BERNARDS TOWNSHIP - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

COMBINED AGENDA - REGULAR MEETING December 15, 2020 – 7:30 Executive Session, 8:00 PM Open Session

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Estimated Times

AGENDA

7:30 PM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER Video
- 2. FLAG SALUTE
- 3. MAYOR'S OPENING MEETING STATEMENT
- 4. ROLL CALL
- 5. EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #2020-0404

8:00 PM

- 6. PRESENTATION
 - A. Resolution #2020-0392 In Recognition of Outstanding Service to Bernards Township John Carpenter
 - B. Tour of Somerville Joe Saling & Tom Mains

7. PUBLIC WORK SESSION

- A. Continued Discussion of Special Use Permits Issued June October 2020 and Ordinances Relaxed, Waived of Modified 12/09/202 Memo to Township Committee, Dave Schley
- 8. REPORTS
- 9. CORRESPONDENCE

8:30 PM

- 10. PUBLIC COMMENT
- 11. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE/LIAISON & BOARD REPORTS AND STAFF COMMENTS

12. FIRE & RESCUE APPOINTMENT

- A. Resolution #2020-0393 Appointment to Membership in Township of Bernards Volunteer First Aid Squad of the Basking Ridge Fire Company #1 Brendan Feller, Full Member
- B. Resolution #2020-0394 Appointment to Membership in Township of Bernards Volunteer Liberty Corner Fire Company, Ava Czerniach, Junior Member
- 13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Consent Agenda

Estimated Times

8:40 PM

14. NEW BUSINESS

The items listed within the consent agenda portion of the meeting have been referred to the Township Committee for reading and study, linked to the posted agenda on the website, are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Township Committee with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is required, the item may be removed from the agenda by township committee action and placed on the regular agenda under new business.



- 1) Resolution #2020-0391 Approval of the Bill List Dated 12/15/2020
- 2) <u>Resolution #2020-0395</u> 2021 Annual Parking Permit Fees for the Stonehouse Road Bus, Basking Ridge and Lyons Train Stations Commuter Parking Lots
- 3) Resolution #2020-0396 Authorizing Acceptance of Funds from Sub-grant Award #FY20-EMPG-EMAA-1802 of the Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Emergency Management Agency Assistance Program Funding \$10,000.00
- 4) Resolution #2020-0397 In Recognition of Service to Bernards Township Dr. Mona Birk, PhD
- 5) Resolution #2020-0398 In Recognition of Service to Bernards Township Edward Nelson
- 6) Resolution #2020-0399 In Recognition of Service to Bernards Township Mary Pavlini
- 7) Resolution #2020-0400 Personnel Appointment, Christine Andres Deputy Municipal Clerk Municipal Clerk
- 8) Resolution #2020-0401 Transfer Resolution December 15, 2020, Municipal Court
- 9) Resolution #2020-0402 Unused Vacation Accrual Due, Fred Miller Public Works
- 10) Resolution #2020-0403 Unused Vacation Accrual Due, Judith Bauer Tax Collector's Office
- 11) Resolution #2020-0405 Award of Change Order #1 for 2019 Sidewalk Improvement to AA Berms LLC, PO Box 180, Belleville, NJ 07109 Decrease of \$17,998.42 (19.80%)
- 12) Resolution #2020-0406 Extending a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Bernardsville and the Township of Bernards for the Oversight and Operation of the Bernardsville Fire Prevention Bureau
- 13) Resolution #2020-0407 2021 Fee Schedule for Pleasant Valley Pool
- 14) Resolution #2020-0408 2021 Fee Schedule for The Coakley-Russo Memorial Golf Course
- 15) Resolution #2020-0409 In Recognition of Service to Bernards Township, Jennifer Donohoe
- 16) Resolution #2020-0410 In Recognition of Service to Bernards Township, Kevin Orr
- 17) Resolution #2020-0411 In Recognition and Appreciation to the Participants Who Secured the Women's Suffrage Banners in Bernards Township
- 18) Resolution #2020-0412 In Recognition and Appreciation to Awakened Films, Video Production Company
- 19) Resolution #2020-0413 In Recognition and Appreciation of Health Officer Lucy Forgione and the Bernards Township Health Department Staff
- 20) Resolution #2020-0414 In Recognition and Appreciation to Paula Axt, Brendan Tighe, Frank Dudzik and Marie Young for Their Assistance with the 2020 Memorial Day Ceremony
- 21) Resolution #2020-0415 Acceptance of Grant and Insertion of Revenue Item Into the 2020 Budget \$9,500 from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities for the purpose of participating in the Clean Fleet Electric Vehicle Incentive Program
- 22) <u>Resolution #2020-0416</u> Acceptance of Grant and Insertion of Revenue Item Into the 2020 Budget \$5,000 for the Somerset County Youth Services Annual Grant-2020 for the Purpose of Funding the REACH Youth Leadership Program and Viking Yoga
- 23) Resolution #2020-0417 In Recognition of Service to Bernards Township John Meany
- 24) Resolution #2020-0418 Authorizing Agreement with the Borough of Bernardsville for Receipt of Vehicle at No Cost to the Township of Bernards
- 25) Resolution #2020-0419 Change Order #1 Increase of \$16,000.00 Authorizing an Increase to the Professional Service Contract for Legal Services, Labor Counsel Awarded to Richard Flaum, Esq., of the firm of DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum P.C. For a New Not to Exceed Amount of \$41,000.00 (Excluding Matters of Litigation and Unanticipated Reimbursable Disbursements as Required).
- 26) Resolution #2020-0420 In Recognition of Service to Bernards Township, Victoria Costa Weber
- 27) Resolution #2020-0421 2021 Fee Schedule & Policies for Park and Recreation
- 28) Resolution #2020-0422 Tax Exemption Approval for Rodney E. Ruffin
- 29) Resolution #2020-0423 Tax Exemption Approval for Felice S Bocchino
- 30) Resolution #2020-0424 Personnel Appointment Chelsea Maciborski Laborer Department of Public Works
- 31) Resolution #2020-0425 Personnel Appointment Jordan Castens Groundskeeper Department of Public Works
- 32) Resolution #2020-0426 Authorizing an Affiliation Agreement with Safe and Sound Somerset, Somerset Hills Domestic Violence Response Team (SHDVRT)



