	\$	-	

Personnel		
	2021 Budget	2020 Budget
Total Number of Full Time Persons Budgeted	32	31
Total Number of Part Time Persons Budgeted	15	16

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the budget set forth for 2021 is hereby adopted.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA VOTE:

Township Committee Member Yates moved to tablie Resolution TC 21-108 till the June 14, 2021 Township Committee meeting, seconded by Township Committee Member DiTosto.

Mayor Jones asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call: Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:

Vote on Tabling the Resolution:

	MOTION	FOR Approval	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson Ms. DiTosto Mr. Platt Mr. Yates Mr. Jones	2 nd 1 st				

RESOLUTIONS – (NON-CONSENT – REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION):

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Yates to proceed with Resolution TC 21-109 listed on the Non-Consent agenda.

Mr. Andrew Fiore, Finance Department, reported that in review with the Township Auditor's it was discovered that a necessary principal payment on the Township's Bond Anticipation will need to be made this year. Therefore, the budget that was introduced at the April 12, 2021 Township Committee meeting needs to be amended to remove \$15,632.91 from the Township's group insurance and add the \$15,632.91 to the Municipal Debt Service. There is no impact on the amount to be raised for taxation and it does not change the overall budget. The total numbers remain the same but within the other expenses and the Township's debt service, the money was shifted.

RESOLUTION TC 21-109 -- RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2021 was approved on the 12th day of April, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget will be held as advertised on the 14th day of June, 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2021 be made:

8. General Appropriations	From:	To:
(A) Operations within "CAPS"		
Group Insurance Plan for Employees		
Other Expenses	\$1,337,600.00	\$1,321,967.09

(D) Municipal Debt Service – Excluded from "CAPS"

Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes and Capital Notes \$0.00

\$15,632.91

9. Total General Appropriations

\$9,790.667.24 \$9,790,667.24

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith with the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA VOTE:

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Yates to proceed with Resolution TC 21-109 listed on the Non-Consent agenda.

Township Committee Member Yates made a motion to approve the resolution placed on this evening's Non-Consent Agenda by consent of the Township Committee, seconded by Township Committee Member Chipperson. Mr. Roselli, Township Attorney, reported that the amendment will be advertised as is and the budget will be advertised as originally introduced.

Mayor Jones asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call:

Vote on Resolution:

	MOTION	FOR Approval	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson Ms. DiTosto Mr. Platt Mr. Yates Mr. Jones	2 nd 1 st	APPROVAL X			

RESOLUTIONS – (NON-CONSENT – REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION):

Mayor Jones asks Committee Member DiTtosto to proceed with Resolution TC 21-110 listed on the Non-Consent agenda.

Resolution TC 21-110 – Resolution to Authorize the Person-to-Person and Place-to-Place Transfer of K.A. LEE ENTERPRISES, LLC, Liquor License to MMBBQ, LLC (DBA) Minuteman Smokehouse

Mr. Roselli reported that it is a person-to-person, place-to-place transfer from KA Lee Enterprises (Market Taverne) to MMBBQ, LLC (Minuteman Smokehouse) located at 990 Mt. Kemble Avenue. Mr. Roselli explained before the resolution is adopted to open up to the public for comment.

WHEREAS, MMBBQ, LLC having an address at 990 Mt. Kemble Avenue, Harding, New Jersey 07976 filed an application with the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control for a Person-to-Person and Place-to-Place transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License Number 1413-33-001-010, heretofore issued to K.A. LEE ENTERPRISES, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects and the transfer fees have been paid; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority has reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License Number 1413-33-001-010 to MMBBQ, LLC for premises located at 990 Mt. Kemble Avenue, Harding Township, New Jersey is hereby approved effective May 11, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Harding does hereby direct the Township Clerk to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: "This license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to MMBBQ, LLC, for premises located at 990 Mount Kemble Avenue, Harding Township, New Jersey, effective May 11, 2021."

NON-CONSENT AGENDA VOTE:

Mayor Jones asked Committee Member DiTosto to proceed with Resolution TC 21-110 listed on the Non-Consent agenda.

Committee Member DiTosto made a motion to approve the resolution placed on this evening's Non-Consent Agenda by consent of the Township Committee, seconded by Township Committee Member Yates.

Mayor Jones: The meeting is now open for public hearing on Resolution TC 21-110 and any member of the public may be heard.

