

HARDING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MARCH 13, 2023
IN-PERSON
EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:00 PM
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA at 7:00 PM
Kirby Hall, Blue Mill Road, New Vernon, New Jersey

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Mayor

ADEQUATE NOTICE of this March 13, 2023, meeting of the Harding Township Committee was sent to the Observer Tribune on January 6, 2023 and published in the Observer Tribune on January 12, 2023.

ROLL CALL – Municipal Clerk

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

RESOLUTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution TC 23-080– 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. Glen Alpin Contract - R. Goldsmith
2. Hurstmont Financial Agreement/Redevelopment Agreement – R. Goldsmith
3. KRE – M. Edwards

Litigation:

1. Verizon – M. Edwards

Vote on Resolution:

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Lacz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION – Mayor

ROLL CALL – Municipal Clerk

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor

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 6, 2023, and published in the *OBSERVER TRIBUNE* on January 12, 2023; Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Township Municipal Building on Blue Mill Road in Harding, NJ on January 6, 2023, and Notice was filed with the Municipal Clerk on January 6, 2023.

RESOLUTIONS – (NON-CONSENT – REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION)

Mayor Jones asks **Township Committee Member** _____ to proceed with Resolution TC 23-081 listed on the Non-Consent agenda.

Resolution TC 23-081 – Resolution to Promote Lieutenant Michael Gromek to the Rank of Chief of Police for the Township of Harding

WHEREAS, Patrolman Gromek graduated from the Union County Police Academy's 89th Class in December of 2004; and

WHEREAS, Patrolman Gromek was hired by the Township of Harding as a Probationary Police Officer on February 16, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Patrolman Gromek was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on March 12, 2018, with the Harding Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gromek was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on February 8, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Gromek is a Defensive Tactics Instructor, a graduate of the FBI-LEEDA Supervisor, Command and Executive Leadership Institute, graduate of FBI LEEDA Media and Public Relations Academy, graduate of Penn State University Field Training Officer Program, graduate of Stockton University Internal Affairs Investigator Program, a court recognized Drug Recognition Expert, eleven (11) time recipient of Mothers Against Drunk Driving Award, and two (2) lifesaving awards; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Gromek received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Kean University; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Gromek received a Master's Degree from Seton Hall University; and

WHEREAS, due to the retirement of Chief Erik Heller, there exists a vacancy in the position of Chief of Police in the Harding Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Gromek was appointed Acting Chief of Police on August 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator, Robert Falzarano has conducted a seven (7) month extensive evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator, Robert Falzarano recommends that Lieutenant Michael Gromek, Acting Chief of Police, be promoted to Chief of Police effective March 13, 2023; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Code of the Township of Harding Chapter 7-31, Police Department, and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118 et seq., all members of the Harding Township Police Department shall be appointed by the Township Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that they hereby approve the promotion of Lieutenant Gromek to the rank of Chief of Police in the Harding Township Police Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor is authorized to execute the Chief's employment agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Harding Township Committee hereby congratulate and extend their best wishes to Chief Michael Gromek.

Township Committee Member _____: I would like to make a motion to approve this resolution placed on this evening's Non-Consent Agenda by consent of the Township Committee.

Seconded by Township Committee Member _____.

Mayor Jones asks the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call:

Vote on Resolution:

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Lacz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

RESOLUTION TC 23-082 -- RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Jones asks Township Committee Member _____ to proceed with Resolution TC 23-082.

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: **February 14, 2023; 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: **February 14, 2023.**

Mayor Jones asks for a motion to accept the Township Committee meeting minutes.

Seconded by Township Committee Member _____.

Mayor Jones asks the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call:

Vote on Resolution:

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Lacz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE – Mayor Jones

1. Hesna Pfeiffer Award – S. Balog

RESOLUTIONS – (NON-CONSENT – REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION)

Resolution TC 23-083 – Historic Preservation Commission - Historic House of the Year 2022

Mayor Jones asks **Township Committee Member** _____ to proceed with Resolution TC 23-083 listed on the Non-Consent agenda.