- 33) Resolution #2020-0427 Demanding that the New Jersey State Legislature Accept its Responsibility to Administer the Provisions of the Affordable Housing Act and Stay Further Action Until Such Times as it Has Promulgated Rules Governing its Implementation
- B. Approval of Minutes: 11/24/2020 Executive Session 11/24/2020 Open Session
- 15. PUBLIC COMMENT
- 16. ADJOURNMENT

Rhonda Pisano Municipal Clerk





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Resolution #2020-0404

Authorizing an Executive Session Meeting of the Bernards Township Committee

WHEREAS, NJSA 10:4-12 allows for a public body to go into closed session during a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of the Township Committee will reconvene.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in NJSA 10:4-12; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Committee hereby declares that the discussion of subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Township Attorney advises the Township Committee that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the Township or any other entity with respect to said discussion. That time is currently estimated as the time of said matter.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Township Committee, hereby declares that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the discussion(s) shall take place and hereby directs the Municipal Clerk to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

Estimated

Reason for Closed Session

Time of Disclosure or Upon Occurrence Of Any matter which by express provisions of Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from discussion in public Provision relied upon Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government. Any matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy. Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body. Any matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.

	Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law.			
	become a party. Any matters falling within confidentiality is required in order for the attor certain circumstances, if public disclosure of the on the Township's position in the litigation or the confidence of	act negotiations which the public body is or may a the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that ney to exercise his ethical duties as lawyer. <i>Under the matter would have a potentially negative impact the matter would have a potentially negative impact the matter would have a potential of the withheld until freumstances no longer present a potential impact.</i>		
	Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose right could be adversely affect request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting subject to the balancing of the public's interest and the employee's privacy rights under <i>South Jersey Publishing</i> , 124 NJ 478.			
	Personnel - 2021 Board and Professional Appointments Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility.			
Agenda and Date Voted: 12/15/2020				
		CERTIFICATION		
		I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolutio the Bernards Township Committee on 12/15/2020.	n adopted by	

Rhonda Pisano, Municipal Clerk



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Resolution #2020-0392

In Recognition of Outstanding Service to Bernards Township – John Carpenter

WHEREAS, since 2006 John Carpenter has given innumerable hours to our local government and its democratic process, and to the citizens of Bernards Township serving in the following capacities which includes his service as mayor in 2008, 2014 and 2018; and

Years Board Name		
2006-2009	Agricultural Advisory Committee	
2006-2020	Basking Ridge Fire Company No. 1 & First Aid	
2020	Community Service	
2006-2013	Deer Management	
2020	DPW & Engineering Subcommittee	
2006	Environmental Commission	
2006-2009	Fire Safety Forum	
2014	HR & Finance Subcommittee	
2008-2018	Insurance Committee	
2014-2018	Library Board	
2008; 2014; 2018	Local Emergency and Flood Mitigation Comm.	

Years Board Name		
2010-2013	Municipal Alliance Committee	
2007; 2011-2013	Personnel Subcommittee	
2007-2008; 2014	Planning Board	
2006-2018	Police Subcommittee	
2008-2009	Pool Commission	
2013-2018	18 SC Solid Waste Advisory	
2007-2011 SC Wastewater Management Plan Committee		
2006-2018	Sewerage Authority	
2008	Somerset County Cross Acceptance	
2006-2020 Township Committee		
2006	Verizon Municipal Consent Review Subcommittee	

WHEREAS, John remained steadfast in his goal to provide essential services to residents at a reasonable cost and in a fiscally responsible manner, while controlling taxes and spending, remaining debt free, and protecting the township's reserves; and

WHEREAS, John promoted open government, sound conservative financial management practices, open space preservation, sustainability, and has safeguarded the township's landscape through principled land use policies; and

WHEREAS, John focused on improving the infrastructure within the township, which included the construction of Mountain Park turf fields, the construction or reconstruction of numerous pedestrian bridges and various other projects; and

WHEREAS, John effected satisfactory agreements with the Fair Share Housing Center regarding affordable housing which satisfied the townships legal obligations; and

WHEREAS, John demonstrated a pragmatic approach to governing, was often the voice of reason, provided a sense of humor, and offered support and leadership to his colleagues, township staff, and his constituents, all while placing the interests of Bernards Township first.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that in recognition of John Carpenter's faithful service, we express our deep appreciation and sincere gratitude on behalf of all the residents, officials and employees of Bernards Township and extend to John our very best wishes for health, happiness and continued success; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this citation of John Carpenter's service be inscribed at length in the minutes of this Township meeting, held on the 15th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, 2020, and that a suitable copy thereof, signed by the members of the Township Committee and attested by the Municipal Clerk, with the corporate seal of the Township thereunto affixed, be presented to John Carpenter.