Mr. Steve Balog, Civic Association – commented that Minuteman is receiving a liquor license. Mayor Jones responded with yes. Mr. Balog asked where the liquor license is coming from. Mrs. Sharp responded from the Market Taverne.

Mr. Louis Lanzerotti, Brook Drive North – commented if there is a financial amount involved in the transfer and who will own the liquor license after person-to-person transfer. Mr. Roselli, Township Attorney explained the new owners of the liquor license is an entity known as MMBBQ, LLC, which is a private sale going from one entity to the other and filed a detailed application with the State and has paid all the requisite fees, passed the requisite background check and will need approval from the State. This is an existing license.

Mayor Jones: With no further questions or comments from the public, Mayor Jones closed the public hearing at 7:47 pm and asked for a roll call from the Municipal Clerk.

Mrs. Sharp, Municipal Clerk, called the roll as follows:

Vote on Resolution:

	MOTION	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson Ms. DiTosto Mr. Platt Mr. Yates Mr. Jones	1 st 2 nd	APPROVAL	APPROVAL		

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE - Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones announced that he was happy to learn that Harding upheld their AAA bond rating from Moody's with the Township having the highest marks with Moody's. This is in no small way a task that was done by anyone or any number of people. Mayor Jones applauded Township Committee Member Yates for his leadership with the Township budget. Mayor Jones mentioned that with Mr. Yates 15 years in Harding, he has the best attendance for the Township Committee meetings of anyone even prior to joining the Committee. It is Mr. Yates' leadership in building a long term plan that put the Township in the best financial situation that a Municipality could be in. Mr. Jones applauded Mr. Fiore and Mr. Falzarano for all their work.

Mrs. Chipperson announced that 40 entries were received for the logo contest.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT TIME LIMIT

Hearing of citizens during the Public Comment section of the Agenda is an opportunity for any member of the public to be heard about issues which are/are not topics scheduled for Public Hearing tonight. To help facilitate an orderly meeting, and to permit all to be heard, speakers are asked to limit their comments to a reasonable length of time.

Mayor Jones opened the meeting for public comment at 7:49 pm and announced if any member of the public would like to be heard to unmute themselves, state your name and address and make your comment.

Mr. Louis Lanzerotti, Brook Drive North – commented that he seconded Mayor Jones comments with regards to the budget accolades. Mr. Lanzerotti commented how the local newspaper messed publishing the Township budget in their paper. Mayor Jones explained it was the table that was not printed. The notice was printed but not the table with the numbers. This is a programming issue that the paper has their system. By law, the budget must be printed in the local newspaper. Mr. Fiore commented that the budget is available on the Township's website and a copy is in the Kemmerer Library, but the statutes do require a print version in the paper as well. Mr. Lanzerotti commented this does make a month more of work for the Township.

Mr. Steve Balog, Civic Association – commented the bond rating is a formal review by Moody's. Mr. Fiore commented Moody's is the Township's most recent Triple A rating.

Township Committee Member Yates – commented that the Moody's review will be placed on the Township's website.

Township Committee Member Chipperson – commented that 40 entries have been received for the logo/design contest. Voting by the town will commence in the first half of June. Votes will be received by way of the grey

box outside the back door of the Municipal Building. Instructions will be posted on the Centennial website. The Kemmerer Library has agreed to allow voting during the Primary on June 8, 2021 at the library. No voting for the logo contest will happen at the Municipal Building. Calendar of events will be released soon. A printed calendar will be sent to residents of Harding with the list of events for 2022 and families and businesses will have the opportunity to place ads in exchange for donations. A vendor to interview the town elders is currently being reviewed. Working on video, transcripts and a video montage. A public session will be scheduled for the end of June 2021. If anyone would like to volunteer, please go to the centennial website and contact us. Continue to check the website for details.

With no further comments, Mayor Yates closed the public comment portion of the meeting at 7:54 pm.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: NONE

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Yates to read Ordinance TC #07-2021.

Township Committee Member Yates read Ordinance TC #07-2021 by title as follows

ORDINANCE #07-2021 – CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP AND APPROPRIATING THEREFORE THE SUM OF \$557,100

Township Committee Member Yates made a motion to continue the public hearing of Ordinance #07-2021 for the June 14, 2021 Township Committee Meeting, seconded by Township Committee Member DiTosto.

