

**HARDING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022  
IN-PERSON  
EXECUTIVE SESSION at 5:30 PM  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA at 7:00 PM  
Kirby Hall, Blue Mill Road, New Vernon, New Jersey  
MEETING MINUTES**

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**CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Mayor**

*Mayor Jones called the April 11, 2022 meeting of the Township Committee to order at 5:32 pm.*

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**ADEQUATE NOTICE** of this April 11, 2022 meeting of the Harding Township Committee was sent to the Observer Tribune on January 3, 2022 and published in the Observer Tribune on January 6, 2022.

*Mayor Jones announced that adequate notice of the April 11, 2022, Township Committee meeting was called to order according to the Open Public Meetings Act.*

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**ROLL CALL – Municipal Clerk**

Ms. Chipperson, Dr. Lacz, Mr. Platt, Mr. Yates, Mr. Jones

*Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:*

*Present:*

*Ms. Chipperson, Dr. Lacz, Mr. Platt, Mr. Yates, Mr. Jones*

*Absent:*

*None*

*Also Present:*

*Mr. Falzarano, Township Administrator; Mr. Mark Roselli, Township Counsel; Mr. Vincent DeNave, Assistant Administrator*

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**RESOLUTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Mayor Jones asked for a motion to recess into Executive Session. Township Administrator, Robert Falzarano explained that item number one under Personnel (Police Replacement) will be pulled for discussion tonight and placed on the May 9, 2022 Executive Session agenda. Upon a motion made by Township Committee Member Platt, seconded by Township Committee Member Chipperson, and with a roll call vote of all ayes, none opposed, the Township Committee recessed into Executive Session at 5:03 pm.*

**Resolution TC 22-091 - 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.

**Personnel:**

1. Police Replacement – Chief Heller
2. Police Hire – Chief Heller

**Contracts:**

1. Redevelopment – T. Jones / R. Goldsmith
2. Verizon License Agreement/Small Cell Nodes (not cell tower) – M. Roselli/V. DeNave
3. Comcast Renewal for Municipal Consent – M. Roselli
4. KRE – M. Roselli
5. Hurstmont – V. DeNave

**Vote on Resolution:**

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Lacz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	1 <sup>st</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION – Mayor**

*The Township Committee reconvened into public session at 7:01 pm.*

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**ROLL CALL – Municipal Clerk**

Ms. Chipperson, Dr. Lacz, Mr. Platt, Mr. Yates, Mr. Jones

*Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:*

*Present:*

*Ms. Chipperson, Dr. Lacz, Mr. Platt, Mr. Yates, Mr. Jones*

*Absent:*

*None*

*Also Present:*

*Mr. Falzarano, Township Administrator; Mr. Mark Roselli,  
Township Counsel; Mr. Vincent DeNave, Assistant  
Administrator*

*Public:*

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor**

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

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**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 3, 2022, and published in the *OBSERVER TRIBUNE* on January 6, 2022; Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Township Municipal Building on Blue Mill Road in Harding, NJ on January 3, 2022, and Notice was filed with the Municipal Clerk on January 3, 2022.

*Mayor Jones announced that adequate notice of the April 11, 2022, Township Committee meeting was called to order in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE – Mayor Jones**

### **Announcements:**

**Mayor Jones** reported that on March 28, 2022, Harding Township lost their Fourth Grade Teacher, Christine Mulligan. She has been teaching fourth grade since 1997. Mayor Jones asked for a moment of silence. Mayor Jones requested the flag to be placed at half-staff in honor of Christine Mulligan.

**Township Committee Member Lacz** – commented that Ms. Mulligan pioneered the fourth grade division and ensured the children were ready for middle school. Ms. Mulligan taught more than 1,000 fourth grade children in Harding. When Dr. Lacz explained what happened to the fourth grade teacher to her children, one of her children commented she was the happiest and nicest teacher in Harding. Dr. Lacz commented Christine Mulligan was a bright light.