Agenda and Date Voted: 12/15/2020	
	James Baldassare, Jr., Mayor
	Joseph Esposito, Deputy Mayor
	Janice M. Fields
Attest: Rhonda Pisano, Municipal Clerk	Joan Bannan Harris



76 Years & Counting

Description & History

The Tour of Somerville is the oldest, and one of the best known, bike races in the U.S. World champions, Olympic champions, and Tour de France champions have raced in Somerville since its' inaugural event in 1940. Winning Somerville is the highlight of a cyclist's year; even their career. Names like Eric Heiden (1984 Olympic hero) and Greg Lemond (Tour de France winner) have raced in Somerville. Olympic/National teams from Canada, France, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and Great Britain are just a few of the countries to send their athletes to Somerville. While world-class professional cyclists are the featured event, a myriad of races include "amateur" categories from juniors to masters with over 1,000 racing competitors. The Tour of Somerville is a kicks off the summer season as a featured New Jersey on Memorial Day weekend where spectator crowds exceed 30,000. Along with the bike race, a festival atmosphere surrounds the race with a morning parade celebrating our veterans, interactive activities, sports demonstrations, youth entertainment and live music.





Somerville Gran Fondo – New for 2021

Every year hundreds of interested cyclists inquire about participating in the "Tour." These cyclists are unaware the "Tour" is not a casual ride, but a world-class bike race with professional athletes. In order to address this cycling enthusiasm, the "Tour" is launching the Somerville Gran Fondo in 2021. A non-competitive recreational bike ride it will take place the Sunday prior on May 23rd to kick off the race week. With distances from 25 miles up to 100 miles, the Somerville Gran Fondo is a bike ride for all skill levels and ages. Organized in conjunction with the Somerset County Park system, the Gran Fondo is a relaxed ride on beautiful paved country roads through scenic sections of Somerset County with county parks serving as rest stops. The Somerville Gran Fondo provides additional revenue to support the mission of the Tour of Somerville in preserving the oldest bike race in the U.S.; providing cycling events, education and programs to promote safe cycling in New Jersey.

2021 Race Program

The 2020 Tour of Somerville was an unfortunate victim of the pandemic, having been cancelled for only two times in 80 years – once this past year and four years during WWII. The Tour plans to come back bigger and better in 2021 with an expanded race calendar and a public recreational ride through Somerset County. Reaching out to multiple communities in central Jersey, the response was excellent with regard to hosting a bike race as part of 5/6 day race series. This expanded racing series will attract more cyclists as well as increasing cycling spectators. In hosting a bike race, especially a professionally run event requires a seamless partnership with the local communities. Outlined are the various responsibilities by each party. There is flexibility in these requirements that may require adjustments shifting responsibilities as local execution requires.





Two Primary Areas of Focus for a Successful Event

- ⇒ Event execution. A professionally managed bike race event
- ⇒ Event Marketing Engage media, create public awareness to attract corporate/business support & race day spectators.

Event Execution

- All permissions and approvals to use the streets for a bike race
 - Approved by town council
 - Police approval for designated streets
 - Identify traffic rerouting
 - Security procedures
 - Dept Public Works
 - Barricades for street closures & Trash containers/pick up
 - Review roads & required repairs
 - Do not sweep streets
 - Access to power where possible
 - Identify approved parking locations
- o Identify event time schedule start/finish
 - Road closure timing set up & tear down
- Medical Support
 - Coordination with local crews
 - Establish process for cyclist or spectator emergency needs
 - Reporting all injuries & transports (insurance needs)
- Event contact lists for day of
 - Police, Event, Race Officials, Medical, DPW
 - Communication System for key officials
- Volunteer Recruitment & Participation
 - Set up & tear down of race equipment
 - Distribution of promotional material
- Recreational cycling program for public
 - Involvement of recreation department
 - Public cycling on closed race course or sprints for local kids
- o Notification of businesses & residents impacted by street closures
- Opening ceremony with town officials
- Event entertainment that takes place during or post event (optional)
 - Activities for kids/families. Can be cycling related like bike checks.



