

HARDING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023
REORGANIZATION MEETING AGENDA AT 7:00 PM
IN-PERSON
KIRBY HALL, BLUE MILL ROAD,
NEW VERNON, NEW JERSEY

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – The Reorganization meeting will be called to order at 7:00 pm –
Municipal Clerk

Mrs. Sharp opened the reorganization meeting of the Harding Township Committee to order at 7:00 pm and introduced herself at the Municipal Clerk for the Township of Harding. Mrs. Sharp informed the members of the public and the members of the Township Committee that she will administer the Oath of Office to Mr. Nicolas Platt.

OATHS OF OFFICE – ELECTED OFFICIALS – Municipal Clerk

Township Committee Member Nicolas Platt

Mrs. Sharp, Municipal Clerk, administered the oath of office to Mr. Nicolas Platt and congratulated Mr. Platt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Municipal Clerk

Mrs. Sharp, Municipal Clerk, led members of the Township Committee and members of the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADEQUATE NOTICE of this January 5, 2023, meeting of the Harding Township Committee was given as follows: Notice was sent to the DAILY RECORD and the OBSERVER TRIBUNE on November 29, 2022 and published in the Observer Tribune on December 1, 2022; Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Township Municipal Building on Blue Mill Road in Harding, NJ; and Notice was filed with the Municipal Clerk on December 1, 2022.

Mrs. Sharp, Municipal Clerk, announced that Adequate Notice of the Harding Township Reorganization meeting was called in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL – Municipal Clerk

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

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. Michael Edwards, Township Attorney

Public Present:

Approximately: 72

NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR 2023 –Municipal Clerk

Mrs. Sharp, Municipal Clerk, called for nominations for Mayor. A motion was made by Township Committee Member Platt to nominate Township Committee Member Jones as Mayor of the Harding Township Committee. The motion was seconded by Township Committee Member Lacz. Mrs. Sharp asked if there were any other nominations for Mayor. Being no further nomination for Mayor, Mrs. Sharp, Municipal Clerk, asked for a motion to close nominations for Mayor. Upon a motion made by Township Committee Member Yates, seconded by Township Committee Member Platt, and with a roll call votes of all ayes, the nominations for Mayor was now closed.

Mrs. Sharp, Municipal Clerk, called for a motion to elect Township Committee Member Jones as Mayor of the Harding Township Committee. Upon a motion made by Township Committee Member Chipperson, seconded by Township Committee Member Platt, and with a roll call votes of all ayes, none opposed, Township Committee Member Jones was elected Mayor of the Harding Township Committee for the year 2023.

The Municipal Clerk conducts the Oath of Office for Mayor – Municipal Clerk

Mrs. Sharp conducted the Oath of Office for Mayor with Mr. Timothy D. Jones. Mrs. Sharp congratulated Mr. Jones.

Mrs. Sharp announced that the newly elected Mayor will now preside over the remainder of the Harding Township Committee 2023 reorganization meeting.

MAYOR PRESIDING: NOMINATIONS FOR DEPUTY MAYOR 2023

Mayor Jones, called for nominations for Deputy Mayor. A Motion was made by Township Committee Member Platt to nominate Township Committee Member Chipperson as Deputy Mayor of the Harding Township Committee. The motion was seconded by Township Committee Member Lacz. Mayor Jones asked if there were any other nominations for Deputy Mayor. Being no further nominations for Deputy Mayor, Mayor Jones asked for a motion to close nominations for Deputy Mayor. Upon a motion made by Township Committee Member Yates, seconded by Township Committee Member Platt, and with a roll call votes of all ayes, none opposed, the nominations for Deputy Mayor was now closed.

Mayor Jones, called for a motion to elect Township Committee Member Chipperson as Deputy Mayor of the Harding Township Committee. Upon a motion made by Township Committee Member Lacz, seconded by Township Committee Member Platt, and with a roll call votes of all ayes, none opposed, Township Committee Member Chipperson was elected Deputy Mayor of the Harding Township Committee for the year 2023.

The Municipal Clerk reads the Oath of Office for Deputy Mayor – Municipal Clerk

Mrs. Sharp conducted the Oath of Office for Deputy Mayor with Mrs. Rita Chipperson. Mrs. Sharp congratulated Mrs. Chipperson.

REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mayor Jones acknowledged and thanked the following guests who attended the Township of Harding's Reorganization meeting; Morris County Board of County Commissioner Christine Myers and Assemblywoman Aura Dunn. Mayor Jones thanked Assemblywoman Dunn for her letter and mentioned a copy of the letter would be appended to these minutes.

Mayor Jones read a prepared speech. A copy of Mayor Jones remarks is appended to these minutes.

Deputy Mayor Chipperson commented that Mayor Jones summed up the busy year 2022 which was a great year to come out after COVID to be together as neighbors and to celebrate the Township's Centennial. Deputy Mayor Chipperson mentioned that we are looking at the May or June of this year timeframe to celebrate the Margetts Field event. Deputy Mayor Chipperson thanked everyone for electing her and putting her in the position of an elected official for the Township of Harding. Deputy Mayor Chipperson thanked her colleagues for electing her Deputy Mayor and looks forward to working in this capacity.

Township Committee Member Platt commented this is his fifth (5) term as an elected official. Township Committee Member Platt stated he has been on the Township Committee for fourteen (14) years. Township Committee Member Platt explained that he has seen a lot throughout his fourteen (14) years and because of our volunteers' Harding Township has low taxes. It is because of our New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department and New Vernon Volunteer First Aid Squad that Harding Township has these low taxes. The volunteers who sit on all the Townships' Boards, Committees, and Commissions that makes Harding Township so special.

Township Committee Member Platt commented that in his czar capacity for shared services in the State of New Jersey, going on his fifth (5) year, which has provided an opportunity to allow Mr. Platt to visit the 565 Municipalities in New Jersey where he has met Mayors and elected officials and returns to Harding and realizes how fortunate Harding Township residents are with this location and our many volunteers. Keep up the good work. Harding Township is a magnificent place.

RESOLUTION TC 23-001 -- RESOLUTION TO ADOPT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Chipperson to proceed with Resolution 23-001. 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: **December 12, 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: **December 12, 2022**.

Township Committee Member Chipperson made a motion to approve Resolution TC 23-001, seconded by Township Committee Member Platt.

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

Vote on Resolution:

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson	1 st	<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 nd	<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"/>

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: NONE

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. With no members of the public wishing to be heard, Mayor Jones closed this portion of the meeting.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

As Mayor, Mr. Jones, made the following appointments as listed on the Township Committees' January 5, 2023 reorganization meeting agenda:

Board of Health: Mayor appoints Alternates

- Mrs. Christina McKittrick - Alternate # 1
2 year term expiring 12/31/2024
- Mrs. Julia Somers – Alternate # 2
2 year unexpired term expiring 12/31/2023

Environmental Commission: Mayor Appoints Chair

- Mr. James Novotny – Chairman
1 year term expiring 12/31/2023

Historic Preservation Commission – Mayor appoints all members

- Matthew Cooney
4 year term expiring 12/31/2026
Class A
- Donato Maselli
4 year term expiring 12/31/2026
Class A
- Dean Altman
4 year unexpired term 12/31/2024
Class B
- Kristen Peterson
4 year unexpired term 12/31/2024
Class B
- Megan Faldulto
Class C - Alternate #1
2 year term expiring 12/31/2024
- Erik Napp
Alternate #2
2 year unexpired term 12/31/2023

Planning Board (Mayor Appoints Class II / Class IV)

- Richard Clew
3 year term expiring 12/31/2025
Class II

CONSENT AGENDA – PART I – TOWNSHIP PROFESSIONALS / BOARDS / COMMISSIONS / STANDING COMMITTEES

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.

CONSENT AGENDA – PART I - VOTE

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Yates to proceed with the Resolutions listed on the Consent agenda. Resolutions TC 23-002 through TC 23-013.