### **Centennial:**

**Township Committee Member Chipperson** – reported that invitations have been sent out and should be arriving in the mail. The following Centennial items were reported:

- April 27, 2022 – Centennial kick-off at Church of Christ the King
- Merchandise is available for sale at the Kemmerer Library (mugs, flags, calendars, car magnets, baseball caps). A clothing pop-up store for clothing will be available shortly.
- April 29, 2022 – Dinner & A Movie – The movie will be held at the Bernard's Cinema and dinner is available at Bistro 73 and the Bernard's Inn. Tickets for the movie are available on line.
- May 21, 2022 – Centennial Gala at the Davino House in conjunctions with Art In Bloom
- Car Show – September 2022
- September 1, 2022 – Centennial actual date. Dedication at Memorial Park
- October 1, 2022 – Family Festival at Margetts Field – Food, Bands, Fireworks, etc.

**Larry Weppler – Lee's Hill Road** – commented will there be a pop-up shop for residents to purchase Centennial items after the Memorial Day Parade. Dr. Lacz commented yes.

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## **RESOLUTIONS – (NON-CONSENT – REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION)**

### **RESOLUTION TC 22-092 -- RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Chipperson to proceed with Resolution TC 22-092. Township Committee Member Chipperson read the following:**

**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 11, 2022; and**



**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 11, 2022.**

*Township Committee Chipperson made a motion to approve Resolution TC 22-092 placed on this evening's Non-Consent Agenda, 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	1st	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Lacz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	2nd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

**Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Yates to proceed with Resolution TC 22-093 listed on the Non-Consent agenda.** *Township Committee Member Yates read Resolution TC 22-093 as follows:*

**Resolution TC 22-093 – 2022 Budget To Be Read By Title Only at Public Hearing**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 provides that the budget be read by title only at the time of public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing a complete copy of the approved budget as advertised has been posted in the Municipal Building, the local public library, and copies have been made available by the Clerk to persons requesting them; and

**WHEREAS**, these conditions will be met.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the budget shall be ready by title only.

**Township Committee Member Yates made a motion** to approve Resolution TC 22-093 placed on this evening's Non-Consent Agenda.

*Township Attorney, Mark Roselli, asked the Municipal Clerk if all the conditions mentioned above have been met. Mrs. Sharp, Municipal Clerk responded, all the conditions have been met.*

*Seconded by Township Committee Member Lacz.*

**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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Lacz	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	1 <sup>st</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

**Mayor Jones** asked **Township Committee Member Yates** to proceed with Resolution TC 22-094 listed on the Non-Consent agenda. *Township Committee Member Yates read Resolution TC 22-094 as follows:*

**Resolution TC 22-094 – Public Hearing & Adoption of Budget – Municipal Budget Notice – Fiscal Year 2022**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee introduced and approved the 2022 Municipal Budget on March 14, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the approved introduction of the budget was advertised as required by law on March 17, 2022, edition of the Observer Tribune with notice of the public hearing to be held on April 11, 2022.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2022:

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2022	2021
1. Surplus	\$ 2,750,000.00	\$ 2,400,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 1,591,615.14	\$ 1,365,918.24
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
4. a.) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	\$ 6,023,815.00	\$ 5,934,749.00
b.) Addition to Local School District Tax	\$ -	\$ -
c.) Minimum Library Tax	\$ -	\$ -
Tot Amt to be Rsd by Taxes for Sup of Muni Bnd	\$ 6,023,815.00	\$ 5,934,749.00
<b>Total General Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 10,455,430.14</b>	<b>\$ 9,790,667.24</b>