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission of Harding Township would like to present a historic home that adds aesthetic value and interest to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission is proud of the homes that contribute to the historical character of the Township; and

WHEREAS, Historic Districts recognize the architectural importance of commercial and residential buildings all across the nation that preserve the character and identity of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Historic House Award will be an opportunity for the Historic Preservation Commission to highlight a property that enhances the historical character in Harding Township; and

WHEREAS, the home that the Historic Preservation Commission wishes to highlight should be viewed from the road, enhance the streetscape, display proper use of scale, rhythm, massing and materials and have an architectural style that compliments the rural character of Harding Township; and

WHEREAS, the Eddy House of 48 Meyersville Road is an historic structure dating back to circa 1853; and

WHEREAS, it is a 1 ½ story side gabled structure and is a wonderful contribution to the historic character of the Meyersville wooded community; and

WHEREAS, alterations were completed in a thoughtful process allowing the home to continually remain a positive street scape feature; and

WHEREAS, 48 Meyersville Road is one of a little string of older houses on Meyersville Road that qualify as contributing historical sites in the Harding Township’s Historic District Inventory.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Township Committee of Harding Township in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the property at 48 Meyersville Road is hereby chosen as Historic House Award.

Township Committee Member _____: I would like to make 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 _____.

Mayor Jones asks the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call:

Vote on Resolution:

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Lacz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

RESOLUTIONS – (NON-CONSENT – REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION)

Mayor Jones asks **Township Committee Member Yates** to proceed with Resolution TC 23-084 listed on the Non-Consent agenda.

Resolution TC 23-084 – Emergency Temporary Appropriations Resolution

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen in that the Township is expected to enter in contracts, commitments, or payments prior to the 2023 budget and no adequate provision has been made in the 2023 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 2023 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$108,200.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township 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 \$4,707,117.00 as follows:

DEPARTMENT	BUDGET LINE ITEM	2023 EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION
HUMAN RESOURCES	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 2,075.00
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 196,450.00
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 69,200.00
MIS	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 41,925.00
MAYOR AND COUNCIL	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 1,800.00
MAYOR AND COUNCIL	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 26,000.00
MUNICIPAL CLERK	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 15,650.00
MUNICIPAL CLERK	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 20,825.00
ELECTION	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 3,250.00
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 81,050.00
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 11,125.00
AUDIT SERVICES	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 15,500.00
TAX COLLECTION	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 28,000.00
TAX COLLECTION	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 2,950.00
TAX ASSESSMENT	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 25,850.00
TAX ASSESSMENT	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 3,250.00
COST OF TAX APPEAL	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 20,000.00
TAX MAP REVISION	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 1,750.00
LEGAL SERVICES	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 70,750.00
ENGINEERING SERVICES	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 21,250.00
PLANNING BOARD	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 6,045.00
PLANNING BOARD	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 20,350.00
BD OF ADJUSTMENT	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 22,500.00
BD OF ADJUSTMENT	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 50,850.00
UNIFORM CONST. CODE	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 126,800.00
UNIFORM CONST. CODE	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 9,187.00
LIABILITY INSURANCE	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 85,000.00

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Regular Meeting

GROUP INSURANCE	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 651,841.00
HEALTH BENEFIT WAIVER	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 17,500.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 956,400.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 64,237.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 2,000.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 750.00
FIRE HYDRANT SERVICE	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 3,000.00
STREETS & ROAD MAINT	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 325,100.00
STREETS & ROAD MAINT	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 37,900.00
SNOW REMOVAL	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 30,000.00
SNOW REMOVAL	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 50,000.00
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 1,000.00
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 42,000.00
RECYCLING	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 4,500.00
RECYCLING	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 8,875.00
BUILDING & GROUNDS	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 57,125.00
VEHICLE MAINT.	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 40,250.00
HEALTH SERVICE	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 46,900.00
HEALTH SERVICE	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 8,050.00
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 1,000.00
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 6,700.00
ANIMAL CONTROL COST	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 700.00
OPENSOURCE COMMISSION	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 1,000.00
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 500.00
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 1,150.00
MAINT. OF PARKS	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 24,000.00
MAINT OF LIBRARY	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 20,000.00
ACCUMULATED LEAVE COMP	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 25,000.00
ELECTRICITY	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 22,500.00
STREET LIGHTING	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 2,000.00
TELEPHONE	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 14,500.00
WATER & SEWER	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 500.00
NATURAL GAS/HEATING OIL	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 6,500.00
GASOLINE	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 46,500.00
CONTINGENCY	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 1,250.00
PERS	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 230,719.00
DCRP	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 2,000.00
SOCIAL SECURITY	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 154,000.00
PFRS	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 527,888.00
JUDGEMENTS	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 50.00
MORRIS COUNTY I/L	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 39,000.00
MORRIS CTY PARTNERSHIP	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 500.00
JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 81,600.00
TOTAL CURRENT BUDGET EXCLUDING CIF & DEBT SERVICE		\$ 4,536,367.00

SEWER UTILITY	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 20,000.00
SEWER UTILITY	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 150,000.00

SEWER UTILITY - SOCIAL SECURITY	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 750.00
TOTAL SEWER UTILITY EXCLUDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND		\$ 170,750.00

2. Said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2023 budget.

3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director, Division of Local Government Services.