Mayor Jones asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call: Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:

Vote on Adoption:

	MOTION TO MOVE TO JUNE	FOR Approval	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson Ms. DiTosto Mr. Platt Mr. Yates Mr. Jones	14 th 2 nd 1 st				

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Yates to read Ordinance TC #08-2021.

Township Committee Member Yates read Ordinance TC #08-2021 by title as follows

ORDINANCE #08-2021— "AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING IN MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING A MIDBLOCK CROSSWALK ON SAND SPRING ROAD, TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY"

Which said Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular Township Committee Meeting held on April 12, 2021.

Mayor Jones asked the Municipal Clerk to give a summary of the legal notice.

Mrs. Sharp, Municipal Clerk, explained that a legal notice was sent for publication on April 12, 2021 to the Observer Tribune indicating that Ordinance #08-2021 was introduced and passed on first reading at the April 12, 2021 meeting and indicated that the second reading and public hearing were to be held on May 10, 2021 at 7:30 pm on or at any time thereafter for consideration of final adoption. Copies of this Ordinance were made available to the general public, posted on the Township website, and posted in accordance with the law.

Mayor Jones opened the meeting at 7:56 pm for public hearing on the Ordinance and any member of the public may be heard.

With no members of the public wishing to be heard, Mayor Jones closed the public hearing at 7:56 pm.

Township Committee Member Yates offered Ordinance #08-2021 and moved its adoption.

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Ordinance was read by title on second reading, after the public hearing at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

Township Committee Member Chipperson seconded the motion.

Mayor Jones asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call: Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:

Vote on Adoption:

	MOTION	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson Ms. DiTosto Mr. Platt Mr. Yates Mr. Jones	2 nd	APPROVAL	APPROVAL		

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Yates to read Ordinance #09-2021.

Township Committee Member Yates read Ordinance TC #09-2021 by title as follows

ORDINANCE #09-2021— "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING AMENDING CHAPTER 171, ARTICLE IV (LAND USE DEVELOPMENT) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, SPECIFICALLY §§171-15 (LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT FEES), 171-16 (LAND USE PROCEDURES AND VARIANCE APPLICATIONS) AND 171-23 (TECHNICAL REVIEW FEES)"

Which said Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular Township Committee Meeting held on April 12, 2021.

Mayor Jones asked the Municipal Clerk to give a summary of the legal notice.

Mrs. Sharp, Municipal Clerk, explained that a legal notice was sent for publication on April 12, 2021 to the Observer Tribune indicating that Ordinance #09-2021 was introduced and passed on first reading at the April 12, 2021 meeting and indicated that the second reading and public hearing were to be held on May 10, 2021 at 7:30 pm on or at any time thereafter for consideration of final adoption. Copies of this Ordinance were made available to the general public, posted on the Township website, and posted in accordance with the law.

Mayor Jones opened the meeting at 7:59 pm for public hearing on the Ordinance and any member of the public may be heard.

With no members of the public wishing to be heard, Mayor Jones closed the public hearing at 7:59 pm.

Township Committee Member Yates offered Ordinance #09-2021 and moved its adoption.

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Ordinance was read by title on second reading, after the public hearing at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

Township Committee Member Platt seconded the motion.

Mayor Jones asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call: Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:

Vote on Adoption:

	MOTION	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson Ms. DiTosto Mr. Platt Mr. Yates Mr. Jones	2 nd 1 st	APPROVAL	APPROVAL		

ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Jones announced that we an add-on resolution for this evening and asked Township Committee Member Platt to proceed with Resolution TC 21-111. Township Committee Member Platt read Resolution TC 21-111 by title as follows:

RESOLUTION TC 21-111 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING WITHDRAWAL FROM AGREEMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF A JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT PURSUANT TO THE UNIFORM SHARED SERVICES AND CONSOLIDATION ACT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, BOROUGH OF MADISON, BOROUGH OF CHATHAM, TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM AND TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS

WHEREAS, the Township of Harding is currently a member of certain agreement entitled "AGREEMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF A JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT PURSUANT TO THE UNIFORM SHARED SERVICES AND CONSOLIDATION ACT' dated January 1, 2018 by and between the Township of Harding, Borough of Madison, Borough of Chatham, Township of Chatham and Township of Harding, with a term set to expire December 31, 2021 (hereinafter "Joint Court Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, Article 4 of the Joint Court Agreement further provides that "[A]ny member of the Joint Municipal Court may withdraw at the end of the calendar year; provided, however, that on or before July 1st the member has given the Joint Municipal Court Administrator and each municipal member thereof six (6) months written notice of its intention to withdraw ..."; and

WHEREAS, based upon the current operation of the Joint Municipal Court and application of the Joint Court Agreement by current members in failing and refusing to address real and legitimate issues raised by Harding Township in the operation of the Joint Court, the Township Committee has determined that it is Harding Township's best interest not to renew or remain a party to the Joint Court Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this resolution by the Township Committee shall not be construed nor interpreted as a waiver or release of any and all rights, claims or actions that the Township of Harding has or may have against the remaining members in the enforcement of the terms of the Joint Court Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Harding Township, Morris County, New Jersey that:

- 1. The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein and made a part hereof as if set forth at length.
- 2. The Township of Harding hereby withdrawals as a participating municipality in the Joint Municipal Court and hereby withdraws as a member of the Joint Municipal Court and Joint Court Agreement, to be effective on or before December 31, 2021.
- 3. A copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Joint Municipal Court Administrator and each Municipal member on or before July 1, 2021.

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Platt to proceed with Resolution TC 21-111.

Township Committee Member Platt made a motion to approve the resolution by consent of the Township Committee, seconded by Township Committee Member Yates.

Mayor Jones asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call:

Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:

Vote on Resolution:

	MOTION	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson Ms. DiTosto Mr. Platt Mr. Yates Mr. Jones	1 st 2 nd	APPROVAL	APPROVAL		

ADD-ON RESOLUTION:

Mayor Jones announced that we an add-on resolution for this evening and asked Township Committee Member Platt to proceed with Resolution TC 21-112. Township Committee Member Yates read Resolution TC 21-112 by title as follows:

RESOLUTION TC 21-112 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPROVING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR SHARED MUNICIPAL COURT BETWEEN LONG HILL TOWNSHIP AND HARDING TOWNSHIP AND ESTABLISHING A SHARED MUNICIPAL COURT

WHEREAS, the Township of Long Hill operates its own municipal court with offices in the municipal building at 915 Valley Road, Gillette, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Harding is currently a member of a joint court with a term set to expire December 31, 2021 (hereinafter "Joint Court Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, Harding Township will not renew or remain a party to the Joint Court Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Long Hill Township and Harding Township both wish to enter into an agreement to share municipal court services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:12-1(c); and

WHEREAS, such shared service agreements are authorized by the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:65-1, *et. seq.*; and

WHEREAS, both Townships have set forth the administrative and financial responsibilities of each member for the shared court services in a Shared Services Agreement for Shared Municipal Court Between Long Hill Township and Harding Township (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the shared court is subject to approval by the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Vicinage Assignment Judge; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2B:12-1 (c) and N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4, the governing bodies of Long Hill Township and Harding Township are required to adopt an appropriate resolution approving this agreement and the establishment of a shared municipal court; and

WHEREAS, both municipalities have determined it to be in their mutual best interest to provide for shared court facilities, personnel and resources for use by their respective municipal courts with Long Hill Township to act as the lead agency and to approve the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Harding Township, Morris County, New Jersey that:

- 1. The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein and made a part hereof as if set forth at length.
- 2. The Township Committee hereby approves of the Shared Services Agreement for Shared Municipal Court Between Long Hill Township and Harding Township and hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Township of Harding, subject to the Long Hill Township Committee also approving and signing the Agreement.

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Yates to proceed with Resolution TC 21-112.

Township Committee Member Yatees made a motion to approve the resolution by consent of the Township Committee, seconded by Township Committee Member DiTosto.

Mayor Jones asked the Municipal Clerk for a roll call. Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:

Vote on Resolution:

	MOTION	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		APPROVAL	APPROVAL		
Ms. Chipperson		\boxtimes			
Ms. DiTosto	$2^{\rm nd}$	\boxtimes			
Mr. Platt		$\overline{\boxtimes}$			
Mr. Yates	1 st	\boxtimes			
Mr. Jones		\boxtimes			

Mayor Jones -- explained that the Township Committee has been watching the Joint Court for a few years and the costs as a percentage of how the Township uses the court has been rising significantly. The Township Committee searched for a better way and the Township is looking at a significant savings by exiting the Joint Court and entering into an agreement with Long Hill Township. In 2022, any court business will be conducted in Long Hill rather than Madison.