Event Marketing – A joint partnership between Tour of Somerville and local community

- Create awareness within the local community
 - Town opportunities to promote the event
 - town website, recreation dept., publications, etc.
 - o Engage local organizations, non-profits, cycling clubs
 - Public announcement with town officials
- Visible signage in the town to promote race
 - o Banner over street, yard signs, posters
 - Locations controlled by town
- Engage residents to create awareness, promote attendance
 - Town communication channels
 - o Organize family ride on race course day of race
 - o Invite residents to volunteer or create resident committee
 - Have entertainment activities on race day
 - o Possible joint fundraising opportunity for local non-profit or rec dept.
- Access to the business community
 - Partner to secure sponsors for town race
 - Help with marketing & promotions
 - Open doors with business to become sponsors
 - Food vendors & restaurants
- Arrange interviews & placement with local publications/newspapers
 - Joint press releases with town officials
 - Introduction to media contacts
- Social media promotions to create awareness
 - Use of websites, facebook, twitter and Instagram to generate awareness
 - Visit Tour of Somerville at: www.tourofsomerville.org





What Tour of Somerville provides:

- Day of race management to insure professional presentation
- Promotion/recruitment of cyclists
 - o Juniors, Masters, Women, Professionals
- Race insurance & permit fees USA Cycling
- Finish line structure & announcing stage
- Sound systems, announcer &
- Barricades, fencing and hay bales
- Race Officials USA Cycling
- Pace & support vehicles
- Race numbers for competitors
- Race mechanical support for the racers
- Race advertising, public relations & promotions
 - Printed posters & flyers
- Website with race information
- Award ceremony, award structure, prize money and medals
- Sponsor recruitment, sponsor packages & coordination





2021 Tour of Somerville Cycling Series Proposed Race Schedules

Thursday & Friday - Easton & Basking Ridge

4:30	20 mile	Men Category 3-4
5:20	20 mile	Masters Men 40+ Category 1-3
6:10	20 mile	Pro Women Category 1/2/3
7:00	25 mile	Pro Men Category 1-2

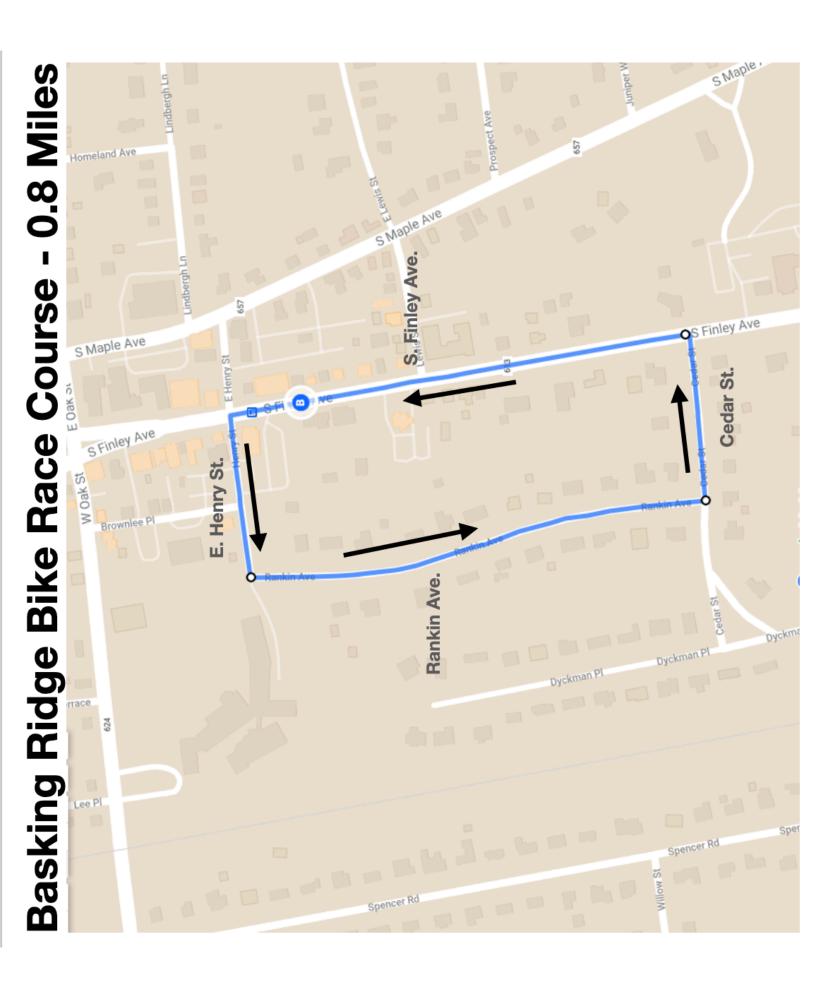
<u>Saturday & Sunday – Bernardsville & Raritan</u>

9 AM	30 minute	Men & Women Juniors Ages 9-14
9:35	15 mile	Masters Men Age 55+
10:20	30 minute	Men Categories 4/Novice
10:55	30 minute	Women Categories 4/Novice & Junior Women 15-18
11:30	15 mile	Junior Men Age 15-18
12:15	20 mile	Masters Men Age 45+
1:05	25 mile	Men Categories 3/4
2:15	20 mile	Women Pro Category 1/2/3
3:15	30 mile	Men Pro Category ½