Township Committee Member Yates 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 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 nd	<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 st	<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"/>

Resolution TC 23-002 Standing Committee Assignments

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has designated Standing Committees.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey that the 2023 Township Committee members are assigned to the following Committees:

Committee	Chair	Vice Chair
Public Safety/Emergency Management	Township Committee	
Public Works	Mr. Jones	Mr. Platt
Affordable Housing/Infrastructure	Township Committee	
Planning/Zoning/Construction/Building	Mr. Jones	Mr. Yates
Finance/Personnel/Insurance	Mr. Yates	Mr. Jones
Special Committees	Mrs. Chipperson	Dr. Lacz
Technology	Mr. Yates	Mrs. Chipperson
Redevelopment	Township Committee	

Resolution TC 23-003 – Advisory Committee Assignments

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has designated Advisory Committees.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey that the 2023 Township Committee members are assigned to the following Committees:

Advisory Committee	Chair	Vice Chair
Shade Tree Committee (Liaison)	Mr. Platt	Mrs. Chipperson
Recreation Advisory Committee (AKA CPAC)	Dr. Lacz	Mr. Platt
Open Space Trust Committee	Mr. Jones	Mrs. Chipperson
Harding Township School Board (Liaison)	Mrs. Chipperson	Mr. Yates

Resolution TC 23-004 – Boards and Commission Assignments

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has designated Boards and Commissions.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey that the 2023 Township Committee members are assigned to the following:

Board/Commission	Chair	Vice Chair
Planning Board	Mr. Jones	Mr. Yates
Historic Preservation Commission	Dr. Lacz	Mr. Yates
Board of Health	Dr. Lacz	Mrs. Chipperson
Environmental Commission	Mr. Platt	Mr. Yates

Resolution TC 23-005 – Resolution Authorizing the Award of Non-Fair Open Process Professional Service Contracts for the Year 2023 for the Companies and Individuals referenced herein

WHEREAS, the Township of Harding has a need to acquire professional service contracts for the year 2023 as non-fair and open contracts pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a); and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose; 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 & 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 \$45,000.00 01-2023-1150-0151-2-00035
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

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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 Jonathan Drill, Esq.	1/1/23 to 12/31/23 \$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 \$30,000.00 01-2023-1165-0165-2-00036
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
Professional Planner Affordable Housing Administrative Agent Redevelopment	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 25-9999-1110-0170-2-00037 01-2023-1180-0180-2-00039
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
Redevelopment/Disposal/ Diversion / Special Counsel	Goldsmith, Robert Hague, John Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP	1/1/23 to 12/31/23 \$315 per hour Not to exceed \$25,000 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

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS WITH CONSENT OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Resolution TC 23-006 – Board of Health Appointments

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor of the Township of Harding with consent of the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the following appointments as members of the Harding Township Board of Health commencing January 1, 2023, be made:

Dr. Joseph Cervone (Regular Member – Voting)	3 year term expiring December 31, 2025
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Rita Chipperson (Regular Member – Voting)	3 year term expiring December 31, 2025
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Resolution TC 23-007 – Shade Tree Advisory Committee Appointments

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor of the Township of Harding with consent of the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the following appointments as members of the Harding Township Shade Tree Advisory Committee commencing January 1, 2023, be made:

John Linson Tree Conservation Officer – Non-Voting	3 year unexpired term December 31, 2024
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Richard Bruno - Voting Member At Large	3 year unexpired term December 31, 2023
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Tracy Toribio - Voting Member - DPW Rep	3 year term expiring December 31, 2025
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Vince DeNave - Voting Assistant Administrator	3 year unexpired term December 31, 2024
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Gwenn Claytor – Voting Historic Preservation Commission Rep	3 year unexpired term December 31, 2023
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James Novotny – Voting Environmental Commission Rep	3 year term expiring December 31, 2025
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Kent Gandy -- Voting Member / HOST Rep	3 year term expiring December 31, 2023
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Linda Kirby – Voting Civic Association	1 year term expiring December 31, 2023
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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Resolution TC 23-008 – Board of Adjustment Appointments

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 appointments as members of the Harding Township Board of Adjustment commencing January 1, 2023, be made:

Michael Flanagan Regular Member	4 year term expiring December 31, 2026
Elizabeth Sovolos Regular Member	4 year term expiring December 31, 2026
George Boyan Alternate #2	2 year term expiring December 31, 2024

Resolution TC 23-009 – Environmental Commission Appointments

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 appointments as members of the Harding Township Environmental Commission commencing January 1, 2023, be made:

Tracy Flanagan Regular Member	3 year unexpired term December 31, 2024
Hugh Symonds Regular Member	3 year term expiring December 31, 2025
James Novotny Regular Member	3 year term expiring December 31, 2025
Kate Barry Alternate #1	2 year unexpired term December 31, 2023
Hallie Bulleit Alternate #2	2 year term expiring December 31, 2024

Resolution TC 23-010 – Harding Open Space Trust Committee Appointments

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 appointments as members of the Harding Township Open Space Trust Committee commencing January 1, 2023, be made:

Julia Somers Member at Large – Voting	3 year term expiring December 31, 2025
Tim Jones Township Committee Rep - Voting	1 year term expiring December 31, 2023
Rita Chipperson Mayors Designee - Voting	1 year term expiring December 31, 2023

Vincent DeNave Assistant Township Administrator – Voting	1 year term expiring December 31, 2023
Frank Rosato Planning Board Rep - Voting	1 year term expiring December 31, 2023
Madelyn Devine Harding Land Trust Rep - Voting	1 year term expiring December 31, 2023
James Novotny Environmental Commission Rep - Voting	1 year term expiring December 31, 2023
Kent Gandy Shade Tree Rep - Voting	1 year term expiring December 31, 2023

Resolution TC 23-011 – Recreation Advisory Committee Appointments (AKA – CPAC)

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 appointments as members of the Harding Township Citizens' Parks Advisory Committee commencing January 1, 2023, and expiring December 31, 2023, be made:

Tom dePoortere – Chair
Tracy Toribio – DPW Supervisor
Vince DeNave – Assistant Administrator
Emilio Egea – Barrett Field
Jenny Burns – Showgrounds
Tom dePoortere – Memorial Park
Donna Wilson – Bayne Park
Nicolas Platt – TC Member
Nicole Lacz – TC Member

Resolution TC 23-012 – Planning Board Appointments

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 appointments as members of the Harding Township Planning Board commencing January 1, 2023, be made:

Darren Burns Alternate #1	2 year term expiring December 31, 2024
Frank Rosato Alternate #2	2 year unexpired term December 31, 2023
Tim Jones Class I (Mayor/ Designee)	1 year term expiring December 31, 2023
Christopher Yates Class III (TC Member)	1 year term expiring December 31, 2023

Resolution TC 23-013 – Resolution Appointing Members to the Emergency Management Council for the 2023 Calendar Pursuant to N.J.S.A. App. 40A:9-41

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey approve the following list of appointments to the Emergency Management Council as authorized by N.J.S.A. App. 40A:9-41 for calendar year 2023:

Emergency Management Council

Police Chief
Mayor
Emergency Management Coordinator
Health Officer
Township Attorney
Observer Tribune

Fire Chief
Captain of First Aid Squad
American Red Cross
Superintendent of Public Works
School Superintendent
Assistant Administrator, Deputy Coordinator

RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA – PART II -- ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTIONS

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.

CONSENT AGENDA – PART II VOTE:

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Platt to proceed with the Resolutions listed on the Consent Agenda – Part II. Resolutions TC 23-014 through TC 23-058

Township Committee Member Platt made a motion to approve the resolutions placed on this morning's Consent Agenda by consent of the Township Committee, 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 nd	<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 st	<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"/>

Resolution TC 23-014 – Agenda and Regular Meeting Schedule

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-19 requires that every public body shall post and maintain posted throughout the year for the purpose of public inspection, a schedule of the regular meetings of the public body to be held during the succeeding year.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that during 2023 public meetings of the Harding Township Committee shall be held at 7:00 p.m. and executive sessions shall be held before the Harding Township Committee's public meetings at Kirby Hall, 21 Blue Mill Road in New Vernon in said Township on the following dates:

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Monday, March 13, 2023

Monday, April 10, 2023

Monday, May 15, 2023 (3rd Monday)

Monday, June 12, 2023

Monday, July 10, 2023

Monday, August 14, 2023

Monday, September 11, 2023

Monday, October 16, 2023 (3rd Monday)

Monday, November 13, 2023

Monday, December 11, 2023

Thursday, January 4, 2024– *Reorganization at 7:00 pm*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above schedule and any revision thereof shall be posted on the bulletin board in Kirby Hall and mailed to the Observer Tribune and the Daily Record, and upon prepayment of mailing and processing costs, to all persons requesting copies of such schedule or any revision thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the meetings shall be conducted in accordance with *Roberts Rules of Order*.