Mr. Roselli, Township Attorney -- commented it is important to note that aside from the issue with respect to numbers, there is a question relative to how the existing joint court agreement is being interpreted and applied. It has been the Township Committee's position that it has been to the detriment of the Township of Harding. Despite the Governing Body's efforts to amicably resolve the issue, the other members have resisted. It is clear based on the terms of that agreement that there are issues that constitute a breach of that agreement by the existing members. The Township was placed in a position that they had to seek alternatives, they did seek those alternatives, and these alternatives appear to be a better resolution than what the existing situation is. For the public, it is more than just what has been happening with the tickets and numbers, the agreement itself and how the members have responded to the Township's inquiries and the rights and claims that the Township has on the existing agreement that are going unanswered, put the Township in a position where they basically had to make this move.

Township Committee Member Platt – commented he has been on the Joint Court from the very beginning. Harding Township was one of the original architects. It is one of the finest run courts as far as the way the N 5-07-2021

operation with the judge, the prosecutors, and public defenders. What the Township has seen with COVID is one of those perfect storms where you have the State Police writing more tickets than the Municipalities and the Township saw where the State Police are not responsible for any of the costs relating to adjudicating the tickets and the burden is placed on the Municipality which the ticket is written. COVID pointed out, unless you have a certain level of Municipal tickets being written to offset the cost of the State Police writing tickets, the Joint Court will send the cost of the State Police ticket (say \$200) directly to the State Police, and the burden is on the Municipality. It was shocking to see how imbalance this was. Mr. Platt commented as much as he has enjoyed his time with the Joint Court, it just does not work anymore. The numbers do not work for Harding. This is a sad evening for Mr. Platt. This is the right decision for Harding.

Township Committee Member Yates – commented he would like to echo what Mr. Platt just said and thank Mr. Platt and previous Township Committees for putting this agreement together. This was a trail blazing agreement, it worked well, and saved Harding Township millions of dollars. The Township Committee is disappointed as the structural problems have developed, our partners have not dealt in good faith with attempts to resolve these structural issues. This is a good example where we have discussed in the past, shared services agreements are important but the Township always has to evaluate, do they remain the best option for Harding. The determination was made that this particular shared service no longer served Harding, the costs have gotten significantly higher, they will continue to get higher, so the decision was made to terminate this agreement, and adopt a shared court with another Municipality. This shows the value of these shared service agreements and it shows the commitment that the Township Committee has to continue to evaluate how they operate and make changes where required. This is the hallmark in ensuring good local government. Mr. Platt commented there is a problem at the State level. The State Police do not get charged any of the money that goes into settling the ticket. This will follow Harding to Long Hill. The issue is there are many towns whose police are patrolled by the State Police and cost these towns nothing. It is not fair and Mr. Platt does not see any legislative way to correct this.

Mayor Jones – commented this is a testament to the five members sitting here, we were actually nimble enough to recognize there was an issue and identify a way out. Harding Township cannot solve the problem of the State. As Mr. Platt and Mr. Yates pointed out, shared services are important to governing the Municipality and important in keeping the Township's costs down.

Mr. Louis Lanzerotti, brook Drive North – commented he echoes what Mr. Platt and Mr. Yates said regarding this change but would like to acknowledge the prior Township Administrator, Gail McKane, who initiated this shared service agreement with Madison. It saved the Township a lot of money.

Mr. Steve Balog, Civic Association – commented with the following:

- 1. Is there any penalties to pull out of the joint court agreement Mayor Jones explained the Joint Court agreement ends on 12/31/21.
- 2. It was said the State Police tickets will follow to Long Hill, why is this structurally better. Mayor Jones explained in the Joint Court, the way the deal is arranged, it is a percentage based on volume. With Long Hill Township it is a flat fee, not a percentage based on volume.
- 3. Is the Township leaving like when the stock is at the bottom? Mayor Jones commented that in 2020, the Township Committee all agreed it was an anomaly. The trend had already been identified. Mr. Roselli, Township Attorney commented that the anomaly became the trend.