Summary of Appropriations	2022 Budget	Final 2021 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries and Wages	\$ 3,757,600.00	\$ 3,529,700.00
Other Expenses	\$ 3,681,630.14	\$ 3,512,527.33
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	\$ 943,000.00	\$ 854,300.00
3. Capital Improvements	\$ 773,600.00	\$ 587,100.00
4. Debt Service (Include for School Purposes)	\$ 379,600.00	\$ 388,332.91
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$ 920,000.00	\$ 918,707.00
<b>Total General Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 10,455,430.14</b>	<b>\$ 9,790,667.24</b>

<b>2022 Dedicated Sewer Utility</b>		
Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2022	2021
1. Surplus	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 49,000.00
2. Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
3. Deficit (General Budget)	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 256,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 249,000.00</b>

Summary of Appropriations	2022 Budget	Final 2021 Budget
1. Operation Expenses: Salaries and Wages	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 202,000.00	\$ 202,000.00
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)	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 256,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 249,000.00</b>

<b>Balance of Outstanding Debt</b>			
	General	Sewer Utility	
	\$		
Interest	591,225.00	\$ -	
Principal	\$ 3,340,000.00	\$ -	
<b>Outstanding Balance</b>	<b>\$ 3,931,225.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	

<b>Personnel</b>		
	2022 Budget	Final 2021 Budget
Total Number of Full Time Persons Budgeted	35	32
Total Number of Part Time Persons Budgeted	15	15

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the budget set forth for 2022 is hereby adopted.

**NON-CONSENT AGENDA VOTE:**

*Mayor Jones opened the public meeting for Resolution TC 22-094 at 7:16 pm and explained that 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 7:16 pm.*

*Township Committee Member Yates made a motion to approve Resolution TC 22-094 placed on this evening's Non-Consent Agenda. Seconded by Township Committee Member Chipperson.*

**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	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Lacz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	1 <sup>st</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**1. Bayne Park**

**Mr. DeNave, Assistant Administrator** reported that Ms. Donna Wilson a member of CPAC has assembled information pertaining to Bayne Park. Mayor Jones reported that the Township Committee would like to have a public outreach meeting where residents can come and discuss options for Bayne Park. Mr. DeNave commented that some of the options are:

- Ice Skating
- Trees
- Gazebo

**Township Committee Member Lacz** explained that there will be boards around the room for residents to review and discuss.

**Mr. DeNave** reported that no decisions have been made regarding Bayne Park. The information provided has been exploratory. The Township has taken several dead trees down and in the spring there will be some maintenance work conducted on the stone around the pond.

**Township Committee Member Chipperson** reiterated that Ms. Wilson has put in a lot of time on Bayne Park, pulling pictures, gathering information but the Township is just discussing ideas, no decisions have been made.

**Larry Weppeler, Lee's Hill Road** – commented has an evaluation on the trees at Bayne Park been completed. Mr. DeNave explained that John Linson conducted a review of the trees at Bayne Park and the Municipal Campus and had assembled a report on the trees that require removal. A discussion ensued on landscaping, native trees, etc. A copy of the report will be forward to Mr. Weppeler. Township Committee Member Yates explained the first thrust of the project at Bayne Park is to collectively identify what are the uses of the park. Once there is agreement on the uses of the park, then we can go forward with what is appropriate for each of the spaces. A discussion on the pond ensued.

**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 to members of the public and asked if anyone had a comments to please come up to the table, state your name, address, and state your comment. With no members of the public wishing to be heard, Mayor Jones closed the public comment section of the meeting at 7:30 pm.*

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## ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

**Mayor Jones** asked **Township Committee Member Yates** to read Ordinance TC #03-2022.

*Township Committee Member Yates read Ordinance TC #03-2022 by title as follows*

### **ORDINANCE #03-2022 – “AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)”**

Which said Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular Township Committee Meeting held on March 14, 2022.