Resolution TC 23-015 – Designate Official Newspapers

BE IT RESOLVED, that the *Observer Tribune*, the *Morris County Daily Record*, and the *Star Ledger* be and hereby are designated as the three official newspapers of the Township of Harding.

Resolution TC 23-016 – Appointment of Township Officials

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 appointments were offered and adopted for the year 2023:

Board of Adjustment Secretary

Planning Board Secretary

Assessment Search Officer

Tax Search Official

Zoning Officer

Substitute Subcode Officials

-Construction/Building

-Building/ Fire

-Building

Lori Taglairino

Lori Taglairino

Lisa Sharp

Tax Collector

George Byrnes

Thomas Lance

Frank Catanese

	-Fire	Joseph Moschello
	-Plumbing	Sal Simonetti
	-Electrical	Ralph Contardo
	-Electrical	Robert Macintosh
Certifying Agent		Andrew Fiore
Retirement Funds (PERS & PFRS) Manager		Andrew Fiore
Certifying Official		Himanshu Shah
OPRA Deputies	-Police	Michael Gromek
OPRA Deputies	-Police	Antoinette Adams
Qualified Purchasing Agent		Andrew Fiore
North Jersey Health Insurance Fund Commissioner		Vince DeNave
Paymaster & Social Security Administrator		Andrew Fiore
Recycling Coordinator		Tracy Toribio
Matron		Patricia Romano

BE IT RESOLVED, all such appointments shall be for the year 2023 or until additional action on any such appointments is taken by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding.

Resolution TC 23-017 – Resolution Appointing Tracy Toribio and Lisa Sharp as Safety Coordinators as required by the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that it hereby appoints Tracy Toribio and Lisa Sharp as the Safety Coordinators for the Township of Harding effective January 1, 2023 as required by the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

Resolution TC 23-018 – Resolution Appointing Vincent DeNave as the Municipal Risk Manager and Appointing Vincent DeNave as the Suburban Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner as required by the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund – Meeker Sharkey & Hurley

WHEREAS, the need exists for a Municipal Risk Manager to serve as the liaison between the Township and the Suburban Joint Insurance Fund (“Fund”); and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Risk Manager is responsible for scheduling Municipal Safety Committee meetings and implementing policy changes promulgated by the Fund; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the by-laws of the Fund, the Township Committee must appoint a commissioner to represent the Township of Harding in the Fund, and that said appointment must be made by resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Vincent DeNave, Assistant Administrator, is hereby appointed as Municipal Risk Manager for the 2023 calendar year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that Vincent DeNave is hereby appointed as Commissioner to the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund for the 2023 calendar year.

Resolution TC 23-019 – Resolution Appointing Tracy Toribio as the Township of Harding’s Safety Delegate as required by the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Harding do hereby appoint Tracy Toribio as the 2023 Safety Delegate for the Township of Harding effective January 1, 2023 as required by the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

Resolution TC 23-020 – Resolution Appointing Tracy Toribio as the Pumping & Lift Station Operator

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that it hereby appoints Tracy Toribio as the Pumping & Lift Station Operator for the year 2023.

Resolution TC 23-021 – Resolution Appointing Tracy Toribio as the Recycling Coordinator Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1E-99

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that it hereby appoints Tracy Toribio as Recycling Coordinator per N.J.S.A. 13:1E-99 for the year 2023.

Resolution TC 22-022 – Resolution Appointing Tracy Toribio as the Stormwater Coordinator Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15A-4

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that it hereby appoints Tracy Toribio as Stormwater Coordinator per N.J.A.C. 7:15A-4 for the year 2023.

Resolution TC 23-023 – Resolution Appointing Tracy Toribio as the Clean Communities Coordinator Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1E-213

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that it hereby appoints Tracy Toribio as Clean Communities Coordinator per N.J.S.A. 13:1E-213 for the year 2023.

Resolution TC 23-024 – Resolution Appointing Tracy Toribio as the Right-To-Know Coordinator

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that it hereby appoints Tracy Toribio as the Right-to-Know Coordinator for the year 2023.

Resolution TC 23-025 – Resolution Designating the Primary and Secondary HR Officer

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that it hereby appoints Vincent DeNave as the Primary HR Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that it hereby appoints Robert Falzarano as the Secondary HR Officer.

Resolution TC 23-026 – Resolution Designating Deputy Custodians of Public Records for Year 2023

WHEREAS, the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq., commonly known as “OPRA” was promulgated to increase public access to government records; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to OPRA, anyone wishing to review or obtain copies of government records must file a written request with the Custodian of Records, who at the municipal level of government is the Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, OPRA does not preclude a municipality from developing reasonable and practical measures for handling and responding to OPRA requests, including designating Deputy Custodians of Records to ensure that the public is efficiently served and requests for government records are granted or denied in a prompt and expeditious manner; and

WHEREAS, every municipal department within the Township of Harding generates and maintains government records pertaining to its respective business matters and by designating Deputy Custodians of Records the Township is able to provide the public with direct access to government records from each municipal department with greater efficiency and timeliness.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Harding that they deem it important to ensure that the public requests for government records are handled in a prompt and expeditious manner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following Township employees shall be designated Deputy Custodians of Records for the purpose of handling and fulfilling OPRA requests for those records that are maintained and kept in their respective departments:

Administrative Assistant to the Township Administrator
Assistant Administrator
Secretary to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment
Chief Financial Officer
Finance Department
Administrative Assistant to Chief of Police
Superintendent of Public Works
Administrative Assistant to the Health Department
Construction Official
Technical Assistant to Construction Official
Zoning Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Official/REHS

and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all Deputy Custodian of Records shall comply with provisions set forth in the Open Public Records Act, as amended, and shall advise the Municipal Clerk any concerns that may arise in fulfilling a request for government records; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all requests for government records, together with the written responses and records, shall be maintained by the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Harding in accordance with the prescribed Records Retention Schedule promulgated by the State of New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other Township officials and employees are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Resolution TC 23-027 – Appointment of Lori Taglairino as the Alternate Deputy Registrar Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:8-17 for Year 2023

WHEREAS, there is a need for the appointment of an Alternate Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Township of Harding to assist in the day-to-day operation of the office; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 26:8-17, the Local Registrar recommends the appointment of an Alternate Deputy Registrar; and

WHEREAS, Lisa A. Sharp, Township of Harding's Local Registrar recommends that Lori Taglairino be appointed to serve as a Alternate Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Township of Harding.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that it concurs with the recommendation of the Local Registrar and hereby appoints Lori Taglairino as Alternate Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Township of Harding for calendar year 2023 pursuant to state law.

Resolution TC 23-028 – Appointment of Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for Year 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that Vincent DeNave is hereby appointed as Deputy Coordinator for the Office of Emergency Management.

Resolution TC 23-029 – Appointment of Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators for Year 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that Michael Gromek and David Achenbach are hereby appointed as Deputy Coordinators for the Office of Emergency Management.

Resolution TC 23-030 Appointment of Tax Collector as the Tax Search Officer Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-11 for Year 2023

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-11 requires that governing bodies of municipalities designate, by resolution, a Tax Search Officer.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Tax Collector of the Township of Harding, is hereby designated Tax Search Officer for the Township of Harding.

Resolution TC 23-031 Appointment of Lisa A. Sharp as Assessment Search Officer Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:18-3 for Year 2023

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:18-3 requires that governing bodies of municipalities designate, by resolution, an Assessment Search Officer.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Lisa A. Sharp, Municipal Clerk, of the Township of Harding is hereby designated Assessment Search Officer for said municipality.

