



HARDING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
JUNE 12, 2023
IN-PERSON
EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:00 PM
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA at 7:00 PM
Kirby Hall, Blue Mill Road, New Vernon, New Jersey

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Mayor

Mayor Jones called the June 12, 2023, meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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

Mayor Jones announced that adequate notice of this June 12, 2023, meeting of the Township Committee was called in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL – Municipal Clerk

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

Mayor Jones asked the Municipal Clerk to call the roll.

Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:

Present:	Ms. Chipperson, Dr. Lacz, Mr. Platt (arrived at 6:12 pm), Mr. Jones
Absent:	Mr. Yates
Also Present:	Mr. Falzarano, Township Administrator; Mr. Olson, Township Counsel, Mr. DeNave, Assistant Township Administrator; Mr. Goldsmith, Special Counsel

RESOLUTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to recess into Executive Session. A motion was made by Township Committee Member Lacz and seconded by Township Committee Member Platt.

Resolution TC 23-117– Resolution to Recess into Executive Session

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

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

Contracts:

1. Hurstmont – R. Goldsmith
2. Glen Alpin – R. Goldsmith
3. Shared Services – T. Jones
4. Community Development Program – R. Falzarano

Litigation:

1. Verizon – W. Olson

Vote on Resolution:

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

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION – Mayor

Upon a motion made by Township Committee Member Platt, seconded by Mayor Jones, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the meeting reconvened into public session at 7:02 pm.

ROLL CALL – Municipal Clerk

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

Mayor Jones asked the Municipal Clerk to call the roll.

Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:

Present:	Ms. Chipperson, Dr. Lacz, Mr. Platt (arrived at 6:12 pm), Mr. Jones
Absent:	Mr. Yates
Also Present:	Mr. Falzarano, Township Administrator; Mr. Olson, Township Counsel
Members of the Public:	12

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor

Mayor Jones led members of the Township Committee and Members of the Public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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RESOLUTION TC 23-119 -- RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Chipperson to proceed with Resolution TC 23-103. Township Committee Member Chipperson proceeded with Resolution TC 23-103.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that the minute(s) from the following meeting(s) are approved as prepared and shall be filed as a permanent record in the Municipal Clerk's office: **May 15, 2023; and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that the minutes from the following Executive Session meeting(s) are approved as prepared and shall be filed as a permanent record in the Municipal Clerk's office: **May 15, 2023.**

Township Committee Member Chipperson made a motion to accept the Township Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Township Committee Member Platt.

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

Vote on Resolution:

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

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

Mayor Jones asked **Township Committee Member Lacz** to proceed with Resolution TC 23-118 listed on the Non-Consent agenda.

Township Committee Member Lacz read Resolution TC 23-118 in its entirety into the record.

Resolution TC 23-118 - Resolution to Appoint Justin Armstrong to the Harding Township Police Department

WHEREAS, the Township Committee, Township Administrator, Robert Falzarano, and Chief Michael Gromek have determined there exists the need to hire a replacement Police Officer in the Harding Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Chief Michael Gromek has conducted a detailed evaluation process and background check; and

WHEREAS, Justin Armstrong has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice with concentrations in Sociology and Disaster Preparedness from Rowan University and attended the Cape May County Police Academy to complete the mandatory New Jersey Police Training Commission Courses; and

WHEREAS, Chief Michael Gromek has recommended that Justin Armstrong be appointed as a full-time Police Officer, commencing with a one-year probationary period with the Harding Township Police Department that is effective on June 12, 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the recommendation of Chief Michael Gromek be approved and hereby appoint Justin Armstrong as a full-time Police Officer of the Harding Township Police Department at the annual salary of \$48,340.00.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA VOTE:

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

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	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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Mrs. Sharp, Municipal Clerk conducted the Oath of Office with Justin Armstrong. Mrs. Sharp congratulated Officer Armstrong on his appointment. Chief Gromek explained that Officer Armstrong holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, with concentrations in sociology and disaster preparedness from Rowan University. Officer Armstrong comes from Cape May County Police Academy. Chief Gromek explained that this search started last summer and took a while to find a

suitable candidate. Chief Gromek commented that we all welcome Officer Armstrong to Harding and wished him a long career with the Township. The Township Committee welcomed Officer Armstrong.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE – Mayor Jones

Margetts Parking – Mayor Jones explained that the edging was conducted at Margetts Field which included additional parking. Mayor Jones mentioned that the Harding Township Department of Works did an outstanding job with this.

Mayor Jones reported that in the latest version of the Uniform Crime Report prepared by the New Jersey State Police, indicated that Harding Township is the sixth (6th) safest community in the State out of 565 municipalities. Mayor Jones thanked the Police standing in the room this evening for making us all safe.

Mayor Jones mentioned that on May 25, 2023, Judge Bride sent a note to the Township Administrator thanking Officer Micoletti on his recent handling of a domestic violence case. Mayor Jones commented that he knows that the men and women of the Harding Township Police force put themselves out there and he wanted to recognize that and say thank you.

Township Committee Member Lacz reported that her twins, who attend the Harding Township School, were full of compliments for Officer Rachel Kunz. Her twins do their homework and look forward to Officer Kunz's program. Township Committee Member Lacz commented it is a great program and she thanks Office Kunz for her dedication. Chief Gromek mentioned that Officer Lou Pirrello who ran this program raised close to \$19,000 in his four years running this program where Officer Kunz in one year has raised \$15,000 for the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. The Township Committee congratulated Officer Kunz on this accomplishment.

Mayor Jones – reported that this past Friday was a good day as it was the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Kemmerer Library's new patio.

Mayor Jones – reported that this evening our Township Administrator has been with the Township for six years today. Mr. Falzarano has taught us a lot and it is a honor and privilege to work with him. Mr. Falzarano extended his appreciation to the Governing Body and to the employees and residents of Harding. Mr. Falzarano explained he has been in government for 49 years. Harding Township has been great and a very enjoyable experience. Mr. Falzarano thanked everyone for their support.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Kemmerer Library – M. Ticknor

Margie Ticknor, Director of the Kemmerer Library provided the State of the Library to members of the Township Committee and members of the public. M. Ticknor explained that the Kemmerer Library is not just a place for books, the Library is an active part of the Harding

Township Community. In 2022, the Library offered a record number of programs. M. Ticknor commented that the Library has formed partnerships with community groups and has broadened their outreach. The new Community Patio opened this passed weekend which is a gift to the Town from the Kemmerer Library Board and the Friends of the Kemmerer Library. M. Ticknor explained that the Library works with the Harding School, the Harding Seniors, the Harding Land Trust, and the Harding Historical Society. The monies that are donated by residents, the Library diligently ensures the monies are spent wisely. M. Ticknor informed members of the Township Committee that the Library has received more than \$40,000.00 in grants this past year. However, the Library is really funded by residents. M. Ticknor explained that grant work is very time consume but the amount the Library has been receiving makes it worth it. M. Ticknor stated that in 2022, the Library offered 305 adult programs with more than 4,000 attendees. There were about 119 children's programs with 1,700 attendees. As of today, all children's programs are held in person. *A copy of the "State of the Library" is appended to these minutes.*

A resident asked what percentage of residents contribute to the annual appeal for the Kemmerer Library. M. Ticknor responded with less than 25 percent.