Township Committee Member Yates: I would like to make 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 _____.

Mayor Jones asks the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call:

Vote on Resolution:

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Lacz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING: NONE

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 23-085 THROUGH RESOLUTION TC 23-092 HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE:

Mayor Jones asks Township Committee Member _____ to proceed with the Resolutions listed on the Consent agenda. Resolutions TC 23-085 through TC 23-092.

Township Committee Member _____: I would like to make a motion to approve the resolutions placed on this evening's Consent Agenda by consent of the Township Committee.

Seconded by Township Committee Member _____.

Mayor Jones asks the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call:

Vote on Resolution:

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Lacz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

APPOINTMENTS: NONE

Resolution 23-085 – Resolution to Authorize Jeffrey Sabol the Hourly Pay Rate for 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 March 15, 2023, the hourly pay rate is hereby \$45.00.

Resolution 23-086 – Resolution to Authorize Fernando Omar Atoche the Hourly Pay Rate for 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 March 15, 2023, the hourly pay rate is hereby \$40.00.

CONTRACTS:

Resolution TC 23-087 – Resolution to Amend Resolution TC 23-005 Authorizing the Award of Non-Fair Open Process Profession Service Contract for the Year 2023

WHEREAS, Resolution TC 23-005 was adopted by the Township Committee at their January 5, 2023 meeting; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend the resolution as follows; and

WHEREAS, the following professional service contractors have submitted proposals for 2023 and have completed and submitted their Business Entity Disclosure Certification pursuant to the New Jersey Pay-to-Play Act, certifying that reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Harding have not been made in the previous one year period and that the award of contract will prohibit the following professional service vendors from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the following professional service contracts are hereby awarded for a one-year period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, one quarter of these funds are currently certified with the remainder of funds being certified pending final 2023 budget approval.

Township Attorney	Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan LLC Michael J. Edwards, Esq.	1/1/23 to 12/31/23 \$84,000.00 Retainer 01-2023-1155-0155-2-00000
Special Tax Counsel	Dorsey & Semrau Fred C. Semrau, Esq.	1/1/23 to 12/31/23 \$153.00 per hour Not to exceed \$30,000.00 01-2023-1150-0151-2-00000
Labor Counsel	Plosia Cohen LLC James L. Plosia, Jr.	1/1/23 to 12/31/23 \$185.00 per hour Not to Exceed \$15,000 01-2023-1155-0155-2-00000
Affordable Housing Counsel/ Redevelopment	Surenian, Edwards & Nolan LLC Michael J. Edwards, Esq.	1/1/23 to 12/31/23 \$190.00 per hour Not to exceed \$75,000.00 25-9999-1110-0170-2-00037
Affordable Housing Counsel	Stickel, Koenig, Sullivan & Drill, LLC	1/1/23 to 12/31/23

	Jonathan Drill, Esq.	\$200.00 per hour Not to exceed \$17,500.00 25-9999-1110-0170-2-00037
Township Auditor	Suplee, Clooney & Company Robert Swisher, RMA	1/1/23 to 12/31/23 Not to Exceed \$31,950.00 01-2023-1135-0135-2-00000
Township Engineer	Apgar Associates Paul Fox, P.E.	1/1/23 to 12/31/23 \$160.00 / \$150 per hour Not to exceed \$25,000.00 01-2022-1165-0165-2-00036
Insurance Broker	Corporate Benefits Solutions Ralph Valente	1/1/23 to 12/31/23 2% of annual premiums \$50 per employee Not to exceed \$31,000.00
Risk Manager	Meeker Sharkey & Hurley Insurance & Benefits	1/1/23 to 12/31/23 6% of premium Not to exceed \$9,000.00
Affordable Housing Administrative Agent	Heyer, Gruel & Associates McKinley Mertz	1/1/23 to 12/31/23 \$190/175/150/135/110 per hour Not to exceed \$10,000.00 25-9999-1110-0170-2-00037
Affordable Housing Planning Services	Heyer, Gruel & Associates McKinley Mertz	1/1/23 to 12/31/23 \$190/175/150/135/110 per hour Not to exceed \$20,000.00 25-9999-1110-0170-2-00037
Redevelopment & Planning Services	Heyer, Gruel & Associates McKinley Mertz	1/1/23 to 12/31/23 \$190/175/150/135/110 per hour Not to exceed \$25,000.00 01-2023-1110-0100-2-00105
Bond Counsel	Rogut, McCarthy, Troy LLC Steven Rogut, Esq.	1/1/23 to 12/31/23 \$150 per hour / \$400 per Bond Ordinance Not to exceed \$5,000.00 05-5000-0000-0170-2-00000 01-2023-1155-0155-2-00000
Block 34, Lot 1.01 & Glen Alpin Redevelopment	Goldsmith, Robert Hague, John Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP	1/1/23 to 12/31/23 \$315 per hour Not to exceed \$40,000.00 01-2023-1110-0100-2-00105
Glen Alpin Diversion	Goldsmith, Robert	1/1/23 to 12/31/23