Resolution TC 23-032 Designating Vincent DeNave as the Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.2 for Year 2023

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C 17:27-3.2 each public agency shall designate an individual to serve as its Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.); and

WHEREAS, the P.A.C.O. is responsible for ensuring that municipal contracts comply with the policy of the State of New Jersey to promote equal opportunity and affirmative action with regard to public contracts; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Township of Harding to promote and enforce all rules and regulations regarding affirmative action in public purchasing; and

WHEREAS, a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Division of Purchase & Property, Contract Compliance Audit Unit, EEO Monitoring Program.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Harding Township Committee that Vincent DeNave, Assistant Administrator be appointed as the P.A.C.O. for a one-year term ending December 31, 2023.

Resolution TC 23-033 -- Resolution Appointing Tracy Toribio as the Indoor Air Quality Officer per N.J.A.C. 12:100-13 for Year 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that Tracy Toribio is hereby appointed Indoor Air Quality Officer per N.J.A.C. 12:100-13.

Resolution TC 23-034 – Resolution Appointing Tracy Toribio as the Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Officer for Year 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that Tracy Toribio is hereby appointed as Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Officer.

Resolution TC 23-035 – Resolution Appointing Vincent DeNave as the Municipal Housing Liaison for the Township of Harding Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:94-7 and N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 Et. Seq. for Year 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that Vincent DeNave is hereby appointed as Municipal Housing Liaison for the Township of Harding pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:94-7 and N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et. seq.

Resolution TC 23-036 – Appointment of Patricia Walker as the Alternate Deputy Registrar Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:8-17 for Year 2023

WHEREAS, there is a need for the appointment of an Alternate Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Township of Harding to assist in the day-to-day operation of the office; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 26:8-17, the Local Registrar recommends the appointment of an Alternate Deputy Registrar; and

WHEREAS, Lisa A. Sharp, Township of Harding's Local Registrar recommends that Patricia Walker be appointed to serve as a Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Township of Harding.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that it concurs with the recommendation of the Local Registrar and hereby appoints Patricia Walker as Alternate Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Township of Harding for calendar year 2023 pursuant to state law.

Resolution TC 23-037 – Resolution that Fixes Fees for Delinquent Taxes and/or Assessments for Year 2023

WHEREAS, Chapter 45 of the Laws of 1970 authorizes the Township to establish the rate of interest to be charged for delinquent taxes or assessments in the Township of Harding; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 permits the governing body may also fix a penalty to be charged to a tax payer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000 who fails to pay that delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year and that such penalty shall not exceed 6% of the amount of the delinquency; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 1979, Chapter 82, as amended by P.L. 1996, Chapter 113 (C. 40A:9-154.1) allows the governing body of the municipality to authorize the Township Tax Collector to process the refund and/or cancel property taxes less than \$10.00 without further action of the governing body.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Tax Collector of the Township of Harding is hereby authorized and directed to charge eight percent (8%) per annum on the first \$1,500 of the delinquency and eighteen percent (18%) per annum in excess of \$1,500 and no interest shall be charged if payment of any installment is made within a grace period of ten (10) calendar days following the date which same became payable.
2. A six percent (6%) penalty shall be assessed on delinquent taxes, assessments or municipal charges in excess of \$10,000, which has not been paid prior to the end of a fiscal year
3. The Tax Collector of the Township of Harding is hereby authorized to process the cancellation of any property tax refund or delinquency of less than \$10.00 without further action of the governing body.

Resolution TC 23-038 –Model Cash Management Plan for Year 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that for the year 2023, the following shall serve as the cash management plan of the Township of Harding:

The Chief Financial Officer is directed to use this cash management plan as the guide in depositing and investing the Township of Harding funds.

The following are suitable and authorized investments:

1. Interest bearing bank accounts and certificates of deposit in authorized banks, listed below, for deposit of local unit funds.
2. Government money market mutual funds as comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1(e).
3. Local government investment pools which comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15(e) and conditions set by the Division of Local Government Services.
4. New Jersey State Cash Management Fund.
5. Repurchase agreements (repos) of fully collateralized securities which comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15(a); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, each month, the Chief Financial Officer shall prepare a schedule of investments purchase and redeemed, investment earnings, fees incurred and market value of all investments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the following Government Unit Depository Protection Act approved banks are authorized depositories for the deposit of funds:

PNC Bank	TD Bank	Provident Bank
Peapack-Gladstone Bank	NJ ARM	Magyar Bank
Amboy Bank	M&T Bank	Investors Bank
Bank of America	Santander Bank	Columbia Bank
Valley National Bank	Lake Land Bank	New Jersey Cash Management Fund
Wells Fargo Bank	Affinity Federal Credit Union	Kearny Bank

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that any successor of any of the aforementioned banks and any bank that provides GUDPA certification are hereby authorized depositories; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, disbursements from all checking accounts except as otherwise noted herein shall be signed by any two (2) of the following four (4) authorized individuals to include at minimum each check to bear one original signature. The Mayor and Finance Committee Chairman may designate a facsimile signature as subject to approval:

Mayor
Finance Committee Chairman
Township Administrator
Chief Financial Officer

and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer or his designee is authorized to wire transfer funds for investment and payment of capital debt; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the following are the authorized checking accounts:

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| 1. Current Fund | 13. Farm at Harding Trust |
| 2. Grant Fund | 14. Technical Review Escrow |
| 3. Capital Fund | 15. Engineering Escrow |
| 4. Open Space Trust | 16. Performance Escrow |
| 5. Sewer Operating | 17. Grading Escrow |
| 6. Sewer Capital | 18. Tree Escrow |
| 7. Trust Fund | 19. Health Reimbursement Account |
| 8. Unemployment Trust | 20. Flexible Savings Account |
| 9. Public Assistance Trust | 21. Health Savings Account |
| 10. Animal Control Trust | 22. Online Transaction Account |
| 11. Forfeiture Trust | 23. Payroll Account |
| 12. Affordable Housing Trust | 24. Farm Sale Reserve |
| | 25. Tax Sale Audit |

Resolution TC 23-039 – Authorizing Temporary Appropriations as Approved by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2023 budget, temporary appropriations may be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty days of January 2023; and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2022 Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance, is the sum of \$8,164,383.00 ; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Temporary Budget of \$2,138,710.00 does not exceed 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2022 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, that the attached appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records.

DEPARTMENT	BUDGET LINE ITEM	2022 BUDGET	2023 TEMPORARY BUDGET
HUMAN RESOURCES	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 4,150.00	\$ 1,089.00
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 392,900.00	\$ 123,136.00
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 138,400.00	\$ 36,330.00
MIS	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 83,850.00	\$ 22,010.00
MAYOR AND COUNCIL	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 945.00
MAYOR AND COUNCIL	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 26,400.00	\$ 6,930.00
MUNICIPAL CLERK	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 31,300.00	\$ 8,216.00
MUNICIPAL CLERK	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 41,650.00	\$ 15,933.00
ELECTION	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 1,706.00
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 162,100.00	\$ 47,551.00
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 22,250.00	\$ 5,840.00
AUDIT SERVICES	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 8,137.00
TAX COLLECTION	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 16,700.00
TAX COLLECTION	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 5,900.00	\$ 1,548.00
TAX ASSESSMENT	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 51,700.00	\$ 15,571.00
TAX ASSESSMENT	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 3,250.00
COST OF TAX APPEAL	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 10,500.00
TAX MAP REVISION	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 918.00
LEGAL SERVICES	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 141,500.00	\$ 37,143.00
ENGINEERING SERVICES	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 42,500.00	\$ 11,156.00
PLANNING BOARD	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 11,600.00	\$ 6,045.00
PLANNING BOARD	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 40,700.00	\$ 10,683.00
BD OF ADJUSTMENT	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 14,812.00
BD OF ADJUSTMENT	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 101,700.00	\$ 26,696.00
UNIFORM CONST. CODE	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 253,600.00	\$ 86,570.00
UNIFORM CONST. CODE	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 18,375.00	\$ 4,823.00
LIABILITY INSURANCE	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 39,375.00
GROUP INSURANCE	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 1,303,683.00	\$ 342,216.00
HEALTH BENEFIT WAIVER	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 9,187.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 1,912,800.00	\$ 552,110.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 128,475.00	\$ 33,724.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,050.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 393.00
FIRE HYDRANT SERVICE	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,575.00
STREETS & ROAD MAINT	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 650,200.00	\$ 195,677.00
STREETS & ROAD MAINT	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 75,800.00	\$ 19,897.00
SNOW REMOVAL	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
SNOW REMOVAL	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 77,500.00	\$ 50,000.00
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 525.00
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 84,000.00	\$ 22,050.00
RECYCLING	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 3,362.00
RECYCLING	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 17,750.00	\$ 4,659.00