Monday (Memorial Day) - Somerville

10 AM	30 minute	Women 4/Novice/Junior 15-18
10:01	30 minute	Men & Women Junior 9/14
10:35	30 minute	Masters Men Age 55+ Category 1-4
11:10	30 minute	Men Category 4/Novice
11:45	20 mile	Masters Men 40+ Category 1-3
12:35	20 mile	Junior Men 15-18 Category 1-4
1:25	25 mile	Men Category 2-3
2:30	25 mile	Pro Women Category 1/2/3
3:35	50 mile	Pro Men Category 1

- Race Set Up & Tear Down Each Event
 - Two Hours Each on Front & Back End
- Road Closings
 - Partial Closure adjacent to Start/Finish area (1-2 hours)
 - o Complete road closure before first race (30 mins to 1 hour)



TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING SERVICES MEMO

To: Mayor Baldassare and Township Committee Members

From: David Schley, PP, AICP

Township Planner

Date: December 9, 2020

Subject: Special Use Permits for Outdoor Dining at Restaurants

As requested during the public work session on November 10, 2020, this memo provides additional information regarding special use permits issued for outdoor dining at restaurants. For each of the six restaurants involved, the list below identifies the ordinance requirements that were relaxed/waived/modified by issuance of a special use permit, and the approvals that would have been required in the absence of a special use permit. For the purpose of this analysis, each outdoor dining area was assumed to be enclosed/heated for potential year-round use. Estimates were made where complete information was not available.

1. Café Figaro. Dewy Meadow Village, King George Road; B-5 Village Center Zone.

- Special use: Outdoor dining in an existing parking area.
- Absent a special use permit, the use would require an application to the Planning Board for site plan approval and a variance relating to:
 - <u>Minimum number of parking spaces</u>. The parking required by ordinance for the Dewy Meadow retail center would increase by 3 spaces (from 280 to 283 spaces) and 5 existing spaces would be eliminated. A variance would be required to permit 275 spaces when 283 spaces would be required.

2. Café Rustica. 3188 Valley Road; R-4 Residential Zone.

- Special use: Outdoor dining in an existing parking/driveway area.
- Absent a special use permit, the use would require an application to the Board of Adjustment for site plan approval and variances relating to:
- <u>Minimum number of parking spaces</u>. The parking required by ordinance would increase by 36 spaces (from 50 to 86 spaces) and 4 existing spaces would be eliminated. A variance would be required to permit 32 spaces when 86 spaces would be required. A prior variance approved 36 spaces when 50 spaces were required.
- Expansion of a nonconforming use. The restaurant is in a residential zone.
- Minimum front yard setback. Required: 75'; Proposed: 20'.
- Minimum rear yard setback. Required: 75'; Proposed: 56'.
- Minimum buffer width/setback from adjoining residential property. Required: 50'; Proposed: 0'.
- Comment: The outdoor dining area results in closure of an existing one-way exit driveway, requiring conversion of the remaining one-way entry driveway into a two-way driveway.

3. Focacceria. 26 Church Street; B-4 Liberty Corner Business Zone.

- Special use: Add a cover/enclosure over an existing uncovered outdoor dining area.
- Absent a special use permit, the use would require an application to the Board of Adjustment for site plan approval and variances relating to:
 - <u>Minimum number of parking spaces</u>. The parking required by ordinance would increase by 20 spaces (from 39 to 59 spaces). A variance would be required to permit 21 spaces when 59 would be required. A prior variance approved 21 spaces when 39 spaces were required.
 - <u>Maximum floor area ratio (ratio of total floor area to lot area)</u>. Permitted: 12.5%; Existing: 11.4%; Proposed: 13.8%.
 - <u>Construction of additional floor area in front of an existing building</u>. In the Liberty Corner Business Zone, additional floor area is permitted only to the rear of existing buildings.

4. Grain House. 225 Morristown Road; R-4 Residential Zone.

- Special use: Pursuant to a prior Board of Adjustment approval, an existing outdoor dining area is permitted to be used each year from April through November. A special use permit allows use of the tent beyond November.
- Absent a special use permit, the use would require an application to the Board of Adjustment for a variance relating to:
 - Expansion of a nonconforming use. The restaurant is in a residential zone.

5. Vine. 95 Morristown Road; R-6 Residential Zone.

- Special use: Outdoor dining in an existing parking area.
- Absent a special use permit, the use would require an application to the Board of Adjustment for site plan approval and variances relating to:
 - <u>Minimum number of parking spaces</u>. The parking required by ordinance would increase by 8 spaces (from 85 to 93 spaces) and 3 existing spaces would be eliminated. A variance would be required to permit 82 spaces when 93 spaces would be required.
 - Expansion of a nonconforming use. The restaurant is in a residential zone.

6. Washington House. 55 South Finley Avenue; B-1 Village Business Zone.

- Special use: Outdoor dining in an existing parking/driveway area.
- Absent a special use permit, the use would require an application to the Board of Adjustment for site plan approval and variances relating to:
 - <u>Minimum number of parking spaces</u>. The parking required by ordinance would increase by 100 spaces (from 112 to 212 spaces) and 23 existing spaces would be eliminated. A variance would be required to permit 36 spaces when 212 spaces would be required. A prior variance approved 59 spaces when 112 spaces were required.
 - <u>Maximum floor area ratio (ratio of total floor area to lot area)</u>. Permitted: 25%; Existing: 49.8%; Proposed: 80.6%.
 - <u>Minimum building setbacks from West Henry Street and Brownlee Place</u>. Required: 10'; Proposed: <10'.
- Comment: The outdoor dining area eliminates two existing handicapped parking spaces, requiring alternative, e.g. on-street, handicapped parking.