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

**Mrs. Sharp, Municipal Clerk** stated a legal notice was sent for publication on March 14, 2022 to the Observer Tribune indicating that Ordinance #03-2022 was introduced and passed on first reading at the March 14, 2022 meeting and indicated that the second reading and public hearing were to be held on April 11, 2022 at 7:00 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 to members of the public for the public hearing on Ordinance #03-2022. With no members of the public wishing to be hear, Mayor Jones closed the public hearing at 7:31 pm.*

*Township Committee Member Yates offered Ordinance #03-2022 and moved its adoption.  
Township Committee Member Lacz 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 APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Lacz	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	1 <sup>st</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

**Mayor Jones** asked **Township Committee Member Yates** to read Ordinance TC #04-2022.

*Township Committee Member Yates read Ordinance TC #04-2022 by title as follows*

**ORDINANCE #04-2022 – “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 \$773,600”**

Which said Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular Township Committee Meeting held on March 14, 2022.

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

*Mrs. Sharp, Municipal Clerk stated a legal notice was sent for publication on March 14, 2022 to the Observer Tribune indicating that Ordinance #04-2022 was introduced and passed on first reading at the March 14, 2022 meeting and indicated that the second reading and public hearing were to be held on April 11, 2022 at 7:00 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 to members of the public for the public hearing on Ordinance #04-2022. With no members of the public wishing to be heard, Mayor Jones closed the public hearing at 7:34 pm.*

*Township Committee Member Yates offered Ordinance #04-2022 and moved its adoption. 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 APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Lacz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	1 <sup>st</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS: NONE

#### RESOLUTIONS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AND VOTE

#### 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 22-095 THROUGH RESOLUTION TC 22-109 HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

#### CONSENT AGENDA VOTE:

**Mayor Jones** asked Township Committee Member Lacz to proceed with the Resolutions listed on the Consent agenda. Resolutions TC 22-095 through TC 22-109. *Mayor Jones explained that Resolutions TC 22-107 through TC 22-109 are for the resurfacing of Pleasantville Road with an early summer start. Mr. DeNave, Township Administrator, reported he spoke with Paul Fox, Township Engineer. Mr. Fox has met with Tilcon, DPW has been working on the inlets, and the project could start shortly.*

*Township Committee Member Lacz 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:



	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Lacz	1 <sup>st</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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#### APPOINTMENTS:

##### **Resolution TC 22-095 – Resolution to Appoint Michael Sandello as a Part-Time Carpenter with the Department of Public Works**

**BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township** Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that effective April 12, 2022, Michael Sandello, is hereby appointed as a part-time Carpenter with the Department of Public Works at an hourly rate of \$29.50.

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#### CONTRACTS:

##### **Resolution TC 22-096 – Resolution to Authorize the Township of Harding to Enter Into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

**WHEREAS**, Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System (ID # 47-CPCPS), hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency" has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

**WHEREAS**, on April 11, 2022, the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, this Resolution TC #22-096 shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Township of Harding; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, pursuant to the provisions of N. J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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**Resolution TC 22-097 – Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved State and County Cooperative Contract Vendors for Contracting Units Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Harding, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40 A: 11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program, the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System, the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Cooperative Pricing System, and the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System for any State or County contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury, the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System, Union County Co-Op, the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Cooperative Pricing System, and the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Harding has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing State, Morris County Cooperative contracts, Somerset County Cooperative contracts, Union County Cooperative contracts, Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Cooperative Pricing System contracts, or the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Harding intends to enter into contracts with the attached referenced State, Morris County Cooperative Contract, the Somerset County Cooperative Contract, Union County Cooperative Contract, and the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Cooperative Pricing System Vendors through this resolution and properly executed contracts, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current State, Morris, Somerset and Middlesex County Cooperative contracts, and Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that the Township of Harding authorizes the Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved New Jersey State, Morris County Cooperative Contract Vendors, Somerset County Cooperative Contract Vendors, Union County Cooperative Contract Vendors, and Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Cooperative Pricing System Contract Vendors pursuant to all conditions of the individual State, Morris County, Somerset County, Union County, Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Cooperative Pricing System Cooperative contracts, and Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the governing body of the Township of Harding pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Financial Officer; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the duration of the contracts between the Township of Harding and the Referenced State, Morris County, Somerset County, Union County, and Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Cooperative Pricing System Cooperative Contract Vendors shall be from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.