BUILDING & GROUNDS	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 114,250.00	\$ 29,990.00
VEHICLE MAINT.	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 80,500.00	\$ 21,131.00
CONDOMINIUM REIMB	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -
HEALTH SERVICE	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 85,800.00	\$ 26,522.00
HEALTH SERVICE	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 16,100.00	\$ 4,226.00
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 700.00
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 13,400.00	\$ 3,517.00
ANIMAL CONTROL COST	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 367.00
OPENSACE COMMISSION	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 262.00
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 603.00
CONT. TO S/C PROGRAM	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -
MAINT. OF PARKS	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 12,600.00
MMAINT OF LIBRARY	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 10,500.00
ACCUMULATED LEAVE COMP	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 13,125.00
ELECTRICITY	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 11,812.00
STREET LIGHTING	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,050.00
TELEPHONE	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 7,612.00
WATER & SEWER	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 262.00
NATURAL GAS/HEATING OIL	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 3,412.00
GASOLINE	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 93,000.00	\$ 24,412.00
CONTINGENCY	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 656.00
PERS	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 184,000.00	\$ -
DCRP	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,050.00
SOCIAL SECURITY	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 308,000.00	\$ 80,850.00
PFRS	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 447,000.00	\$ -
JUDGEMENTS	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 100.00	\$ 26.00
CHATHAM/MORRIS CO911 I/L	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 92,000.00	\$ -
MORRIS COUNTY I/L	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 78,000.00	\$ 20,475.00
MORRIS CTY PARTNERSHIP	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 262.00
JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 26,250.00
TOTAL CURRENT BUDGET EXCLUDING CIF & DEBT SERVICE		\$ 8,164,383.00	\$ 2,138,710.00

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 773,600.00	\$ -
BOND PRINCIPAL	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 264,000.00	\$ 264,000.00
NOTES PRINCIPAL	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 21,300.00	\$ 21,300.00
BOND INTEREST	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 88,900.00	\$ 88,900.00
NOTE INTEREST	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 5,400.00
TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND & DEBT SERVICE		\$ 1,153,200.00	\$ 379,600.00

Resolution TC 23-040 – Authorize Temporary Appropriations As Provided by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 Township of Harding Sewer Utility

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2023 budget, temporary appropriations may be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty days of January 2023; and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2022 Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance, is the sum of \$256,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Temporary Budget of \$61,950.00 does not exceed 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2022 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance.

OPERATING	2022 BUDGET	2023 TEMPORARY BUDGET
SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 8,400.00
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 525.00
OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 202,000.00	\$ 53,025.00
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 236,000.00	\$ 61,950.00

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
TOTAL:	\$ 256,000.00	\$ 61,950.00

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, that the attached appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records.

Resolution TC 23-041 – Tax Appeal Defense Approval

WHEREAS, counterclaims must be filed within 20 days of service of a Tax Court Complaint; and

WHEREAS, a Township Committee meeting date may fall outside that timeline.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris that Dorsey & Semrau is hereby authorized to file counterclaims with the Tax Court of New Jersey regarding any tax appeal filed with the Tax Court of New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dorsey & Semrau will do what is necessary or desirable to effectuate settlement of any case, without prejudice to the Township's interest in any other pending or future tax assessment appeals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Township Administrator is authorized to approve tax settlements that do not exceed \$5,000.00 for each tax year that is settled.

Resolution TC 23-042 – Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Pay Certain Bills in Advance of the Regular Township Meeting

WHEREAS, there is a need to pay certain bills in advance of the regular Township Committee meeting; and

WHEREAS, this request is reasonable and appropriate.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey on an as needed basis to be determined by the Chief Financial Officer, payment of bills in advance of the regular Township Committee meeting is hereby authorized.

Resolution TC 23-043 – Authorize the Finance Office to Maintain Petty Cash in the Amount of \$300.00

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Petty Cash fund for the Township of Harding; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Harding established such fund in May 1981.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that a petty cash fund shall be established and maintained in the Finance Department in the amount of \$300.00. Such petty cash shall be used for purchases not to exceed \$25.00.

Resolution TC 23-044 – Resolution Establishing the Pay Frequency for Township Employees

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to pay Township employees from the Township of Harding Payroll Account semi-monthly and that all payroll checks shall be signed by the Chief Financial Officer, the Assistant Treasurer, or Township Administrator.

Resolution TC 23-045 – Authorizing the Preparation of the Estimated Tax Bills for the Year 2023

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services, State of New Jersey has the authority by State Statue to examine, review and then certify all local government budgets to the County Board of Taxation for the purpose of real estate taxation; and

WHEREAS, if the Morris County Board of Taxation cannot strike a tax rate until such certification is received from the State of New Jersey and will therefore cause a delay in issuing tax bills; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee feels that there will be insufficient cash flow to support operations in August 2021 unless third quarter revenue is received on time; and

WHEREAS, after the Tax Collector computed the estimated tax levy and the Chief Financial Officer have reviewed it in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of Harding Township, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, hereby authorized (if necessary) that:

1. The Tax Collector is directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the Municipality of Harding Township for the third quarter 2023, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2et seq.
2. The Tax Collector is directed to submit in writing to the Township Committee the entire 2023 third (3rd) quarter tax levy.
3. The Tax Collector takes any additional steps necessary to implement this resolution if the final tax rate is not received from Morris County Board of Taxation.

and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk provides a certified copy of this resolution to the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer.

Resolution TC 23-046 – Resolution to Approve Payment of Vouchers

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

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

Resolution TC 23-047 – Authorize Use of State and County Co-Op's

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 and the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission 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 Cooperative Pricing Agreement with Omnia; 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 and the Cooperative Pricing Agreement with Omnia; 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, and the Cooperative Pricing Agreement with Omnia; 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.

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, Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Cooperative Pricing System Contract Vendors, and the Cooperative Pricing Agreement with Omnia; pursuant to all conditions of the individual State, Morris County, Somerset County, Union County, and Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Cooperative Pricing System Cooperative contracts; 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, Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Cooperative Pricing System Cooperative Contract Vendors, and the Cooperative Pricing Agreement with Omnia; shall be from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

Resolution TC 23-048 – Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Agreement for Marketing of Recyclable Materials

WHEREAS, the provisions of the "New Jersey Statewide Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act," (N.J.S.A. 13:1E-99.11 et al.) (the "Act"), require every municipality in this State to provide for the source separation and recycling of marketable materials generated from residential premises within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the Municipality has adopted and enforces mandatory source separation and anti-scavenger ordinance(s) for Recyclable Materials; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) desires to assist municipalities in meeting their recycling goals pursuant to the Act by providing an outlet for disposal of Recyclable Materials; and

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2016, the Authority entered into an agreement with FCR Morris, LLC (dba Re Community) for the marketing of Recyclable Materials ("FCR Contract"), effective January 25, 2016, which contract provides the Authority with certain rates for the Recyclable Materials delivered to FCR by the MCMUA; and

WHEREAS, the FCR Contract extends those rates to municipalities which execute contracts with the MCMUA ("Supplemental Municipal Contracts") pursuant to which the Municipality agrees to direct its Fiber Mix, and/or Container Mix and/or Single-Stream Recyclables to FCR as set forth in the FCR Contract; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Municipal and County Utilities Authority Law, N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1 et seq., the MCMUA may enter into a contract with a municipality for the provision of recycling services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65- 1, (L.2007, c.63, s.2.) a Municipal Corporation and a County Utility Authority in the State of New Jersey are considered "Local Units." Local Units are encouraged and authorized to enter into agreements which promote the sharing and/or consolidation of services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4(a)(3)(b), any agreement entered into pursuant to this section shall be filed, for informational purposes, with the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the director; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:65-5, local units entering into shared services agreements must adopt a resolution authorizing and clearly identifying the agreement and ensure that a copy of the agreement shall be open to public inspection at the offices of the local unit immediately after passage of a resolution to become a party to the agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-59(c), the agreement shall take effect upon the adoption of appropriate resolutions by all parties thereto, and execution of agreements authorized thereunder as set forth in the agreement.