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 the public at 7:50 pm and with no comments, Mayor Jones closed the public comment at 7:50 pm.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Lacz to read Ordinance TC #06-2023.

Township Committee Member Lacz read Ordinance TC #06-2023 by title as follows:

HARDING TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE 06-2023

"ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REVISING CONSTRUCTION FEES, CHAPTER 171, SECTION 4 THROUGH CHAPTER 171, SECTION 6"

Which said Ordinance was reintroduced and passed on first reading at a regular Township Committee Meeting held on May 15, 2023.

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

The Municipal Clerk reported that a legal notice was sent for publication on May 15, 2023, to the Observer Tribune indicating that Ordinance #06-2023 was reintroduced and passed on first reading at the May 15, 2023 meeting and indicated that the second reading and public hearing were to be held on June 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm on or at any time thereafter for consideration of final adoption. Copies of this Ordinance were made available to the general public, posted on the Township website, and posted in accordance with the law.

Public Hearing: Mayor Jones opened the meeting at 7:51 pm to members of the public for a public hearing on the Ordinance and any member of the public may be heard. With no comments from members of the public, Mayor Jones closed the public hearing at 7:51 pm.

Township Committee Member Lacz offered Ordinance #06-2023 and moved its adoption, 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 Adoption:

	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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Chipperson to proceed with Resolution TC 23-127 as an Add-On resolution to this evening's agenda. Township Committee Member Chipperson that there is a swap in the parties, escrow is held due to the sale of the property. This resolution amends the previous performance bond and releases the escrows.

Resolution TC 23-127 – Resolution to Amend the BMW Financial Services NA, LLC Performance Bond

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Subdivision Development Agreement dated August 26, 2004 and recorded with the Morris County Clerk on October 1, 2004 in Deed Book 6167, Page 45 et seq. (the "Developer's Agreement") by and between Donald Ploetner and Madeline Ploetner (collectively, "Ploetner"), as the Developer therein, and the Township of Harding (the "Township"), with respect to the development of certain parcels designated as Block 26, Lots 11.01, 11.02 and 11.03 on the tax maps of the Township of Harding, Morris County, State of New Jersey (collectively, the "Property"),

Ploetner was required to furnish to the Township a performance guarantee in the amount of \$317,965.59 to guarantee the installation of certain improvements required by the Development Agreement in connection with the development of the Property; and

WHEREAS, BMW Financial Services NA, LLC (“BMWFS”), became the owner of (i) Block 26, Lot 11.01 and 11.02 pursuant to a foreclosure action and (ii) Block 26, Lot 11.03 pursuant to that certain Negotiated Settlement Agreement and General Release fully executed as of January 18, 2019 and entered into by and among Ploetner, the Township and BMWFS in connection with the matter entitled Ploetner v. Township of Harding vs. BMW Financial Services, NA, LLC, and Ally Bank, bearing Docket Number MRS-L-1881-17 (the “Settlement Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Paragraph 4.c. of the Settlement Agreement, BMWFS furnished to the Township a Performance Surety Bond in favor of the Township as obligee in the amount of \$317,965.59 and dated April 10, 2019, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit “A” (the “Existing Bond”) in order to secure the performance guarantee of the installation of certain improvements required by the Development Agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Existing Bond is to be maintained by BMWFS for the lesser of (i) a five (5) year period commencing upon the date of issuance of the Existing Bond or (ii) until BMWFS sells the Property to a third party purchaser who posts a replacement performance bond in favor of the Township for the remainder of the five (5) year period; and

WHEREAS, BMWFS has entered into an Agreement for Sale of Real Estate dated as of April 24, 2023 with Scandic Builders, Inc. or its permitted assignee, as the buyer thereunder (the “Buyer”), pursuant to which (i) BMWFS, as seller, has agreed to sell the Property to Buyer and Buyer has agreed to purchase the Property from BMWFS and (ii) BMWFS has agreed to assign to Buyer at closing any and all of the obligations of the Developer under the Development Agreement and Buyer has agreed to assume such obligations upon the transfer of ownership of the Property to Buyer at closing; and

WHEREAS, Buyer and/or its affiliate, Coach and Four LLC (“Buyer’s Affiliate”), have caused the issuance of a replacement performance bond in favor of the Township as the beneficiary, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit “B” (the “Buyer Replacement Bond”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Paragraph 4.c. of the Settlement Agreement, the sum of \$8,322.00 is currently being held in escrow by the Township (the “Retained Escrow”), which Retained Escrow is to be paid to Madeline Ploetner, in her individual capacity and as administrator to the Estate of Donald Ploetner, through her counsel LaGrotta Law, LLC, when BMWFS sells the Property to third-party purchaser who posts a replacement performance bond acceptable to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to effectuate the replacement of the Existing Bond with the Buyer Replacement Bond, the release of the Existing Bond and the release of the Retained Escrow in accordance with the terms of the Development Agreement; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding (the “Committee”):

1. The Committee hereby approves and accepts the Buyer Replacement Bond.
2. The Committee hereby agrees to and approves the release of the Existing Bond and directs the Municipal Clerk for the Township to immediately release and return the original Existing Bond to BMWFS, or as BMWFS or its counsel may direct in writing to the Township.
3. Effective upon the closing of the transfer of title to the Property to Buyer or Buyer's Affiliate, BMWFS shall be held harmless by the Township from any and all actions, claims, damages or liability in connection with the Property, the Development Agreement and/or the Settlement Agreement.
4. Effective upon the closing of the transfer of title to the Property to Buyer or Buyer's Affiliate, the Township releases BMWFS from any and all duties and/or obligations related or arising from the Property, the Settlement Agreement and/or the Development Agreement.
5. Upon the closing of the transfer of title to the Property to Buyer or Buyer's Affiliate, the Retained Escrow shall be paid Madeline Ploetner, in her individual capacity and as administrator to the Estate of Donald Ploetner, through her counsel LaGrotta Law, LLC.

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

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

Vote on Resolution:

	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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

RESOLUTIONS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AND VOTE

CONSENT AGENDA

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

RESOLUTIONS TC 23-120 THROUGH RESOLUTION TC 23-126 HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE:

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Chipperson to proceed with the Resolutions listed on the Consent agenda. Resolutions TC 23-120 through TC 23-126.

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

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

Vote on Resolution:

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

APPOINTMENTS:

Resolution TC 23-120 – Resolution to Appoint Richard Bell as a Part-Time Employee with the Department of Public Works

WHEREAS, there is a need for a part-time employee at Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tracy Toribio, DPW Superintendent, has recommended Mr. Richard Bell for this position at an hourly rate of \$25.00 an hour for a maximum of 20 hours per week to commence on June 13, 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, hereby appoints Richard Bell as a part-time employee with the Department of Public Works to commence on June 13, 2023.