**Resolution TC 22-098 – Resolution to Authorize the One Year Option to Extend a Contract for Lawn Care Services to High Valley Farms & Landscaping**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Harding has a need to contract for Lawn Care Services for the year 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee authorized an award of contract to High Valley Farm & Contracting Corporation on January 6, 2020, by approving Resolution 20-056; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee authorized a one year extension on April 12, 2021 by approving Resolution TC 21-096; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57 the Township has opted to exercise its right to award by resolution a final one (1) year extension; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are available for this purpose and a Certificate of Availability has been filed by the Chief Financial Officer with the Township Clerk in accordance with the Local Budget Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the following contract is hereby awarded for an additional one year period with the option to extend a final one year contract for 2022 as follows:

Lawn Care Services	High Valley Farms & Landscaping	1/1/2022 to 12/31/2022
		Not to exceed \$51,089.50
		05-5000-00000-0000-2-0000
		01-2022-1375-0375-2-00000
		01-2022-1310-0310-2-00038

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**Resolution TC 22-099 – Resolution to Award Dinner Hosting Event to Bistro 73**

**WHEREAS**, the Harding Township Committee authorized the Centennial Committee by approving Resolution TC 21-086; and

**WHEREAS**, the Harding Township Centennial Committee recommends a dinner event preceding the Centennial Video Montage premier event on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Bistro 73 submitted a proposal dated April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Harding Township Purchasing Agent has reviewed the contract proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to award the contract to Bistro 73 for an amount not to exceed as follows:



**VENDOR**  
Bistro 73

**CONTRACT AMOUNT**  
\$3,312.00

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the contract for centennial dinner hosting events submitted by Bistro 73 is hereby approved.

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**Resolution TC 22-100 – Resolution to Award Dinner Hosting Event to The Bernard’s Inn**

**WHEREAS**, the Harding Township Committee authorized the Centennial Committee by approving Resolution TC 21-086; and

**WHEREAS**, the Harding Township Centennial Committee recommends a dinner event preceding the Centennial Video Montage premier event on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, The Bernard’s Inn submitted a proposal dated April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Harding Township Purchasing Agent has reviewed the contract proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to award the contract to The Bernards Inn for an amount not to exceed as follows:

**VENDOR**  
The Bernard’s Inn

**CONTRACT AMOUNT**  
\$6,458.00

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the contract for centennial dinner hosting events submitted by The Bernard’s Inn is hereby approved.

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**FINANCE:**

**Resolution TC 22-101 – 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.

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**TC Resolution 22-102 – 2022 Salary Resolution**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the salaries of the following non-contract employees are listed below for the year **2022**:

POSITION	NAME	
Township Administrator	Falzarano, Robert	174,720.00
Assistant Township Administrator	DeNave, Vincent	124,600.00
Qualified Purchasing Agent	Fiore, Andrew	8,424.00
Township Clerk	Sharp, Lisa	30,240.00
Secretary to the Administrator	Sharp, Lisa	28,994.00
Administrative Assistant/Secretary	Andrews, Margaret	24.54 /hr.
Receptionist / Administration	Taglairino, Lori	19,478.00
General Admin Stipend	Fornaciari, Mark	2,500.00
Construction Official / Bldg. Subcode / Inspector	Fornaciari, Mark	112,293.00
Clerk Assistant / Finance Assistant	Diane D'jammoss	24.54 /hr
Subcode Official – Electrical (PT)	Delizio, Eric	25,255.00
Subcode Official – Plumbing (PT)	Driscoll, Brady	23,323.00
Subcode Official – Fire (PT)	Portine, Leon	22,251.00
Construction Office Assistant / Secretary	Walker, Patricia	48,953.00
Police Chief	Heller, Erik	184,000.00
Police Lieutenant	Gromek, Michael	159,500.00
Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer (PT)	Shah, Himanshu	53,647.00
Assistant Finance Officer	Fiore, Andrew	79,685.00
Finance/Tax Clerk	DeOliveria, David	42,000.00
Tax Assessor (PT)	DiRado, Anthony	29,868.00
Tax Assessor Revaluation Stipend	DiRado, Anthony	5,426.00
Tax Collector	Leber, Rachel	15,000.00
Planning Board Secretary	Taglairino, Lori	9,738.00
Zoning Board Secretary	Taglairino, Lori	19,478.00
Zoning Officer	Byrnes, George	18,374.00
Deputy Zoning Officer (PT)	Portine, Leon	5,320.00
Police Secretary	Sherlock, Susan	62,758.00
Pumping Station Operator	Toribio, Tracy	16,595.00
Public Works Superintendent	Toribio, Tracy	131,913.00
Pumping Station Engineer	DeNave, Vincent	15,400.00
Public Works Mechanic – Grade I ; Step 1	Westervelt, Steven	78,580.00
Public Works Foreman Supervisor – Grade I ; Step 1	Miller, James	78,840.00
Public Works Operator – Grade I ; Step 1	Mabey, Earl	68,580.00
Public Works Operator – Grade I ; Step 2	Philhower, Jeffrey	66,580.00
Public Works Operator – Grade II	Buller, Justin	63,580.00
Public Works Operator - Grade II ; Step 1	Tuck, Ryan	60,580.00
Public Works Driver – Grade II ; Step 3	Masterson, Edward	42,000.00
Public Works Driver – Grade II ; Step 3	Papa, Nicholas	42,000.00
Public Works Craftsman/Carpenter/Driver (PT)	Sabol, Jeffrey	39.87 /hr.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that such salaries shall not exceed the amount set forth in the Township of Harding Minimum/Maximum Ordinance #02-2022 adopted on March 14, 2022.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS:

#### TC Resolution 22-103 – Resolution to Accept the Retirement of Patrolman Louis Pirello

M 4-08-2022

**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 Patrolman Louis Pirello's retirement from the Harding Township Police Department effective, July 1, 2022.

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**Resolution TC 22-104 -- Resolution to Appoint Tori Terribile to the Harding Township Centennial Committee**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that Tori Terribile is hereby appointed to the Harding Township Centennial Committee.

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**Resolution TC 22-105 -- Resolution to Appoint a Part-Time Electrical Inspector**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris State of New Jersey, hereby appoints Joseph Broccoli, as a Part-Time Electrical Inspector at an hourly rate of \$40.00 effective April 12, 2022.

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**Resolution TC 22-106 – Cancellation of Certain Ordinance Balances**

**WHEREAS**, certain General Capital Ordinance balances remain dedicated to projects now completed; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended funded balances may be returned to the Capital Improvement Fund or credited to Capital Surplus, and unfunded debt authorizations may be cancelled; and

**WHEREAS**, Capital Ordinances with balances to be cancelled are as follows:

Capital Ordinance	Description	Funded	Unfunded
02-17	Department of Public Works: Generator	\$41,445.00	-
08-19	Exterior and Interior Improvements: Public Works Building	\$18,961.75	-
02-20	Exterior and Interior Improvements: Public Works Building	\$10,000.00	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$70,406.75</b>	<b>-</b>

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the unexpended and dedicated Capital Ordinance balances listed above be cancelled and funded balances returned to the Capital Improvement Fund or credited to Capital Surplus and unfunded debt authorizations cancelled.