Overall Comments/Analysis

- 1. The six restaurants above are located in five different zoning districts in a variety of neighborhood settings, including locations in a shopping center, historic districts, along a State highway, and in residential neighborhoods. The potential negative impacts or concerns (e.g. parking, traffic safety, aesthetics, lighting, noise) resulting from the added outdoor dining areas vary based on where the restaurant is located.
- 2. The most common ordinance requirement waived by virtue of a special use permit is the minimum number of off-street parking spaces. Absent a special use permit, a parking variance would be approvable only by the Planning Board or the Board of Adjustment. When deciding a parking variance request, the land use board may consider the availability of on-street parking, municipal parking, or private parking areas on adjoining lots that may be shared among uses whose parking demands peak at different times. The land use boards also typically consider the magnitude of the parking supply deviation, as well as information provided by the applicant as to the actual anticipated parking demand and the specific operations of the use in question. Among the above restaurants, there is a wide variation in circumstances related to these typical variance considerations.
- 3. The planning/zoning office has not observed any unexpected concerns, and is aware of only one complaint, related to outdoor dining allowed pursuant to a special use permit. This is obviously based on conditions evident during the pandemic, which may not be indicative of post-pandemic conditions when businesses are fully reopened and public dining/shopping habits presumably change.
- 4. In addition to obtaining land use board approval of a site plan and variances as indicated above, outdoor dining areas would be subject to applicable construction and fire codes, including requirements for safe pedestrian egress and methods of heating enclosed outdoor spaces.

Outdoor Dining After Special Use Permits

After a special use permit expires, the outdoor dining use/structures allowed by the permit will no longer be allowed, unless approved by the Planning Board or the Board of Adjustment. As indicated above, the ordinance requirements waived by a special use permit vary by restaurant, and where the same ordinance requirement was waived for different restaurants (e.g. parking), the magnitude of the deviation varies. The six restaurants that requested special use permits are located in a wide variety of neighborhood settings, including residential zones, such that potential neighborhood impacts also vary by restaurant.

An ordinance amendment to allow restaurants to continue outdoor dining on a permanent basis would have to relieve the restaurants of the same requirements presently relieved by special use permits, while also protecting the surrounding neighborhoods from potential negative impacts. Given the many differences among restaurant sites, their surroundings, the extent of ordinance deviations, and other variables noted above, it may be appropriate that proposals for permanent outdoor dining be filed with the Planning Board or the Board of Adjustment, as required under the current ordinance, where site plan review can focus on the details and potential neighborhood impacts of each individual case.

Do not hesitate to contact me at (908) 204-3004 or dschley@bernards.org if you have any questions.



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Resolution #2020-0393

Appointment to Membership in Township of Bernards Volunteer First Aid Squad of the Basking Ridge Fire Company #1 Brendan Feller, Full Member

WHEREAS, pursuant to §2-14.1 and §2-16.1 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards, the Bernards Township Fire Department shall consist of the Basking Ridge Fire Company #1 and the Liberty Corner Fire Company; and the Bernards Township First Aid and Emergency Department shall consist of the First Aid Squad of the Basking Ridge Fire Company No. #1 and the Liberty Corner First Aid Squad; and

WHEREAS, the First Aid Squad of the Basking Ridge Fire Company #1 is recommending Brendan Feller, residing at 11 Addison Drive, Basking Ridge, for appointment as a Full Member.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the above individual is hereby appointed as a Full Member of the First Aid Squad of the Basking Ridge Fire Company #1 effective this date.

Agenda and Date Voted: 12/15/2020

CERTIFICATION I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Bernards Township Committee on 12/15/2020. Rhonda Pisano, Municipal Clerk

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Application has been made by the applicant to the above referenced organization who has vetted said person and recommends appointment. In addition, a police background check has been performed.

Rhonda Pisano, Municipal Clerk



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Resolution #2020-0394

Appointment to Membership in Township of Bernards Volunteer Liberty Corner Fire Company Ava Czerniach, Junior Member

WHEREAS, pursuant to §2-14.1 and §2-16.1 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards, the Bernards Township Fire Department shall consist of the Basking Ridge Fire Company #1 and the Liberty Corner Fire Company; and the Bernards Township First Aid and Emergency Department shall consist of the First Aid Squad of the Basking Ridge Fire Company No. #1 and the Liberty Corner First Aid Squad; and

WHEREAS, the Liberty Corner Fire Company is recommending Ava Czerniach, residing at 269 Crabtree Court, Basking Ridge, for appointment as a Junior Member.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the above individual is hereby appointed as a Junior Member of the Liberty Corner Fire Company effective this date.

Agenda and Date Voted: 12/15/2020

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Bernards Township Committee on 12/15/2020.

Rhonda Pisano, Municipal Clerk

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Application has been made by the applicant to the above referenced organization who has vetted said person and recommends appointment. In addition, a police background check has been performed.