	Hague, John Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP	\$315 per hour Not to exceed \$5,000 05-9999-1155-0155-2-00000
Affordable Housing Legal Services	Goldsmith, Robert Hague, John Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP	1/1/23 to 12/31/23 \$315 per hour Not to exceed \$10,000 25-9999-1110-0170-2-00037
Glen Alpin Disposal/Diversion	Greener By Design Frank Pinto	1/1/23 to 12/31/23 \$175.00 per hour Not to exceed \$19,250 for 110 hours 01-2023-1110-0100-2-00020

Resolution TC 23-088 -- Resolution to Authorize a Tonnage Grant Application

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c. 102, has established a recycling fund from which a tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand the existing program; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS; the recycling regulations impose on the municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the 2023 recycling grant will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Harding Township Committee to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Harding Township Committee that:

1. Harding Township hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Tracy Toribio to ensure that the application is properly filed.
2. The monies received from the recycling tonnage grant will be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.
3. This resolution replaces resolution TC 22-088 which was approved on March 14, 2022.

Resolution TC 23-089 - Resolution to Authorize a Survey for Environmental Screening

WHEREAS, the following bid was received from Colliers Engineering & Design in response to provide professional services for possible development of Affordable Housing located on Kitchell Road, Block 1, Lot 10 in the Township of Harding. The scope of services are as follows:

Survey Services	\$ 9,800.00
Wetland Delineation, Report, and LOI Application	\$ 6,500.00
TOTAL:	\$16,300.00

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that it would be in the best interests of the Township to award the contract to Colliers Engineering & Design for the total amount not to exceed \$16,300.00; 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, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The bid submitted by Colliers Engineering & Design in the total amount of \$16,300.00 for Phase I Survey in accordance with the prescribed specifications is hereby accepted.
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver a contract for \$16,300.00 for professional services for development of Affordable Housing at 53 Kitchell Road, Block 1, Lot 10 in the Township.

FINANCE:

Resolution TC 23-090 – 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 23-091 – Resolution to Authorize the Execution of the Verizon Consent Order

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2022, Plaintiff New York SMSA Limited Partnership (aka “Verizon”) filed a Complaint in the United States District Court, District of New Jersey, bearing Docket No. 2:22-CV-04531-JMV-MAH against Defendants the Township of Harding (“Township”), New Jersey, and Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Harding (the “Zoning Board”), New Jersey (the “Lawsuit”); and

WHEREAS, the Township issued a public bid, in accordance with New Jersey’s Local Lands and Buildings Law, codified at N.J.S.A. 40A-12.1, et seq., for lease rights to construct a wireless communications facility “not to exceed 140 feet above ground” level at the Subject Property in November 2016, and Plaintiff was the successful bidder and in furtherance of same, the Township and Plaintiff entered into a Land Lease Agreement dated June 14, 2018 (the “Land Lease Agreement”), that was contingent upon Plaintiff, as Lessee, obtaining all required governmental approvals including but not limited to site plan and use variance approval from the Board of Adjustment; and

WHEREAS, Plaintiff originally proposed that the Facility include a monopole designed to resemble a tree at a height of 140 feet, extending to a height of 146 feet to include stealth branching, as well as related equipment located at the base of the monopole; and

WHEREAS, the Consent Order is contingent upon the Board of Adjustment’s review and approval of the Consent Order at a duly noticed Whispering Woods hearing. See Whispering Woods at Bamm Hollow, Inc. v. Township of Middletown Planning Board, et al., 220 N.J.Super. 161, 170-72 (1987); and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Adjustment has agreed to the terms of this Consent Order and entered the same --subject to said Whispering Woods Hearing and thus, in accordance with the Board, the Township agrees to the terms of the Consent Order; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to resolve and settle any and all claims relating to the Lawsuit to avoid the additional expense and uncertainties of continued litigation and have agreed to resolve all claims amongst the Parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding (the “Committee”) that subject to the following conditions:

1. The Township Committee hereby authorizes and directs Township Counsel, or his/her designee to execute the Consent Order attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, subject to any minor revisions from Counsel.