CONTRACTS:

Resolution TC 23-121 – Resolution to Amend the Professional Services Agreement for Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan LLC and the Township of Harding

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey hereby amend the Professional Services Contract for Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan LLC as follows:

1. This amendment (the "Amendment") is made by Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan LLC and the Township of Harding, parties to the Professional Service Agreement dated January 17, 2023 (the "Agreement").
2. The Agreement is amended as follows:
 - a) Any Police matters, Share Services or Contracted Services assigned to the Firm shall fall under the Special Counsel Rate schedule and shall be billed under those hourly rates.
 - b) Special Counsel Services may also include other legal services assigned by the Township Administrator which will be billed under those hourly rates.
3. Except as set forth in this Amendment, the Agreement is unaffected and shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with its terms. If there is conflict between this amendment and the Agreement or any earlier amendment, the terms of this amendment will prevail.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Township has caused these presents to be executed by its duly authorized representatives, and the Contractor has set his or her hand and seal hereunder on the day and year first above written.

FINANCE:

Resolution TC 23-122 – Resolution to Cancel Certain Capital Ordinance Balances

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

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

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

Capital Ordinance	Description	Balance
07-2021	Acquisition of Public Works Equipment – Air Compressor	\$ 20,000.00
Total		\$ 20,000.00

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

Resolution TC 23-123 – Bill List

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

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

Resolution TC 23-124 - Resolution to Amend the Construction Department Fees of the Township of Harding for 2023 in Accordance with §171, Section 4 through §171, Section 6 of the Code of the Township of Harding

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey sets the fees of the Township by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the fees for the Construction Department (Appendix A attached) have been reviewed and increased in accordance with §§171-1 through 171-6 of the Code of the Township of Harding.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that it does hereby approve of the amended fees for the Township for 2023 as reflected on Appendix A attached hereto shall become effective on June 13, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said fees shall become effective as of June 13, 2023.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Resolution TC 23-125 – Liquor License Renewal for 2023-2024 Application Year

WHEREAS, the applicants for Alcoholic Beverage Control License set forth below has been duly investigated; and

WHEREAS, the Harding Township Committee is satisfied that all the rules and regulations of the Alcoholic Beverage Law, Title 33, Chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey, 1937, as amended and supplemented, including P.L. 1970, Ch. 77, have been duly complied with.

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 agrees to issue to the following applicants, the following permanent license under the aforesaid State Statutes for the following annual fee, said license to commence *July 1, 2023*, and to expire at midnight on *June 30, 2024* upon clearance of the fee to the Harding Township Treasurer's Account.

CLUB LICENSES:

<u>APPLICANTS:</u>	<u>ADDRESS:</u>	<u>FEE:</u>
New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department Club License No. 1413-31-004-001	22 Village Road New Vernon, NJ	\$75.00
Mt. Kemble Lake Country Club Club License No. 1413-31-003-001	3 Trails End Morristown, NJ	\$75.00

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION / DISTRIBUTION LICENSE:

<u>APPLICANT:</u>	<u>ADDRESS:</u>	<u>FEE:</u>
MMBBQ LLC DBA Minuteman Smokehouse Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1413-33-001-011	990 Mt. Kemble Avenue Morristown, NJ	\$2,500.00

<u>APPLICANT:</u>	<u>ADDRESS:</u>	<u>FEE:</u>
4G HOSPITALITY LLC T/A The Country Store Plenary Retail Distribution License No. 1413-44-002-006	1098 Mt. Kemble Avenue Morristown, NJ	\$2,500.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to issue the aforesaid license in the form approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage of the State of New Jersey to the aforesaid applicants.

Resolution TC 23-126 – Resolution to Accept the Resignation of N.D.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey hereby accepts the resignation of N.D. effective June 4, 2023, from the Harding Township Police Department.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Chipperson to introduce Ordinance #07-2023.

Township Committee Member Chipperson introduced Ordinance TC #07-2023 by title as follows:

**HARDING TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE #07-2023**

**“ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, COUNTY OF MORRIS,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CREATING CHAPTER 7, SECTION 31.1,
“HARDING TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTION PROCESS””**

Township Committee Member Chipperson explains the purpose of the Ordinance and moves for introduction on first reading.

Mr. Falzarano explained that Harding Township has not had their promotion process approved by the Governing Body. The process has to be approved by the Township Committee. In order to bring Harding Township in compliance, the introduction of the ordinance is this evening. Mr. Falzarano reported that the NJ State Police review has been added to the ordinance.

Township Committee Member Chipperson reads:

WHEREAS, the above ordinance was introduced and read by title at this Township Committee meeting held on June 12, 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED, that at the Township Committee meeting to be held on July 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time, at the Kirby Municipal Building, the Township Committee will further consider this ordinance for a second reading, public hearing, and final passage; and

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

Township Committee Member Chipperson offered Ordinance #07-2023 and moved its introduction.

Township Committee Member Lacz seconded the motion.

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

Vote on Introduction:

	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	2 nd	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Platt to introduce Ordinance #08-2023.

Township Committee Member Platt introduced Ordinance TC #08-2023 by title as follows:

**HARDING TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE #08-2023**

**“CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, COUNTY OF MORRIS,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC
IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP AND
APPROPRIATING THEREFORE THE SUM OF \$126,000”**

Township Committee Member Platt reads:

WHEREAS, the above ordinance was introduced and read by title at this Township Committee meeting held on June 12, 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED, that at the Township Committee meeting to be held on July 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time, at the Kirby Municipal Building, the Township Committee will further consider this ordinance for a second reading, public hearing, and final passage; and

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

Township Committee Member Platt offered Ordinance #08-2023 and moved its introduction.

Township Committee Member Lacz seconded the motion.

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

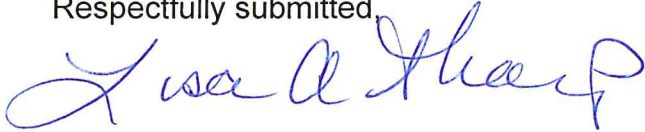
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ADJOURNMENT

With no further comments, Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion made by Township Committee Member Platt, seconded by Township Committee Member Lacz, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

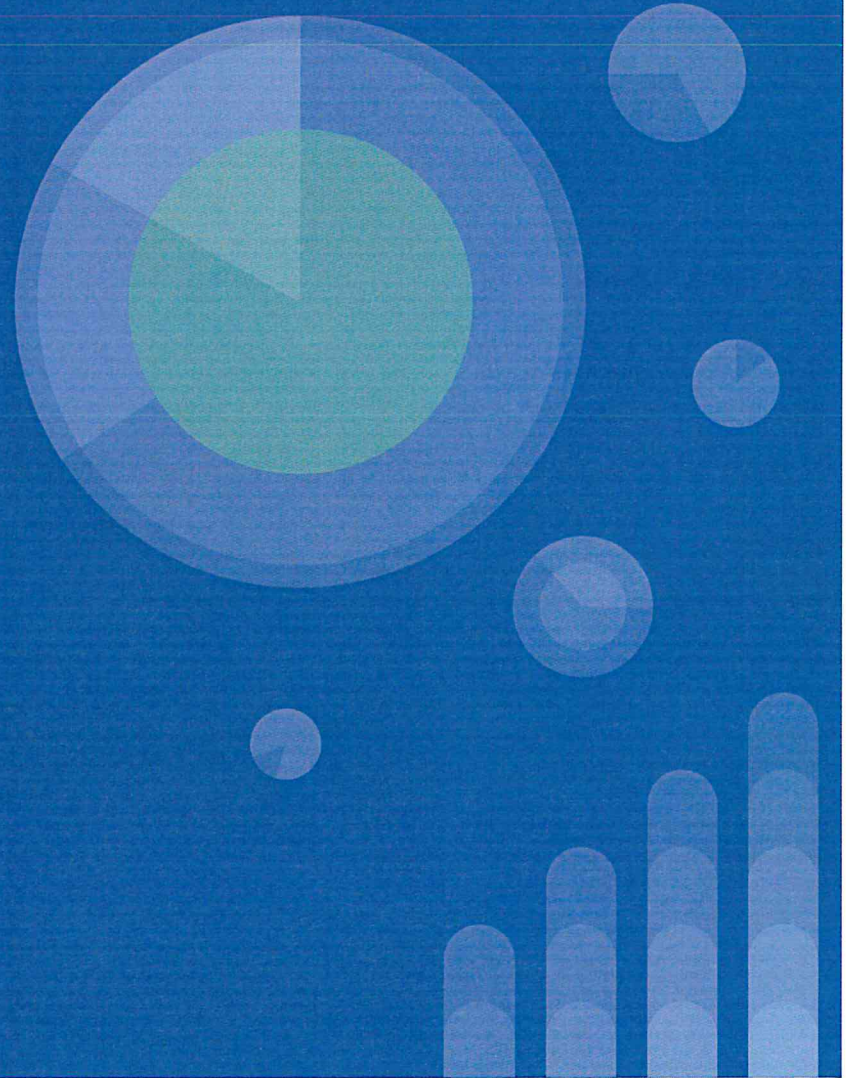
A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa A. Sharp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lisa" being more prominent.