Rhonda Pisano, Municipal Clerk



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Resolution #2020-0391

Approval of the Bill List Dated 12/15/2020

BE IT RESOLVED, that the bill list dated 12/15/2020 be audited, and if found correct, be paid.

December 15, 2020 TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS Page No: 1
10:59 AM Check Register By Check Date

Range of Checking Accts: CASH - CHECKING to CASH - CHECKING Range of Check Dates: 12/15/20 to 12/15/20
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GOLF COURSE UTILITY		0-26		3,573.76				0.00	3,573.76	
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CAPITAL FUND		C-04		77,519.95		0.00		0.00	77,519.95	
PUBLIC GRANTS		G-02		57,295.89		0.00		0.00	57,295.89	
TRUST FUNDS		T-13		236,033.35		0.00		0.00	236,033.35	
PROJECT				8,189.75		0.00		0.00	8,189.75	
Tot	al Of Al	l Funds:							1,837,302.78	

Agenda and Date Voted:

12/15/2020

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Bernards Township Committee on 12/15/2020.

Rhonda Pisano , Municipal Clerk



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Resolution #2020-0395

2021 Annual Parking Permit Fees for the Stonehouse Road Bus, Basking Ridge and Lyons Train Stations Commuter Parking Lots

WHEREAS, pursuant to §8-7.4 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards the annual fee for resident parking permits will be set by resolution of Township Committee for persons utilizing the Stonehouse Road Bus and Basking Ridge and Lyons Train Stations Commuter Parking Lots ("commuter lots"); and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESVOLED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the annual fees for parking at all township commuter lots are hereby set as follows:

Resident Permit Fee: \$160.00 Permit Replacement Fee: \$5.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to §8-7.4 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards fees are non-refundable and will not be prorated.

Agenda and Date Voted: 12/15/2020

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Bernards Township Committee on 12/15/2020

Rhonda Pisano, Municipal Clerk

Explanatory Statement

Annual resolution of the Township is required to set fees for the commuter parking lots. The fees for resident, and replacements permits will remain the same and are non-refundable and not prorated.

Rhonda Pisano Municipal Clerk



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Resolution #2020-0396

Authorizing Acceptance of Funds from Sub-grant Award #FY20-EMPG-EMAA-1802 of the Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Emergency Management Agency Assistance Program Funding - \$10,000.00

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards, has been awarded State Homeland Security Grant Program Subgrant CFDA #97.042, Award #FY20·EMPG·EMAA·1802 from the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management with a performance period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Sub-grant, consisting of a \$10,000.00 Federal Award is for the purpose of enhancing the Bernards Township Office of Emergency Management's ability to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism, natural disasters and other catastrophic events and emergencies and shall be used for emergency management purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Bernards is authorized to accept and shall accept the award of the FY20 Emergency Management Agency Assistance Sub-grant Program in the amount of \$10,000.00 Federal Funds from the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bernards Township Chief Financial Officer and Director of Emergency Management are authorized to sign the appropriate Sub-grant award documents with the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk forward two copies of this resolution to the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management.

Agenda and Date Voted: 12/15/2020

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Bernards Township Committee on 12/15/2020.

Rhonda Pisano, Municipal Clerk

${\bf Explanatory\ Statement:}$

The Bernards Township Office of Emergency Management applies for and has received for many years EMAA grant funding to supplement the Emergency Management operating budget. "Acceptance Requirements" for the grant application this federal fiscal year requires that the governing body adopt an official resolution indicating that the Township will utilize grant money for the intended purpose. The grant award this year is \$10,000.00. This year there is no requirement for a financial match by the Township. The terms of the conditions require the funds be used for emergency management purposes.

Christopher Hurst, Emergency Management Coordinator



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Resolution #2020-0397

In Recognition of Service to Bernards Township Dr. Mona Birk, PhD

WHEREAS, Mona Birk has given generously of her time serving on the Board of Health as an exemplary board member, conducting herself in a dignified, faithful and professional manner and offering innumerable hours to our local government, its democratic process, and to the citizens of Bernards Township; and

WHEREAS, Mona Birk has rendered inestimable services as a member of the Board of Health from 2002 to 2020 with her background and degrees in Counseling Psychology, Marriage and Family Counseling, Adult Psychiatric Nursing, Nursing and Elementary Education.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that in recognition of her years of faithful service, the Bernards Township Committee extends to Mona Birk deep appreciation and sincere gratitude on behalf of all the residents and officials of Bernards Township; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the citation of her service be inscribed at length in the minutes of the Township meeting, held on the 15th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, 2020, and that a suitable copy thereof, signed by the members of the Township Committee and attested by the Municipal Clerk, with the corporate seal of the Township thereunto affixed, be presented to Mona Birk.