Resolution TC 23-092 – Resolution to Authorize the Award of a Contract for Lawn Care Services to High Valley Farm & Contracting Corp.

WHEREAS, the Township of Harding has a need to contract for Lawn Care services for the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, High Valley Farm & Contracting Corporation was the lowest bidder; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the following contract is hereby awarded for a one-year period:

Lawn Care Services	High Valley Farm & Contracting Corp.	1/1/23 to 12/31/23
		Not to exceed \$52,530.00 for 30 Occurrences
		26-9999-2600-2600-2-00299 (\$31,120.00)
		05-5000-00000-0000-2-0000 (\$4,800.00)
		01-2023-1375-0375-2-00000 &
		01-2023-1310-0310-2-00038 (\$16,610.00)

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE #02-2023 – Ordinance to Authorize the Stop Signs Within the Township of Harding -- Creating Township Municipal Code, Chapter 250, “Motor Vehicle Regulations, Traffic, and Parking”, Chapter 1.1 “Stop Signs Within the Township”, and Section 2.1 “Design of Stop Signs”

Mayor Jones asks Township Committee Member _____ to introduce Ordinance #02-2023.

Township Committee Member _____ introduces Ordinance #02-2023 by title as follows:

**HARDING TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE #02–2023**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, CREATING TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 250 “MOTOR
VEHICLE REGULATIONS, TRAFFIC, AND PARKING”, CHAPTER 1.1 “STOP SIGNS
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Township Committee Member _____ explains the purpose of the Ordinance and moves for introduction on first reading.

Township Committee Member _____ reads:

WHEREAS, the above ordinance was introduced and read by title at this Township Committee meeting held on March 13, 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED, that at the Township Committee meeting to be held on April 10, 2023, 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 _____: I offer Ordinance #04-2023 as amended and move its introduction.

Township Committee Member _____ seconds the motion.

Mayor Jones asks the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call:

Vote on Introduction:

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Lacz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Jones

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION

1. HARDING TOWNSHIP - ORDINANCE #02-2023 ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CREATING TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 250 “MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS, TRAFFIC, AND PARKING”, CHAPTER 1.1 “STOP SIGNS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP” AND SECTION 2.1 “DESIGN OF STOP SIGNS,” TO AUTHORIZE THE STOP SIGNS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING

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WHEREAS, Harding Township has certain municipal stop signs; and

WHEREAS, Harding Township wishes to authorize the implementation of the stop signs; and

WHEREAS, Harding Township wishes to place stop signs at various intersections within the Township; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-8, Harding has the authority to place and authorize certain stop signs within the municipal and county jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-120 and N.J.A.C. 16:27-3.1, the design of stop signs shall be in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) published by the U.S. Department of Transportation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Purpose: The purpose of this ordinance is (a) authorize certain existing stop signs within the municipality, (b) authorize the placement of a new stop sign, and (c) regulate the design of the stop signs.

SECTION 1. The Municipal Code, Chapter 250 "Motor Vehicle Regulations, Traffic, and Parking", CHAPTER 1.1 "Stop Signs Within The Municipality" is hereby created pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-141 and includes the following stop signs:

STOP SIGN (Intersection)	LOCATION/DIRECTION
12 Village Road	Facing North of Village Road
12 Village Road	Facing North of DWP entrance
(2 stop signs) Baileys Mill & Lees Hill	One stop sign on each side of Baileys Mill South traffic lanes
(2 stop signs) Cherry Lane & Dickson's Mill	One stop sign on each side of roadway fork on Cherry Lane East traffic lanes
(2 stop signs) Lindsley & Long Hill	One stop sign on each side of roadway fork on Lindsley Lane East traffic lanes
Millbrook & Village	On Millbrook North traffic lane
Millbrook & Village	On Millbrook South traffic lane
(2 stop signs) Red Gate & Blue Mill	One stop sign on each side of roadway fork on Red Gate South traffic lanes.
Spring Valley & Blue Mill	On Spring Valley South traffic lane
Spring Valley & Blue Mill	On Spring Valley North traffic lane