Lisa A. Sharp
Municipal Clerk

Kemmerer Library Harding Township

State of the Library

June 2023



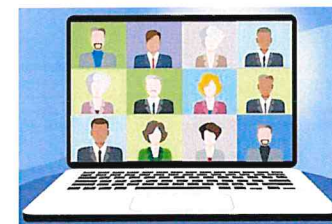
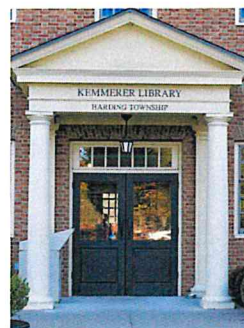
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COMMUNITY CENTER
CONNECTING RESIDENTS

Kemmerer Library Harding Township

Some statistics from 2022:



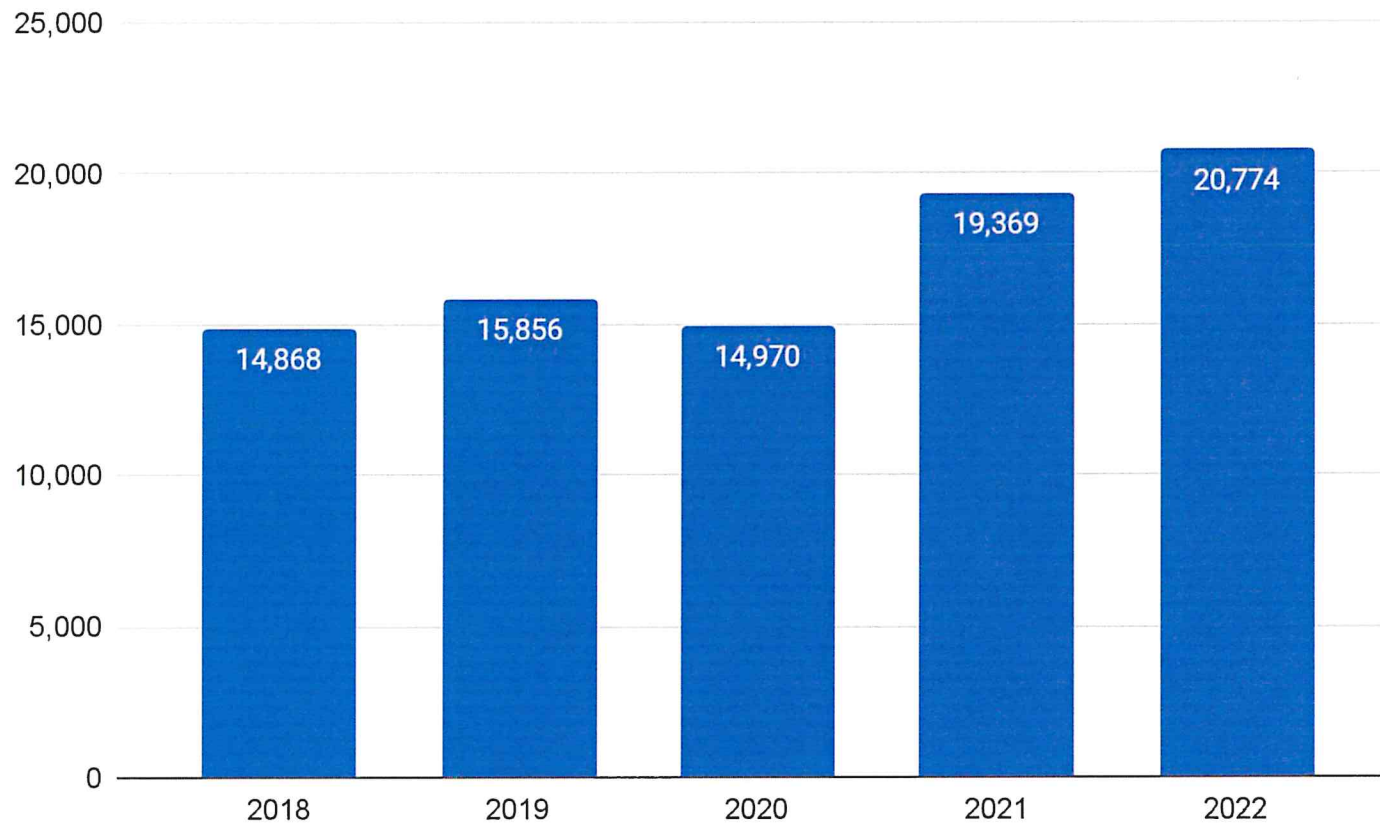
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items
circulated