Township Committee Member Yates – commented that the Joint Court serves five towns and has relatively high operating costs. They have not responded at all to declining volume. Costs have remained high but the allocation within the court among the five towns keeps reallocating costs. This year the cost has more than doubled what it was in 2020. Based on volume, Harding projects 2022 to double again. Therefore, Harding is

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surpassing the costs of running our own court,	if something is not done.	A discussion ensued	regarding the joint
court			

RESOLUTIONS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AND VOTE: NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items are considered to be routine by the Harding Township Committee and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Township Committee Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

RESOLUTIONS TC 21-113 THROUGH RESOLUTION TC 21-118 HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE:

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Chipperson to proceed with the Resolutions listed on the Consent agenda. Resolutions TC 21-113 through TC 21-118. Let the record show that Township Committee Member Chipperson recused herself from TC 21-114 Bill List, line item performance trailers due to her law firm has represented Performance Trailers.

Township Committee Member Chipperson made a motion to approve the resolutions placed on this evening's Consent Agenda by consent of the Township Committee, seconded by Township Committee Member Platt.

Mayor Jones asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call:

Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:

Vote on Resolution:

Ms. Chipperson Ms. DiTosto Mr. Platt Mr. Yates Mr. Jones	MOTION 1 st 2 nd 1	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	
APPOINTMENTS: NONE						
CONTRACTS: NONE						

FINANCE:

Resolution TC 21-113 - Resolution to Waive ACH Fees for Online Payments Through December 31, 2021

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WHEREAS, Coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19) is a contagious, and at times fatal, respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus; and

WHEREAS, as of March 9th, 2020, there were 11 presumed positive cases of COVID-19 in New Jersey, with 24 additional "Persons Under Investigation" spread across the counties of Bergen, Camden, Cumberland, Essex, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, Passaic, Union, and Sussex; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of New Jersey declared and a proclaimed that a public health emergency and state emergency does exist in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote the safety and welfare of the residents of the Township of Harding by reducing the need to make municipal payments in person, the need exists for to promote online payments for tax and sewer utility billing; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee recognizes that the ACH (Automatic Clearing House) transaction convenience fees collected should be waived during this emergency period; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee passed TC 20-089 on April 13, 2020 waiving the fees for 60 days; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee passed TC 20-107 on June 8, 2020 waiving the fees through December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee passed TC 20-181 on December 14, 2020 waiving fees through June 30, 2021; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the convenience fees for ACH online payments is hereby waived through December 31, 2021.

Resolution TC 21-114 - Bill List

WHEREAS, vouchers for payment have been submitted to the Township Committee by various municipal departments.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that all vouchers approved by the Finance Chairman be paid subject to the certification of the availability of funds by the Chief Financial Officer.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Resolution TC 21-115 – Resolution of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Use of the Public Rights-of-Way By Planet Networks, Inc.

WHEREAS, Planet Networks Inc. ("Planet Networks") is a provider of telecommunications services that is authorized by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services throughout New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Planet Networks has petitioned the municipality for consent to use the public rights-of-way to place its telecommunication facilities aerially on existing and new utility poles and/or in underground conduit; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission has held that "an effective prohibition (under the Telecommunications Act of 1996) occurs where a state or local legal requirement materially inhibits a provider's ability to engage in any of a variety of activities related to its provision of a covered service... not only by rendering a service provider unable to provide an existing service in a new geographic area or by restricting the entry of a new provider in providing service in a particular area, but also by materially inhibiting the introduction of new services or the improvement of existing services." Declaratory Ruling and Third Report and Order, WT Docket No. 17-79; WC Docket No. 17-84, FCC-18-133A1, at para. 36, p. 15-16; and

WHEREAS, Planet Networks has or will enter into agreements with the utility companies for the use of their poles; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 48:3-19 provides that "(t)he consent of the municipality shall be obtained for the use by a person of the poles of another person unless each person has a lawful right to maintain poles in such street, highway, or other public place"; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 27:16-6 provides that "(t)he Commissioners shall not grant an easement, right of way, or use in, under or over, any portion of a county road in a municipality, unless the governing body of the Municipality... shall consent thereto;" and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 46:17-8 provides that "(a)ny telegraph or telephone company organized under the laws of this or any other State, or of the United States may erect, construct, and maintain the necessary poles, wires, conduits, and other fixtures for its lines, in, upon, along, over or under any public street, road or highway, upon first obtaining the consent in writing of the owner of the soil to the erection of such poles, and through, across or under any of the waters within this State and upon, through or over any other land, subject to the right of the owners thereof to full compensation for the same"; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:30A-124(a) provides that a Municipality may not impose any fees, taxes, levies, or assessments in the nature of a local franchise, right of way, or gross receipts fee, tax, levy, or assessment against telecommunications companies but that a Municipality may impose reasonable fees for actual services made by an municipal agency; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Harding Township as follows:

- 1) The governing body does hereby grant permission and authority to Planet Networks, Inc. to install fiber optic cables and related facilities on existing utility poles within the public right-of-way upon the following terms and conditions:
 - a) Planet Networks shall adhere to all applicable Federal, State, and local regulations, laws and ordinances in connection with its use of the public right-of-way.
 - b) Planet Networks shall obtain any applicable permits in connection with the installation of its facilities.
 - Planet Networks shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Municipality, its officials, agents, and employees, from and against any claim of liability, damages or loss resulting in bodily injury or property damage arising out of Planet Networks use of the public right-of-way, except to the extent such loss, injury, or property damage resulting from the acts or omissions of the Municipality.

- c) Planet Networks shall procure and maintain, at its cost and expense, commercial general liability insurance with limits not less than \$1,000,000 for injury to or death of one or more persons in any one occurrence and \$500,000 for damage or destruction to property in any once occurrence and shall include the Municipality as an addition insured on said insurance policy.
- d) Planet Networks shall be responsible for the repair of any damage to pavement or any structure arising from its construction, installation, or maintenance of its facilities.
- e) The Municipality shall not be liable to Planet Network for consequential, incidental, exemplary, or punitive damages on account of any activity pursuant to this consent.
- f) Notwithstanding any provision contained herein, to the extent that Planet Network determines that it is necessary to install a new utility pole within the public right-of-way, in addition to meeting the requirements of (a) (e) above, Planet Network must first obtain the approval of Harding Township, in addition to meeting and adhering to any and all applicable Federal, State and local laws, regulations and ordinances that may be related to same and in connection with the installation of any type of utility related pole in the municipal right of way.

Resolution TC 21-116 - Resolution to Authorize the Demolition of Property

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Harding Township Committee hereby authorizes the demolition of the house and other structures located at 163 Lee's Hill Road.

PERSONNEL:

Resolution TC 21-117 - Resolution to Amend the Retirement Date of Kenneth Noetzli

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Harding Township Committee accepts Kenneth Noetzli retirement from the Harding Township Department of Public Works effective, August 30, 2021.

Resolution TC 21- 21-118 – Resolution to Authorize the Sale of Surplus Property through GOVDEALS Online Auction Website

WHEREAS, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Township has surplus property acquired for the use of the Harding Township Police Department, Dell computers, Dell towers, keyboards, which are not needed for public use, or is obsolete or unfit for the use for which it was acquired; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey permits the sale of surplus property no longer needed for public use through online auction services, pursuant to the Local Unit Electronic Technology Pilot Program and Study Act, P.L. 2001, c.30; and

WHEREAS, GovDeals, an internet auction entity specializing in government surplus items, will list the items for auction on its website, www.govdeals.com for 10 days at a cost of 7½% of the final (closing) sales price. Successful bidders will receive a Buyer's Certificate by email from GovDeals. Payment in full shall be due not

later than 5 business days from the time and date of the Buyer's Certificate. Payment shall be accepted in the form of U.S. Currency, Certified Cashier's Check, Money Order or Company Check (with Bank letter guaranteeing funds) and shall be remitted to the Township of Harding. Buyers will arrange all handling, loading and transportation of purchases within 10 business days from the time and date of the Buyer's Certificate. Purchases will be released only upon receipt of payment as specified.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 and auction the following surplus property online:

- 1. Lot of Six Dell Desktop Towers, the lot contains various Dell models and, serial numbers as follows:
 - * 00186248260854
 - * 00144475854309
 - * 00186234618356
 - * 00186189346715
 - * 00186234618345
 - * 00816189205254
- 2. Two Laptops
- 3. Two Dell wired keyboards and 4 Dell Monitors (2007)

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE #10-2021— "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF ANY CLASS OF RECREATIONAL OR MEDICAL CANNABIS BUSINESES WITTHIN ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES, AMENDING AND READOPTION 225-116 L (3) AND RESCINDING AND REPLACING 225-116.1 B OF THE CODE OF HARDING TOWNSHIP"

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Yates to introduce Ordinance #10-2021.