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(2 stop signs) Van Beuren & Blue Mill	One stop sign on each side of roadway fork on Van Beuren South traffic lanes
(2 stop signs) Village & Spring Valley	One stop sign on each side of Village Road North traffic lane
(2 stop signs) Woodland Road & Meyersville	One stop sign on each side of roadway fork on Woodland Road East traffic lanes
Blackwell & Sand Spring Rd.	On Blackwell West traffic lane
Brook Drive North & Baileys Mill	On Brook Drive NorthWest traffic lane
Brook Drive South & Baileys Mill	On Brook Drive SouthEast traffic lane
Deer Ridge & Tempe Wick	On Deer Ridge North traffic lane
Dickson's Mill & Blue Mill	On Dickson's Mill North traffic lane
Dickson's Mill & Spring Valley	On Dickson's Mill South traffic lane
Douglas & Spring Valley	On Douglas East traffic lane
DPW exit to Millbrook Road	On DPW exit East traffic lane
Featherbed & Blue Mill	On Featherbed North traffic lane
Featherbed & Village	On Featherbed South traffic lane
Great Oaks & Blue Mill	On Great Oaks North traffic lane
Griffin & Van Beuren	On Griffin South traffic lane
Holly Hill & Van Beuren	On Holly Hill West traffic lane
Hunting & Sheepfield	On Hunting East traffic lane
James & Blue Mill	On James South traffic lane
Jenks & Sand Spring	On Janks East traffic lane
Jenks Hill & Bailey Hollow	On Jenks Hill East traffic lane
Jockey Hollow & Tempe Wick	On Jockey Hollow West traffic lane
Kitchell & Madison Ave	On Kitchell North traffic lane
Kitchell & Woodland Ave	On Kitchell North traffic lane
Lake Trail West & Baileys Mill	On Lake Trail West West traffic lane
Lake Trail East & Baileys Mill	On Lake Trail East West traffic lane
Lindsley & Lee's Hill	On Lindsley West traffic lane
Loantaka N & Spring Valley	On Loantaka N West traffic lane
Long Hill & Lee's Hill	On Long Hill North traffic lane
McDougal & Kitchell	On McDougal West traffic lane
Millbrook & Pleasantville	On Millbrook South traffic lane
Miller & Pleasantville	On Miller West traffic lane
Miller & Woodland	On Miller South traffic lane

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Morgan & Lees Hill	On Morgan South traffic lane
Orchard & Pleasantville	On Orchard South traffic lane
Pleasant Plains & Lee’s Hill	On Pleasant Plains West traffic lane
Pleasantville & Long Hill	On Pleasantville West traffic lane
Pleasantville & Village	On Pleasantville North traffic lane
Primrose & Baileys Mill	On Primrose West traffic lane
Pumphouse & Youngs	On Pumphouse North traffic lane
Sand Spring Ln & James	On Sand Spring Lane East traffic lane
Sand Spring Rd & Blue Mill	On Sand Spring South traffic lane
Sand Spring Rd & Sand Spring Ln	On Sand Spring Lane West traffic lane
Sheepfield & Lees Hill	On Sheepfield South traffic lane
Silverbrook & Sand Spring	On Silverbrook West traffic lane
Spencer & Spring Valley	On Spencer East traffic lane
Sutton & Featherbed	On Sutton West traffic lane
Twin Field & Village	On Twin Field South traffic lane
White Deer & Spring Valley	On White Deer West traffic lane
Wildlife & Pleasantville	On Wildlife South traffic lane
Wood Duck & Lee’s Hill	On Wood Duck North traffic lane
Youngs & Baileys Mill	On Youngs West traffic lane
Youngs & Lees Hill	On Youngs East traffic lane
Fawn Hill & Hunter	On Hunter North traffic lane
Shadow Brook & Route 202 (private request)	On Shadow Brook West traffic lane

SECTION 2. The Municipal Code, Chapter 250 “Motor Vehicle Regulations, Traffic, and Parking”, CHAPTER 2.1 “Designs of Stop Signs,” is hereby created and shall read as follows:

All stop signs within the municipality shall follow the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices standard.

SECTION 3. This ordinance may be renumbered for the purposes of codification.

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SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days following final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

ATTEST

TOWNSHIP OF HARDING

Lisa A. Sharp
Municipal Clerk

Timothy D. Jones
Mayor

INTRODUCED: March 13, 2023
PUBLIC HEARING:
ADOPTED:

ADVERTISED: March 16, 2023
ADVERTISED:

Vote on Introduction:

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN
Ms. Chipperson		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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