Over 4,500
e-materials
circulated

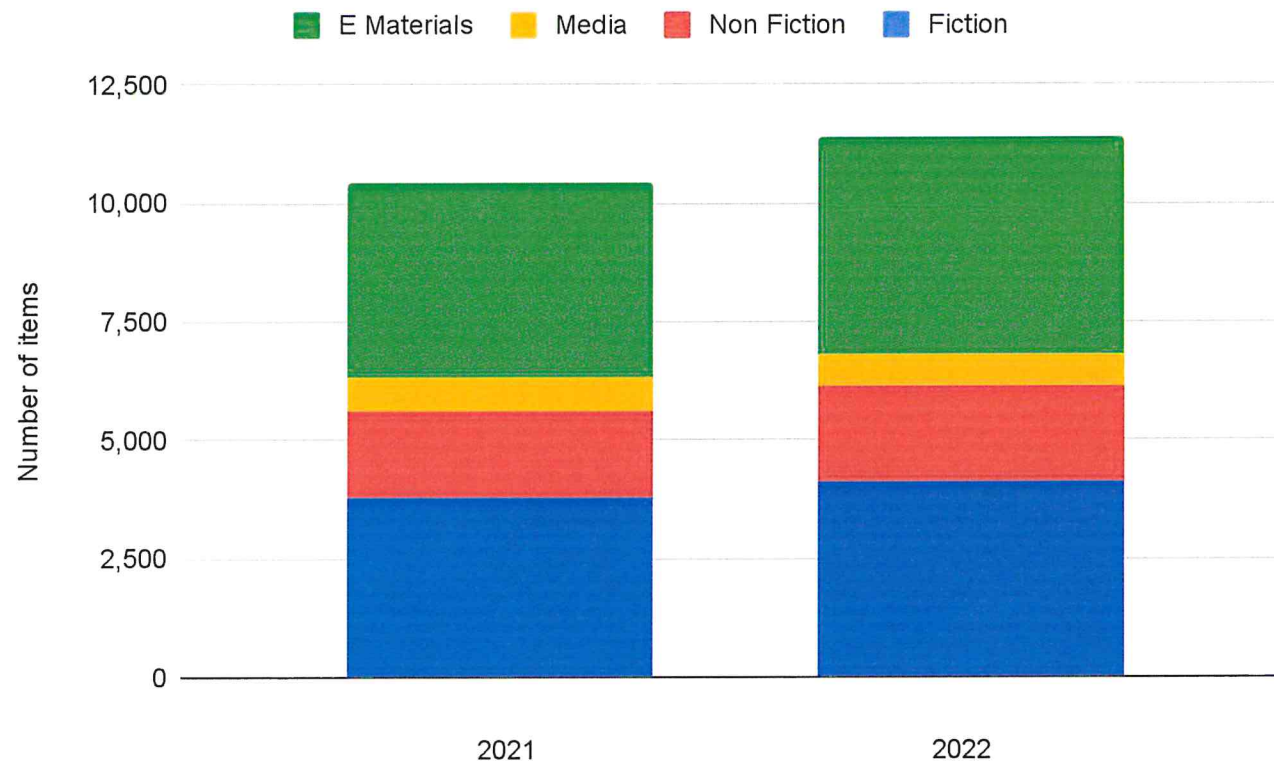
Over 8,000
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to the library

Over 5,500
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person and/or on
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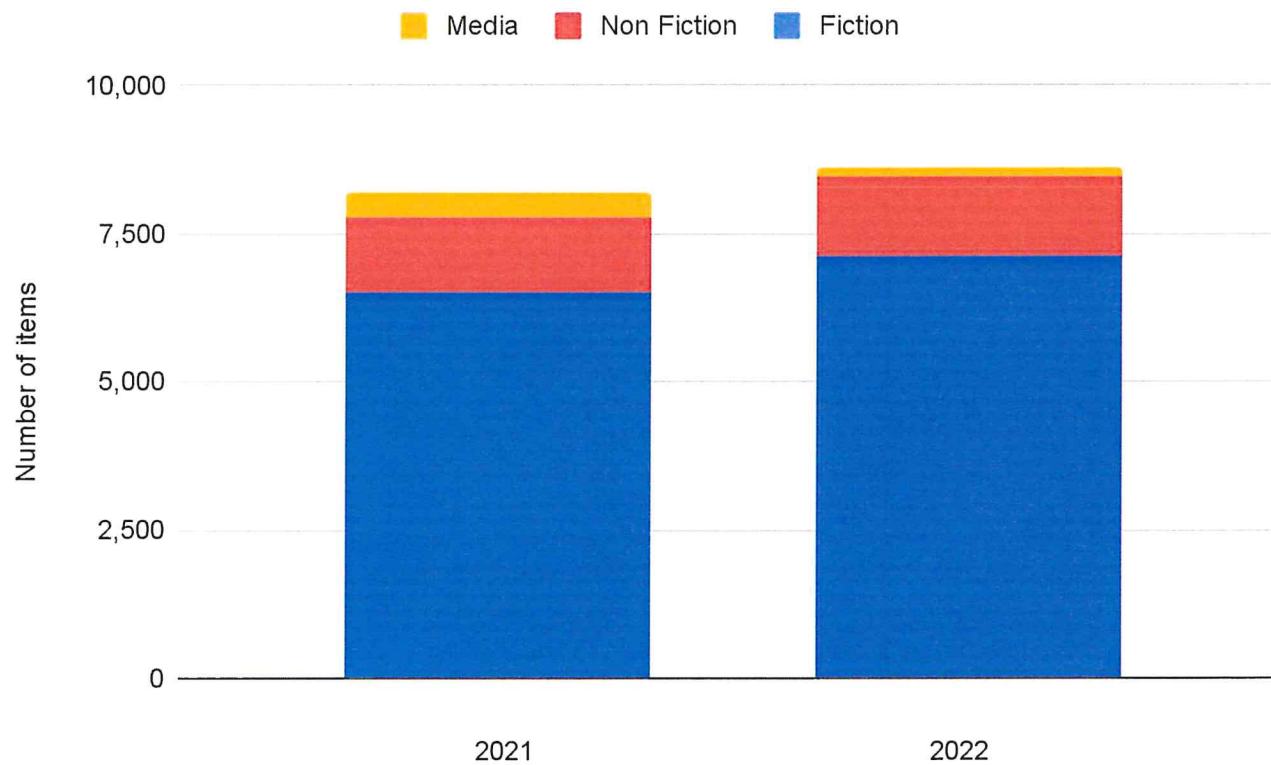
Kemmerer Library Items Circulated by Year



Kemmerer Library Adult Circulation



Kemmerer Library Children's Circulation



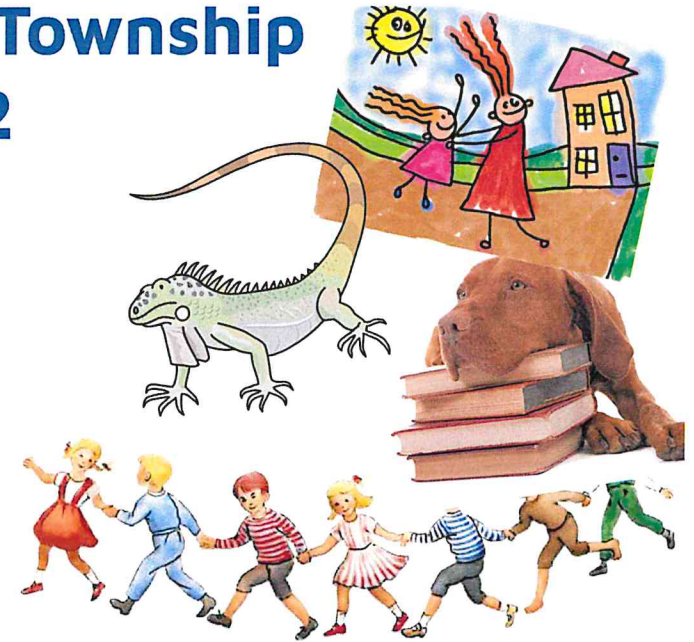
Kemmerer Library Harding Township Programming 2022



305 Adult
Programs



Almost 4,000
attendees



119 Children's
Programs



Almost 1,700
attendees

Kemmerer Library Harding Township Children's



Kemmerer Library Harding Township Adults

WHERE IN THE
WORLD WILL YOU
TRAVEL?