BE IT RESOLVED, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter mentioned, the parties agree as follows:

1. Section I c):

I. Municipal Responsibilities

- c. For the recyclable materials transported to FCR under the terms of this shared service agreement by the Municipality's selected transporter, as of January 1, 2023, the Municipality shall review and reconcile FCR's weight tickets directly with FCR prior to the 4th business day following the end of each month. The purpose of this review and reconciliation is so the Municipality and FCR are in agreement as to the quantity of recyclable materials accepted during the month so the quantity of recyclable materials in the monthly statement from FCR to the MCMUA is previously reconciled by the Municipality and FCR prior to the issuance of the FCR monthly statement to the MCMUA by the 5th business day following the end of each month.

2. Section II:

II. MCMUA Responsibilities

The MCMUA shall bill the Municipality each month for Fiber Mix, Container Mix, and/or Single Stream recyclables delivered to FCR Morris in accordance with a monthly statement provided by FCR. The MCMUA will receive this information from FCR on a monthly basis following review and reconciliation of all delivery weight receipts between FCR and the Municipality in accordance with Section I paragraph c) Municipal Responsibilities.

3. Section IV a):

IV. Payment

- a. The Municipality agrees to pay the MCMUA or be paid by the MCMUA for the Fiber Mix, Container Mix, and/or Single Stream Recyclables delivered by the Municipality to the FCR Recycling Facility according to the Fiber Mix. Container Mix and Single Stream Recyclables formulas set forth in Appendix I of the FCR Contract. The MCMUA shall not charge a monthly administrative fee of \$10.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the Harding Township Committee hereby approves the agreement for marketing of recyclable materials as annexed hereto and authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the agreement.

Resolution TC 23-049 – Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Tree Conservation Officer – The Shade Tree Department -- for the Year 2023

WHEREAS, the Township of Harding has a need to award a contract for the services of a Tree Conservation Officer for the year 2023; 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:

Tree Conservation Officer	John D. Linson	1/1/23 to 12/31/23
	Township of Harding Ordinance 225-3G	\$90.00 per hour
		Not to exceed \$15,000.00
		01-2023-1165-0165-2-00038

Resolution TC 23-050 – Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Valley Health System for Drug and Alcohol Testing for the Year 2023

WHEREAS, the Township of Harding has a need to award an agreement for Drug and Alcohol Testing for the year 2023; 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:

Valley Health System	Drug and Alcohol Testing	1/1/23 to 12/31/23
	Township of Harding Ordinance 225-3G	\$500.00 for the year
		Not to exceed \$500.00
		01-2023-1105-0105-2-00020

Resolution TC 23-051 Resolution Authorizing an Annual Donation of \$40,000.00 to the Kemmerer Library, Harding Township, New Jersey

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2008, the Township of Harding Township Committee approved Ordinance #7-08 authorizing a ground lease between the Township of Harding and the Kemmerer Library; and

WHEREAS, the initial term of the lease shall be for forty years; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14 (c) of the Local Lands and Building Law, the Kemmerer Library of the Township of Harding, shall annually submit a report to the Township Administrator, describing the use to which the leasehold was put to use during the previous year, the activities that it has taken in furtherance of the public purpose and an affirmation of its continued tax-exempt status pursuant to state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, the Kemmerer Library, Harding Township, submitted the 2021 Annual Report; and

WHEREAS, since 2007, the Township of Harding Township Committee has donated \$40,000.00 annually to the Kemmerer Library.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that the Harding Township Committee hereby authorizes the Qualified Purchase Agent to prepare a purchase order in the amount of \$40,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other Township Officials and Employees are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

Resolution TC 23-052 Resolution Authorizing an Annual Donation of \$4,500.00 to the Harding Township Senior Citizens

WHEREAS, the Harding Township Senior Citizens have made and continue to make Harding Township a wonderful place to live; and

WHEREAS, the Harding Township Senior Citizens' organization is essential for our senior citizens to communicate with local officials.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris, in the State of New Jersey, hereby express their appreciation to the Senior Citizens' of Harding Township for all the very positive contributions that make Harding a great place to live; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Township Committee upon final approval of the 2023 budget, authorize an annual donation in the amount of \$4,500.00 to be paid to the Harding Township Senior Citizen's organization

Resolution TC 23-053 – Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract with Quikteks, LLC for IT Services

WHEREAS, the Township of Harding has a need a contract for IT services for the year 2023; 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:

IT Services	Quiktek, LLC	1/1/23 to 12/31/23
		Not to exceed \$30,000.00
		01-2023-1240-0240-2-00027

TC Resolution 23-054 – Resolution to Appoint Designated Employer Representative for Controlled Substances and Alcohol Use and Testing Policies for Commercial Drivers Licenses (CDL) as per 49 CFR Part 382

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration as mandated in 49 CFR Part 382, require every entity who employs employees with commercial driver's licenses appoint a Designated Employer Representative (D.E.R.) who will make formal decisions regarding the approved drug and alcohol testing policy; and

WHEREAS, the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and the Municipal Excess Liability Fund require that the D.E.R. must be an employee of the municipality and must have a complete understanding of the commercial driver's license drug and alcohol testing procedures outlined by federal law as well as the employers policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the D.E.R. must be authorized and empowered to take immediate action to removed employees from safety-sensitive duties if test results warrant such action; and

WHEREAS, the D.E.R. and secondary D.E.R. must be available 24 hours, 7 days a week in order to take immediate action.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Harding Township Committee that Vince DeNave, Assistant Administrator and Tracy Toribio, Department of Public Works Superintendent have completed the required training as outlined by the JIF and MEL and prescribed by the USDOT, FMCSA, and Federal Law 49 CFR Part 382; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Vincent DeNave is designated Employer Representative for Controlled Substances and Alcohol Use and Testing Policies for Commercial Drivers Licenses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Tracy Toribio is designated Assistant Employer Representative for Controlled Substances and Alcohol Use and Testing Policies for Commercial Drivers Licenses.

TC Resolution 23-055 – Resolution to Appoint Corporate Benefit Solutions to Represent the Township’s Interests to the NJMEHBF – Producer’s Agreement

WHEREAS, this Agreement entered into this 1st day of January, 2023 between the Harding Township (hereinafter referred to as the Municipality) and Corporate Benefits Solutions (hereinafter referred to as the Producer); and

WHEREAS, the bylaws and risk management plan of the North Jersey Municipal Employee Benefits Fund (hereinafter referred to as the Fund) require the Program Manager to provide, among other duties, various Field Service and Marketing activities to member local units of the Fund; and

WHEREAS, The Program Manager, subject to approval of the Fund ' s Executive Committee may allow said Field Service and Marketing activities to be performed by another qualified person or firm designated and duly requested and appointed by a member local unit to provide said services; and

WHEREAS, Harding Township desires the professional services as outlined in this Agreement to be performed by Producer pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Fund member’s Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, The Program Manager has agreed to sub-contract said services and the Executive Committee of the Fund has approved and authorized The Program Manager to enter into this sub-contract agreement at its meeting held on the 23rd day of January 2023 to be effective on January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Producer shall comply with all Laws and Regulations governing the operations of Health Insurance Funds, as well as N.J.S.A. 17:44A-20.4 et seq, if applicable, and adhere to a high level of professionalism in the performance of their duties under this Agreement.