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**Resolution TC 22-107 -- New Jersey Department of Transportation, Division of Local Aid and Economic Development – Recommendation of Award – State Aid Project – Resolution Recommending the Award for the Pleasantville Road Resurfacing (milling and paving) be awarded to Tilcon New York, Inc**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey hereby recommends to the New Jersey Department of Transportation that the purchase order for Pleasantville Road Resurfacing (milling and paving) be awarded to Tilcon New York, Inc., (MCCPC Contract #6) whose bid amounted to \$273,908.00 subject to the approval of the NJ Department of Transportation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor of the Township of Harding is hereby directed to sign for and on its behalf the purchase order in the prescribed form for said construction; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Harding is hereby directed to seal said purchase order with the Corporate Seal of the Governing Body and to attest to the same.

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**Resolution TC 22-108 – New Jersey Department of Transportation, Division of Local Aid and Economic Development – Recommendation of Award – State Aid Project – Resolution to Recommend the Award for the Pleasantville Road Resurfacing (Drainage Inlet Curb Piece Covers) be Awarded to Campbell Foundry Company**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey hereby recommends to the New Jersey Department of Transportation that the purchase order for Pleasantville Road Resurfacing (drainage inlet curb piece covers) be awarded to Campbell Foundry Company (MCCPC Contract #14) whose bid amounted to \$14,170.00 subject to the approval of the NJ Department of Transportation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor of the Township of Harding is hereby directed to sign for and on its behalf the purchase order in the prescribed form for said construction; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Harding is hereby directed to seal said purchase order with the Corporate Seal of the Governing Body and to attest to the same.

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**Resolution TC 22-109 -- New Jersey Department of Transportation, Division of Local Aid and Economic Development – Recommendation of Award – State Aid Project – Resolution to Recommend the Award for the Pleasantville Road Resurfacing (Roadway Striping) be Awarded to Denville Line Painting, Inc.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey hereby recommends to the New Jersey Department of Transportation that the purchase order for Pleasantville Road Resurfacing (roadway striping) be awarded to Denville Line Painting, Inc. (MCCPC Contract #36) whose bid amounted to \$2,479.00 subject to the approval of the NJ Department of Transportation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor of the Township of Harding is hereby directed to sign for and on its behalf the purchase order in the prescribed form for said construction; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Harding is hereby directed to seal said purchase order with the Corporate Seal of the Governing Body and to attest to the same.

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**ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:**

**Mayor Jones** asked Township Committee Member Yates to introduce Ordinance #05-2022.

*Township Committee Member Yates introduces Ordinance TC 05-2022 by title as follows:*

**HARDING TOWNSHIP  
ORDINANCE #05-2022**

**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 \$92,000**

*Township Committee Member Yates explained the purpose of the Ordinance and moved for introduction on first reading. Township committee Member Yates reported the \$92,000.00 is for the construction of the Salt Storage Building. The bid is \$92,000.00 more than previously appropriated.*

Township Committee Member Yates read:

**WHEREAS**, the above ordinance was introduced and read by title at this Township Committee meeting held on April 11, 2022.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that at the Township Committee meeting to be held on May 9, 2022 at 7:00 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 ##05-2022 and moved its introduction.*

*Township Committee Member Chipperson seconded the motion.*

**Township Committee Member Platt** asked how the process will work. *Mr. Falzarano, Township Administrator, explained that the Township has one bidder that has asked to be withdrawn from the process. The process would go to the next lowest bidder. Mr. Platt asked could the project be placed on hold. Mr. Falzarano reported that the bids are lower than previous year's bids. A discussion ensued on the process.*

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

**Vote on Introduction:**

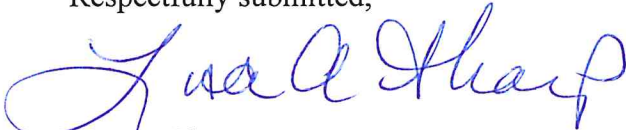
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Ms. Chipperson	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Lacz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	1 <sup>st</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion made by Township Committee Member Yates, seconded by Township Committee Member Lacz, and with a roll call vote of all ayes, none opposed, the meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa A. Sharp  
Municipal Clerk