Kemmerer Library Harding Township
Summer Art & Travel Series



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'Centennial Summer Author Series' coming to Harding Township's Kemmerer Library

HARDING TWP. — The township is 100 years-old this year, and the Kemmerer Library is playing a big role in the town-wide celebration.

The library will host its "Centennial Summer Author Series" in honor of the 100th Anniversary of Harding Township, starting Monday, June 27, and running for five consecutive weeks, except the week of July 4, this evening series will profile published authors and photographers who have called Harding home.

Jean Pfeffer, member of the Kemmerer Library Board, had the idea to...

has also been hard at work creating displays of other Harding authors. She has worked with the Harding Township Historical Society to research deceased authors who lived in Harding.

An example is Dorothy Kunhardt, author of close to 50 books including one of the best selling children's books, the well-known and beloved children's classic story, "Pat The Bunny."

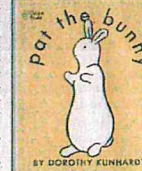
An exhibit of Kunhardt's work will be displayed at the library over the summer. She died in 1979.

The first speaker, at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 27

She has received fellowships from the MacDowell Colony and Yaddo, and her poems have been translated into Armenian, German, Romanian, and Swedish. In addition to being a poet and translator, she is a senior editor for New York Review of Books.

Next will be Matt Bocchi, on Monday, July 11.

Published when he was 26, "Sway" is a heartbreaking memoir that begins with the loss of his father on 9/11 when he was a vulnerable 9-year-old fourth grader at Harding Township School. Bocchi shares his pain and suffering, his struggles with drug and al-



The classic children's book, "Pat The Bunny" by former Harding Township resident Dorothy Kunhardt, who died in 1979 will be highlighted as part of the library's "Centennial Summer

pion equestrian, in fact, she is a member of TCU's DJ equestrian team. She is also the official spokesperson for "Girls Who Click," an organization that aims to inspire a new generation of female nature photographers and conservationists.

Her achievements and awards for her wildlife photographs are numerous, and her work has received both national and international acclaim.

She has published "The Red Fox, Wildlife of Harding" (2014) and "Owls, Wildlife of Harding" (2015). Her hope is that her images create a sense of empathy

A former board member of the Friends of Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge and the Center for Musical Excellence, and currently on the Board of the American & Foreign Christian Union, she is also on the advisory boards of Nourish NJ and Friends of Great Swamp Watershed Association.

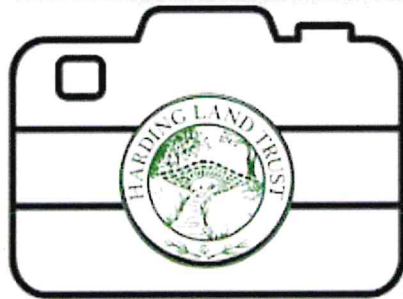
In addition to, being the co-founder and first co-president of the Friends of Kemmerer Library, she was founder and Managing Director of the New School's Leadership Center in New York City.

She donates 100 percent of the proceeds from her



Community

Harding Land Trust and
Kemmerer Library announce
the 6th annual



Celebrate Harding Photo Contest

Open to Harding Residents Grades K through 12

 New Vernon Garden Club



Community



Celebrating healthy aging and educating older adults

Free lunch and giveaways for participating in the program!

Harding Library

10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16 & 11/30

12:00pm-1:30pm

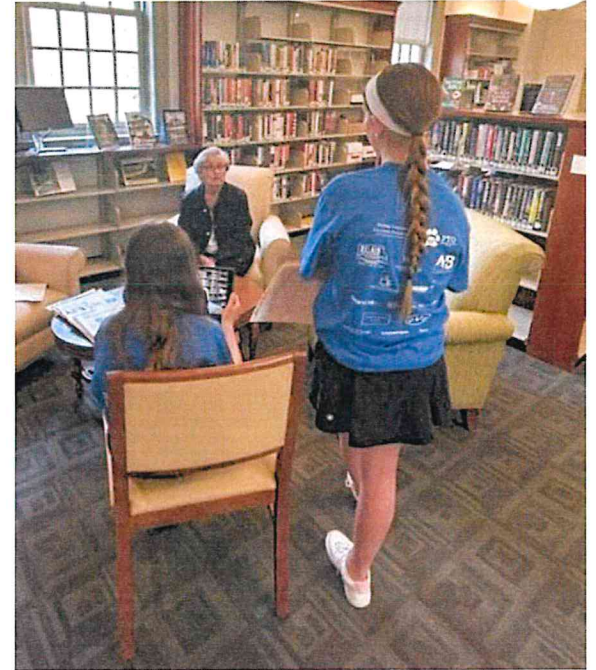
**FREE
EDUCATIONAL
WORKSHOP**

IDENTITY THEFT

*Learn the signs and how
to **reduce the risks.***

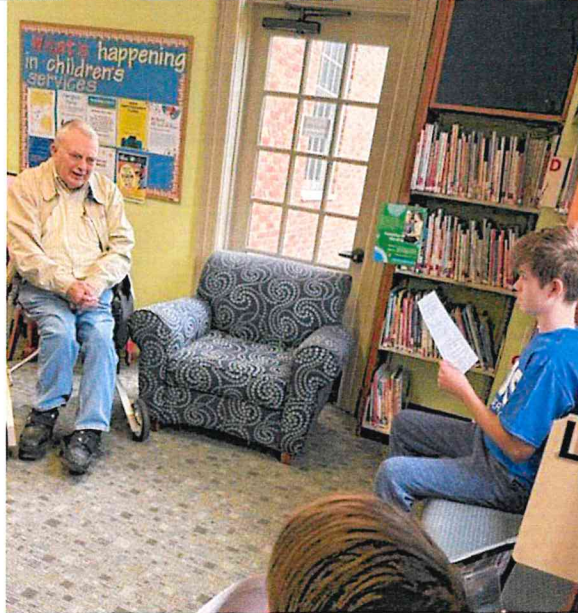
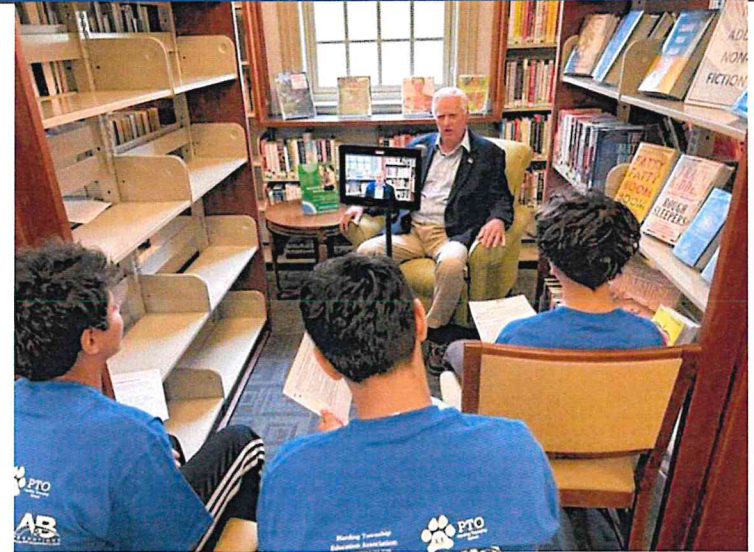
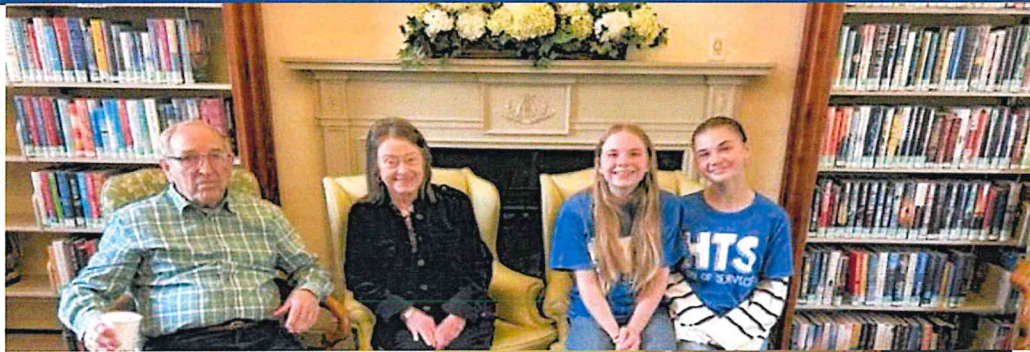