BE IT RESOLVED, the parties in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants set forth herein agree as follows:

A. Evaluation of the Fund Member(s) requirements and coverage available through the Fund.

- B. Explanation of the various coverages available from the Fund and assist the Fund Member(s) in the selection of proper coverage.
- C. Preparation of applications, census data and disclosure forms, etc., required by the Fund.
- D. Presentation of the Fund's programs to officials of the Fund Member(s) and, when so directed by the m, to the bargaining units and other covered persons, including employee meetings, etc., for the purpose of communicating and coordinating the installation of the Fund' s program(s) .
- E. Review the Fund's assessment (s) with the Fund Member(s) and assist the Fund Member(s) in the preparation of the Employee Benefits portion of its insurance budget.
- F. Assist the Fund Member(s) in reviewing the proposed plan document as prepared by the fund to make sure it is consistent with current benefit plans (prior document it was to replace if applicable), and other contractual requirements, including any amendments, the redo, prior to the final approval of said document.
- G. Act as a liaison between Fund Member(s), its covered persons, bargaining units etc. and The Program Manager as well as any other Fund Professional(s) to resolve coverage, claim and service issues.
- H. Act as a liaison between the Fund and the Fund member(s), its bargaining units and other covered persons for the purpose of providing ongoing member communications.
- I. Assist the Fund in achieving its objectives, which include, but are not limited to cost containment efforts, employee education /communication and problem resolution.
- J. Prepare employee communication documents concerning initial enrollment and the annual open enrollment, and coordinate the enrollment process between the Fund Member(s), The Program Manager and other Fund professionals.
- K. Consult with Fund Member(s) concerning plan design options in accordance with the Fund objectives. When requested by member town, provide advice and attendance with union negotiations regarding proposed plan changes and communicate any proposed changes to The Program Manager, within the Fund's Benefit Change Policy/Procedure for processing such change. Program Manager will present such changes for approval in accordance with the Fund's procedures. Coordinate all appropriate revisions to plan documents with The Program Manager as necessitated by such changes.

- L. Promptly communicate to The Program Manager, any written complaints or claim appeals received by the Producer and assist in the resolution of same according to Fund's policies and procedures.
- M. Maintain a complaint log on forms supplied by The Program Manager, expressed by Fund Member(s) and /or its covered persons including the resolution of the same. The log and report shall be submitted to The Program Manager by the fifth (5) working day of each month, covering prior month's activity.
- N. Keep informed on the funds operations as to the extent allowed by the Fund and apprise Fund Member(s) on Fund matters of importance to them.
- O. Any other related services required as may be agreed between The Program Manager and the Producer or as requested by the Fund.
- P. Producer shall comply with the applicable data transmission, security, and privacy requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, Public Law 104-191 and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH), title XIII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5) and any regulations promulgated there under.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the term of this Agreement shall be for one year from the 1st day of January 2023 unless terminated as hereinafter provided in this Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Municipality authorizes the Fund to pay its Producer as compensation for services rendered the amount as determined or as approved by the Executive Committee of the Fund, and which amount has been included in the Municipality's assessment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Municipality may terminate this Agreement at any time during the term thereof by giving ninety (90) days written notice setting forth the cause or causes for termination of the Producer. The Producer may terminate this Agreement at any time during the term thereof, by giving ninety (90) days written notice. Fees shall be prorated to the date of termination.

Resolution TC 23-056 – Resolution to Appoint Municipal Prosecutor for Harding Township for Shared Municipal Court

WHEREAS, the Township of Harding and Township of Long Hill have entered into a shared services agreement for a shared municipal court; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with paragraph 2 of the Shared Services Agreement for Shared Municipal Court, Long Hill Township has agreed to furnish its Municipal Court facilities and personnel, and Harding Township agreed that Long Hill Township's Municipal Court Prosecutor, Lisa Chadwick Thompson, shall serve as the Municipal Prosecutor for Harding Township in the Shared Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Court Prosecutor's term will commence January 1, 2023, and end on December 31, 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Shared Services Agreement for Shared Municipal Court between Long Hill Township and Harding Township, that it does hereby authorize the appointment of Lisa Chadwick Thompson, as Municipal Court Prosecutor for the Township of Harding for Shared Municipal Court.

Resolution TC 23-057 – Resolution to Appoint Municipal Public Defender for Harding Township for Shared Municipal Court

WHEREAS, the Township of Harding and Township of Long Hill have entered into a shared services agreement for a shared municipal court; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with paragraph 2 of the Shared Services Agreement for Shared Municipal Court, Long Hill Township has agreed to furnish its Municipal Court facilities and personnel, and Harding Township agreed that Long Hill Township's Municipal Court Public Defender, Michelle Welsh, shall serve as the Municipal Public Defender for Harding Township in the Shared Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Court Public Defender's term will commence January 1, 2023, and end on December 31, 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Shared Services Agreement for Shared Municipal Court between Long Hill Township and Harding Township, that it hereby authorize the appointment of Michelle Welsh, as Municipal Court Public Defender for Township of Harding for the Shared Municipal Court.

Resolution TC 23-058 – Resolution to Appoint Thomas Byrne, Jr., as Part-Time Fire Subcode Official in the Building Department

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey hereby appoints Thomas Byrne, Jr., as part-time fire subcode office for two to three days, eight hours per week, as established by the Construction Official, at a salary of \$21,000.00, commencing on January 1, 2023, with a start date of January 3, 2023.

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING – NONE

RESOLUTIONS – (NON-CONSENT – REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION)

Resolution TC 23-059 – Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Honoring and Recognizing the actions of Harding Township Police Department, New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department, New Vernon Volunteer Emergency First Aid Squad Members, and Atlantic Health Paramedics

Mayor asked Township Committee Member Lacz to proceed with Resolution TC 23-058. Township Committee Member Lacz read the following resolution into the minutes.

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2022, Harding Township Police Department, New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department Members, New Vernon Emergency First Aid Squad Members, and the Atlantic Health Paramedics responded to a report of an unresponsive thirteen (13) month old child; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters Finkle and Lerner arrived first at the scene; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters Finkle and Lerner initiated CPR; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant DeVries and Officer Kunz arrived and assisted with the defibrillation; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Stephen Devries, Officer Rachel Kunz, New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department Members Peter Finkle and Scott Lerner, New Vernon Emergency First Aid Squad Members; Sue Sameth, Sandra Felberg, Dan Somers, George Barry, Kevin Murphy, Steve Fullenkamp, Larry Wepler, and the Atlantic Health Paramedics: James McGrath and Michael Quinones quickly used their training and experience to assist; and

WHEREAS, through a coordinated effort were able to detect a pulse after several minutes of CPR; and

WHEREAS, when the child was placed in the ambulance, the child again went into cardiac arrest; and

WHEREAS, the Atlantic Health Paramedics initiated CPR and restored a pulse and breathing; and

WHEREAS, the actions of all the First Responders saved a life.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey honors and recognizes the actions of Sergeant Devries, Police Officer Kunz, New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department Members Finkle and Lerner, and Emergency First Aid Squad Members; Sameth, Felberg, Somers, Barry, Murphy, Fullenkamp, and Wepler in obtaining a Life Saving Award and the Atlantic Health Paramedics; McGrath and Quinones and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Committee extends their congratulations and appreciation for their dedicated service to Harding Township.

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

Seconded by Township Committee Member Chipperson.

Mayor Jones *explained the background story and all the emotional events that transpired that day back on May 3, 2023.*

Mayor Jones explained that May 3rd was a normal Tuesday but a special day in the Jones' house. Mayor Jones two of his three daughters were being confirmed at Church of Christ the King that evening. Late in the afternoon, a mother came into the street and Mayor Jones'

sister-in-law and cousin were chatting in the driveway, which is something they do not do in the driveway. Monday is a horsemen holiday, we are closed, so Tuesday the horses are especially crazy. It was a typical Tuesday, craziness in the barn, Mayor Jones was working on a broken pipe, and heard this blood curdling scream, Melissa and Megan called his name. Mayor Jones came out to see Melissa holding this baby that was lifeless, not knowing much but CPR certified, it became obvious what Mayor Jones knew did not matter. Peter Finkle came out of the house and did his work and Scott Lerner came a few minutes later, and then the rest all fell into place. Mayor Jones was regulated to directing traffic till a few more additional officers could arrive on scene. The fact of the matter is what our First Responders do cannot be described in words. What we saw that day was all inspiring. Ward Connon was there dealing with bees as Tuesday was a crazy day and there was a bee swarm, which is why Ward was there. People think you put on a suit, put on a hat, and you go do something, but what happened that day not only saved that baby's life but changed many lives around. This child is still with us today, thanks to all the help from all these first responders.