Township Committee Member Yates introduced Ordinance TC10-2021 by title as follows:

HARDING TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE #10-2021

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF ANY CLASS OF RECREATIONAL OR MEDICAL CANNABIS BUSINESES WITTHIN ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES, AMENDING AND READOPTION 225-116 L (3) AND RESCINDING AND REPLACING 225-116.1 B OF THE CODE OF HARDING TOWNSHIP"

Township Committee Member Yates explained the purpose of the Ordinance: and moved for introduction on first reading.

Township Committee Member Yates -- commented that the fact we are having to do this, Mr. Yates is embarrassed on behalf of his State, ashamed of the legislative representatives for Harding Township who introduced the implementing legislation for the marijuana laws. Mr. Yates believes

when the voters of New Jersey voted to legalize recreation marijuana, they did not anticipate that the State would mix alcohol into the legislation, that they would prohibit our Police Department from enforcing these laws, we would be barred from creating a drug free school zone, and the list goes on and on. This is a terrible law that was passed and there is no way to characterize it other than that. Mr. Yates is both embarrassed and ashamed that the Township is having to do this again.

Township Committee Member Yates explained in this light he moves for introduction on first reading.

Township Committee Member Yates reads:

WHEREAS, the above ordinance was introduced and read by title at this Township Committee meeting held on May 10, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED, that at the Township Committee meeting to be held on June 14, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time, at the Kirby Municipal Building, the Township Committee will further consider this ordinance for a second reading, public hearing, and final passage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby requested to publish the proper notice thereof, including this ordinance, post the ordinance, and make copies available to members of the general public.

Township Committee Member Yates offered Ordinance #10-2021 and moved its introduction.

Township Committee Member Platt seconded the motion.

Mayor Jones asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call: Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:

Vote on Introduction:

	MOTION	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson Ms. DiTosto Mr. Platt Mr. Yates Mr. Jones	2 nd 1 st	APPROVAL	APPROVAL		

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE #11-2021— "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING AMENDING PART II, CHAPTER 285, 225-18 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING ENTITLD "PEACE AND ORDER" TO ADDRESS CHANGES IN STATE LAW PERTAINING TO SALE OR USE OF MARIJUANA AND/OR PARAPHERNALIA ON PUBLIC PROPERTY, PARKS, AND/OR SCHOOLS"

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Yates to introduce Ordinance #11-2021.

Township Committee Member Yates introduced Ordinance TC11-2021 by title as follows:

HARDING TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE #11-2021

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING AMENDING PART II, CHAPTER 285, 225-18 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING ENTITLD "PEACE AND ORDER" TO ADDRESS CHANGES IN STATE LAW PERTAINING TO SALE OR USE OF MARIJUANA AND/OR PARAPHERNALIA ON PUBLIC PROPERTY, PARKS, AND/OR SCHOOLS"

Township Committee Member Yates explained the purpose:

The Township is limited on what we can do. The Township cannot bar the use or sale of marijuana in the neighborhood of a school. This ordinance allows the Township to do as much as we can.

Township Committee Member Yates moved for introduction on first reading.

Township Committee Member Yates reads:

WHEREAS, the above ordinance was introduced and read by title at this Township Committee meeting held on May 10, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED, that at the Township Committee meeting to be held on June 14, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time, at the Kirby Municipal Building, the Township Committee will further consider this ordinance for a second reading, public hearing, and final passage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby requested to publish the proper notice thereof, including this ordinance, post the ordinance, and make copies available to members of the general public.

Township Committee Member Yates offered Ordinance #11-2021 and moved its introduction.

Township Committee Member Platt seconded the motion.

Mayor Jones asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call: Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:

Vote on Introduction:

	MOTION	FOR	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson Ms. DiTosto Mr. Platt Mr. Yates Mr. Jones	2 nd 1 st	APPROVAL			

ADJOURNMENT - Mr. Jones

With no further comments, Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Township Committee Member DiTosto, seconded by Township Committee Member Platt, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Sharp Municipal Clerk