Community



Memories of Harding

Community



Memories of Harding

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Grants - 2022 and 2023



New Jersey State Council on the Arts
Creative Aging Initiative (CAI)
Fiscal Year 2023 Grant Program Guidelines

\$10,000



\$20,000

ALA American Library Association



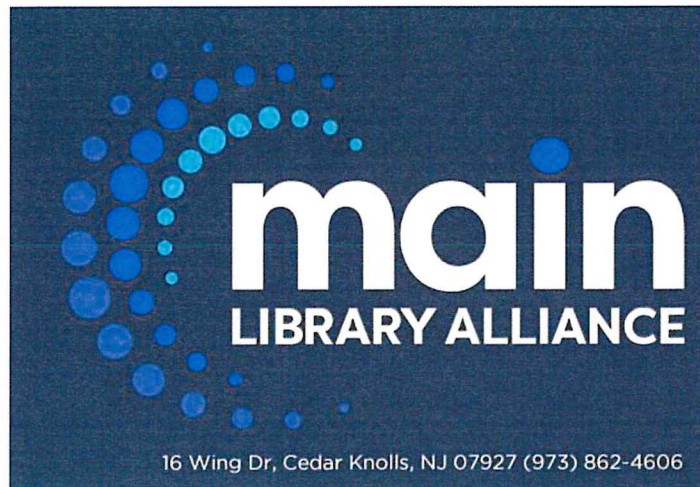
\$2,500

Grants - 2022 and 2023

2022	NEH/American Rescue Plan	\$10,000
2022	NJ State Council of the Arts	\$10,000
2023	American Library Assoc.	\$20,000
2023	Library Link NJ	\$ 2,500
2023	Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries	\$ 500

Total \$43,000

Main Library Alliance



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Counties- Hunterdon, Morris,
Somerset & Warren

108

Municipalities

37

Members Libraries

49

Library Spaces

116K

2022 Active Patrons



Main Library Alliance

MAIN LIBRARY ALLIANCE MEMBER LIBRARIES

Bernards Township Library
Bernardsville Public Library
Boonton Holmes Public Library
Butler Public Library
Chatham, Library of the
Chester Library
Denville Public Library
Dover Free Public Library
East Hanover Public Library
Florham Park Public Library
Hackettstown Free Public
Library
Hunterdon County Library
North County Branch Library
South County Branch Library
Bunnvale Library
Frenchtown Public Library
High Bridge Public Library
Holland Free Public Library
Readington Township Library

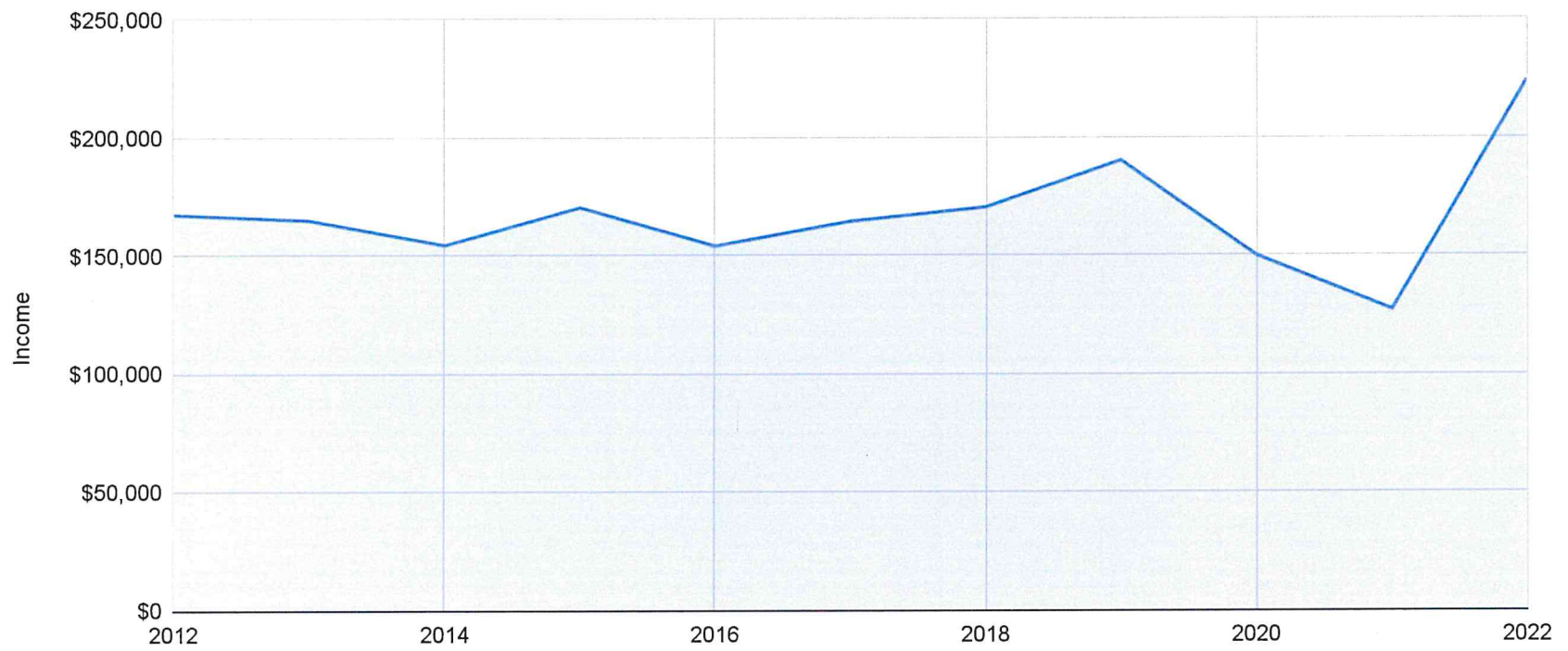
Tewksbury Township Public
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Three Bridges Library
Jefferson Township Public Library
Kemmerer Library Harding
Kinnelon Public Library
Lincoln Park Public Library
Long Hill Township Library
Madison Public Library
Mendham Borough Library
Mendham Township Library
Montville Township Public
Library
Morris County Library
Morris Plains Library
Morristown & Morris Township
Library
Mount Arlington Public Library
Mount Olive Public Library
Mountain Lakes Public Library