Mayor 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 nd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Lacz	1 st	<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	<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"/>

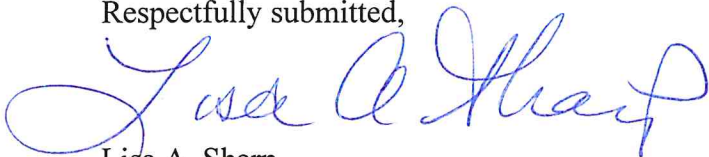
Mayor Jones presented a sealed copy of Resolution TC 23-059 to all members listed on the resolution and thanked them for their dedication and service.

Lt. Gromek presented Sergeant DeVries and Officer Kunz with a Life Saving Award.

ADJOURN – MAYOR

With no further comments, Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion made by Township Committee Member Lacz, seconded by Township Committee Member Platt, and with a vote of all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa A. Sharp
Municipal Clerk



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From the Desk of Assemblywoman Aura K. Dunn

I regret that I am unable to attend and witness your Reorganization Meeting in person. By way of this letter, I extend my sincere congratulations to the newly elected officials who take their oath of office this evening.

As your Assemblywoman, I have the privilege and honor to represent 21 towns within the state. A night like tonight, with several swearing-in ceremonies conducted simultaneously, has its challenges. I must admit that I possess a tinge of jealousy, albeit fleeting, as many of my colleagues in the legislature represent districts composed of fewer municipalities. In some cases, a single town, often in walking distance. Not for a second, however, would I trade places.

From Bernardsville to Wharton, from the fourth smallest town in the state, Victory Gardens, to what's being referred to as an emerging city, Morristown, we are blessed to call this Northwestern region of the Garden State home. The richness of our industrial, cultural, and environmental diversity belies public perception in the statehouse that we are just one big open green space with few struggles.

As you raise your right hand and promise to uphold the constitution, the public is reassured in knowing that you will serve, with honor and integrity, as the overseers of these trials, leading us to a better tomorrow.

As a partner in public service, I look forward to working alongside each and everyone of you to fulfill our common goals. I hope you will not hesitate to call upon me at any moment to work together for our constituents.

In closing, I would like to thank the town officials who enable us to be active participants in our system of democracy by facilitating this meeting. Praise and gratitude are also due for all of the elected officials' family members. You, too, have been called to serve and enter public life, making many sacrifices along the way.

Once again, congratulations on this auspicious occasion. I wish you a productive and successful year ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aura K. Dunn".

January 5, 2023

Good evening and thank you. Thank you, to our residents who have put their trust and faith in the five of us to lead our wonderful town through another year. Thank you, to my colleagues who have given me the opportunity to lead us through our 101st year. Thank you to my wife Jessica and our daughters who allow me the time to serve the community that we love so much.

Tonight, is the most important night of a municipality's year. In November our residents went to the voting booth and allowed their voices to be heard. We welcome Mr. Platt back to the dais for his 5 term and 14th year of service to Harding. Our agenda this evening is full of the names of citizen volunteers who have stepped forward to sacrifice their time and energy for our community. Their willingness to serve follows a century of examples of an engaged citizenry. Harding Township remains an anomaly in our world because of that spirit of volunteerism. As we have done for the past century the Township Committee reorganizes our town government by filling openings on our boards, committees, and commissions, as well as appointing township officers and professionals. Tonight, we welcome Mr. Michael Edwards Esq. to serve as our township attorney in the coming year, Mr. Edwards brings a variety of municipal experiences to our town, we look forward to working with him. Harding Township has a long, now 100 years, track record of good solid conservative governance that recognizes the needs and wishes of residents wanting government to be as small as possible.

Throughout 2022 Harding celebrated our Centennial. The celebrations included something for everyone. From the Movie Night to the Centennial Hunt, we came out, we saw our friends and neighbors and celebrated all that Harding is and what makes it such a great place to live in. The many celebrations and events that took place involved every aspect of our community, with all of our volunteers, organizations, and clubs taking part, we thank everyone for their help in making it a memorable year, we thank the Rita Chipperson and her team of volunteers, especially Dr Nicole Lacz and Tracey Walters who put hundreds of hours into the events of the year. I know that Committeewoman Chipperson

will have some more to say about the Centennial events and plans for the soon to be rescheduled event on Margetts Field.

2022 was not all about the centennial, we did accomplish a few other items of significance for our community.

1. Our Moody's bond rating remains at AAA, Harding remains in excellent financial shape with a target of retiring all municipal debt by 2028. We thank Committeeman Yates for his leadership keeping Harding financially healthy, it does help Township Administrator Falzarano that when the five of us argue over the budget it is usually about who will get to hold the nick name "skin flint" over "cheap skate", I prefer "parsimonious". Luckily for the residents of Harding we MUST provide a balanced budget and we are not permitted to present "omnibus spending plans"
2. We moved from the Madison Joint Court to a shared court arrangement with Long Hill Township saving approximately \$100,000 in our first year.
3. Pleasantville Road was repaved last summer
4. Awarded a grant from the NJDOT for the "upper" portion of Sand Spring Road to be repaved in 2023 (the section between 287 & 202)
5. The Madisonville Road bridge was replaced and opened to traffic in mid-December
6. The DPW yard was paved and a new salt storage building constructed bringing our salt storage up to code with DEP regulations
7. Four new units were constructed at "The Farm", while we no longer own "The Farm", Harding continues its obligation to provide affordable housing.
8. The State approved Harding Township's Emergency Management Operations Plan / a full scale exercise that was scheduled for October of 2022 was been postponed into 2023, the event will "pressure test" our plan and verify how thoroughly prepared we are for events that may arise.
9. The aerator at Bayne Park pond was replaced and the Dam was repaired. Our commitment to the park does not end there. We will continue to work at keeping Bayne Park the magical setting it is. I am not a fan of cold weather but the ice skaters certainly enjoyed the weekend of skating on

the frozen rinks over the Holidays...we thank the DPW staff for making that happen.

10. The renovations at Tunis Ellick's house that were identified in assessment of the building that was performed have begun. This is a project that will span several years.
11. We added 528 van Bueren Road to our open space inventory, a contributing property to the Great Brook that further protects our waters and the waters flowing into the Great Swamp
12. We completed the joint purchase of a Farmland Preservation Easement with the Morris County Agriculture Development Board. The two lots are off of Village Road and part of Hidden Pond Farm, the 30 or so acres are actively farmed by the staff at Wightman Farms.
13. The Glen Alpin Purchase proposals were received in late November 2022. We are scheduled to approve the winning purchase proposal at the January 17, 2023 TC meeting. This of course is something that is extremely important to me as the work of the last seven years have brought us to this point. I am hopeful that we will see something special at Glen Alpin in the not too distant future.
14. The Municipal building has been opened back to the public since January 3, 2023, this was no minor feat given the restrictions that are still in place in the State of New Jersey.

2023 will be a busy year. Much work has been completed in the preparations for the Hurstmont Redevelopment project. We anticipate that they will be before the Planning Board for site plan review in the next few months. The Glen Alpin Redevelopment plan will be worked on in that same time frame but there are many pieces that have to be identified, negotiated, and implemented. We are waiting for the completion of the Municipal building feasibility study, this will help us to identify how to best improve the building for our employees and residents.

The five members of the Township Committee don't agree on everything, but we are all in agreement that we need to mitigate the pains of wreck less growth. Harding's long history of a conservative approach to growth certainly helps us provide a path to minimize the negative impacts of growth. We will continue to

work to keep our taxes low and quality of life high. Through diligent Financial Planning and proper budgeting we will continue to keep Harding the gem that it is. As has been said before, the best way to ensure Harding's future is through your civic involvement. I hope that this year brings much health and happiness to our community to enjoy together.

In closing, Harding is a terrific place to live and work and as demonstrated by our open spaces providing opportunities to get outside, enjoy the fresh air and reflect on all things important to you. 2022 brought many challenges but anyone who made it outside to enjoy our open spaces recognizes how fortunate we are to have magnificent vistas and places to wander. Please remember that these spaces are for everyone and that they should be cherished and not littered on, or driven on, or abused as we truly are stewards of the land in this great little gem of a place in overdeveloped New Jersey.

Thank you and Happy New Year!