Parsippany-Troy Hills Public
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Lake Hiawatha Branch Library
Mount Tabor Branch Library
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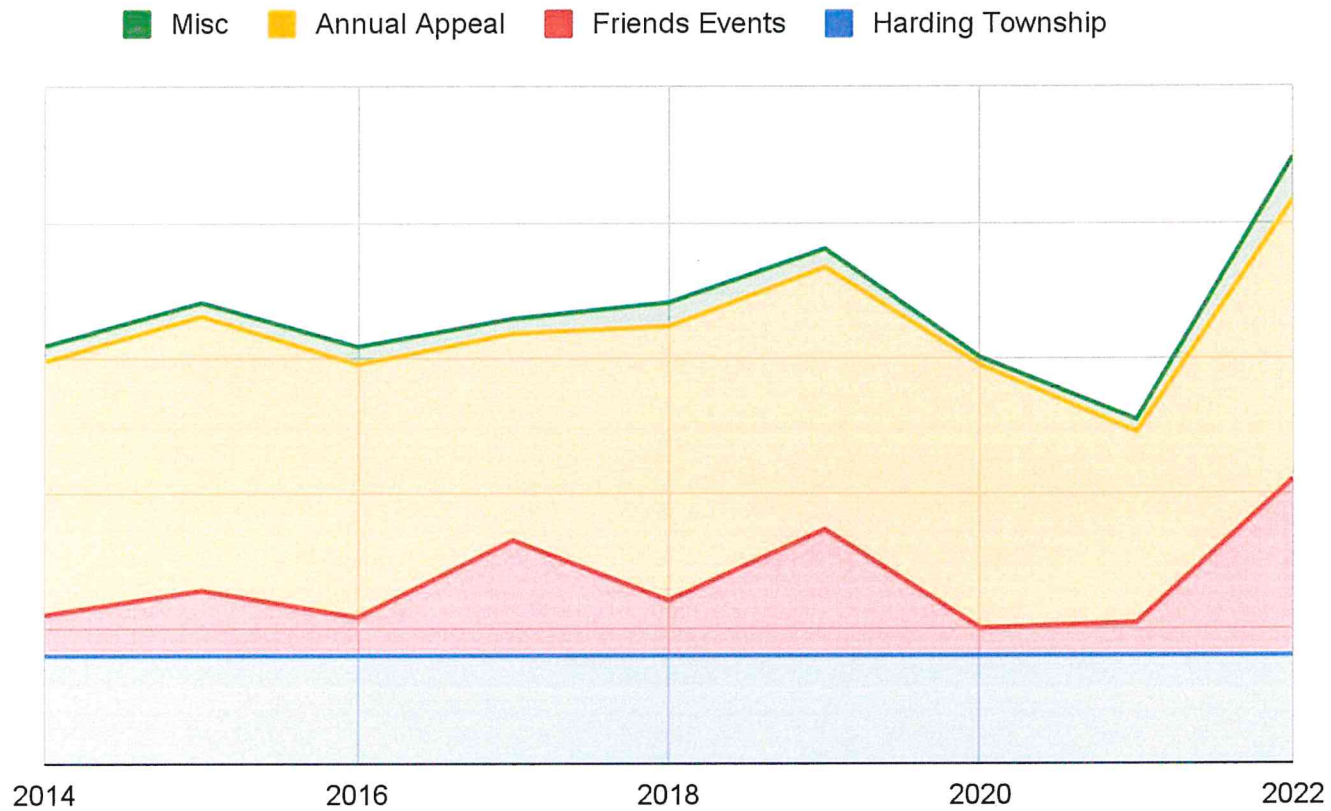
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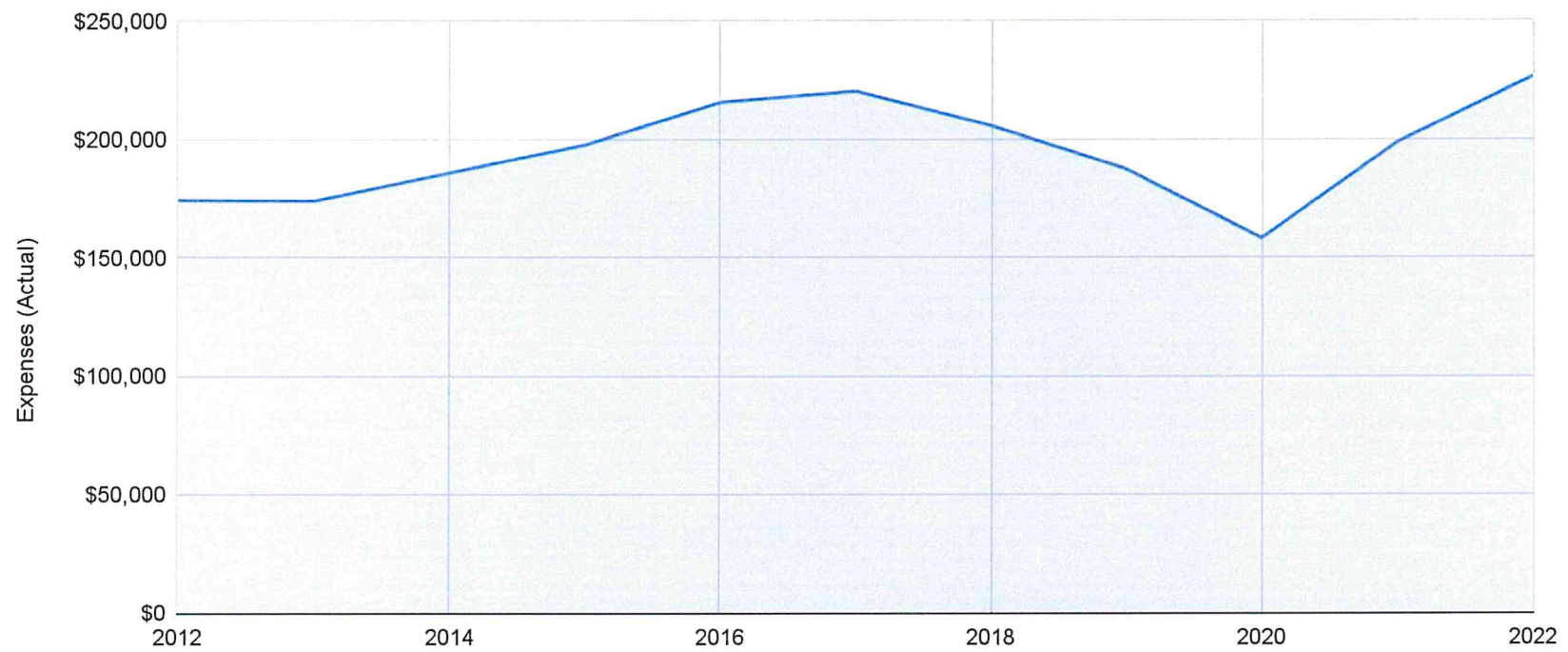
Income



Income by Source



Expenses



Kemmerer Library Harding Township

Eye to the future:



Collaboration
and
partnership

Programming,
outreach
and broaden
reach

Community
connection