Agenda and Date Voted: December 15, 2020	James Baldassare Jr., Mayor			
	Joseph Esposito, Deputy Mayor			
	John Carpenter			
	Janice M. Fields			
Attest: Rhonda Pisano, Municipal Clerk	Joan Bannan Harris			



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Resolution #2020-0398

In Recognition of Service to Bernards Township Edward Nelson

WHEREAS, Edward Nelson has given innumerable hours to our local government, its democratic process, and to the citizens of Bernards Township; and

WHEREAS, Edward Nelson has rendered inestimable services as a member of the Recreation, Parks and Pathways Advisory Committee from 2014 to 2020.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that in recognition of his years of faithful service, the Bernards Township Committee extends to Edward Nelson deep appreciation and sincere gratitude on behalf of all the residents and officials of Bernards Township; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this citation of his service be inscribed at length in the minutes of this Township meeting, held on the 15th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, 2020, and that a suitable copy thereof, signed by the members of the Township Committee and attested by the Municipal Clerk, with the corporate seal of the Township thereunto affixed, be presented to Edward Nelson.

Agenda and Date Voted: December 15, 2020				
	James Baldassare Jr., Mayor			
	Joseph Esposito, Deputy Mayor			
	John Carpenter			
	Janice M. Fields			
Attest: Rhonda Pisano, Municipal Clerk	Joan Bannan Harris			



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Resolution #2020-0399

In Recognition of Service to Bernards Township Mary Pavlini

WHEREAS, Mary Pavlini has given innumerable hours to our local government, its democratic process, and to the citizens of Bernards Township; and

WHEREAS, Mary Pavlini has rendered inestimable services as a member on various Boards and Commissions, including the Township Committee, with her most recent contribution as a member of the Sewerage Authority from 2006 to 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mary Pavlini has always provided clear and thoughtful insight on numerous issues.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that we do hereby recognize Mary Pavlini's years of faithful service to Bernards Township and its residents.

Agenda and Date Voted: 12/15/2020

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Bernards Township Committee on 12/15/2020.

Rhonda Pisano, Municipal Clerk



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Resolution #2020-0400

Personnel Appointment Christine Andres – Deputy Municipal Clerk – Municipal Clerk

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-135 provides for the appointment of a Deputy Municipal Clerk and pursuant to § 2-4.2 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards, appointment by the Township Committee for a term of one year from January 1 in the year in which the appointment is made; and

WHEREAS, said appointment does not guarantee employment or salary for the term of the appointment; and

WHEREAS, the full-time position of the Deputy Municipal Clerk is currently vacant; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk, Township Administrator and Human Resources Manager have deemed it necessary to fill this position; and

WHEREAS, Christine Andres has applied for the position and hold a current Registered Municipal Clerk (RMC) Certification as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133.10 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, Christine Andres meets the qualifications for appointment as Deputy Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk, Township Administrator and Human Resources Manager recommend appointment of Christine Andres to the position of full time Deputy Municipal Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that Christine Andres be appointed full time Deputy Municipal Clerk with an appointment date of December 16, 2020 to expire December 31, 2020 at an hourly rate of \$24.00 for a 40-hour work week.

Agenda and Date Voted: 12/15/2020

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Rhonda Pisano, Municipal Clerk

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Deputy Municipal Clerk position became available due to a resignation within the Clerk's Office. The position was posted and advertised according to township policy. Christine Andres applied for the position and is qualified to fill the position. Ms. Andres comes to Bernards Township with experience as a Deputy Municipal Clerk in another municipality and holds a current Registered Municipal Clerk Certification. Carol Ackerman, HR Generalist



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Resolution #2020-0401

Transfer Resolution – December 15, 2020 Municipal Court

WHEREAS, there appears to be insufficient funds in the following account(s) (excepting the appropriation for Contingent Expenses or Deferred Charges) to meet the demands for the balance of the Current Year,

Current Fund – 2020 Appropriations

Municipal Court Outside Cap – Other Expenses

WHEREAS, there appears to be a surplus in the following accounts(s) (excepting the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Deferred Charges, Cash Deficit of Preceding Year, Reserve for Uncollected Taxes, Down Payments, Capital Improvement Fund, or Interest and Debt Redemption Charges) over and above the demand deemed necessary for the balance of the Current Year,

Current Fund – 2020 Appropriations

Municipal Court Outside Cap – Salary & Wage Public Defender – Other Expenses Municipal Prosecutor – Other Expenses

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provision of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58, part of the surplus in the account heretofore mentioned be and the same is hereby transferred to the account (excepting the appropriation for Contingent Expenses or Deferred Charges) mentioned as being insufficient, to meet the current demands, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to make the following transfers:

FROM:	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TO</u>
Appropriation: Municipal Court O/S Cap-S&W	\$71,894.02	Appropriation: Municipal Court O/S Cap-O.E.
Appropriation: Public Defender – O.E.	\$ 3,065.95	Appropriation: Municipal Court O/S Cap-O.E.
Appropriation: Municipal Prosecutor – O.E.	\$10,583.97	Appropriation: Municipal Court O/S Cap-O.E.
Total Transfer:	\$85,543,94	* * *

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EXPLANATION

The Township entered into a shared court service agreement with the Township of Bedminster. This transfer is necessary to pay the invoice for shared court costs out of the O/E line. No further expenditures will be made from the Municipal Court S/W, Public Defender O/E or Municipal Prosecutor O/E.

Sean McCarthy, CFO December 1, 2020



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Resolution #2020-0402

Unused Vacation Accrual Due Fred Miller – Public Works

WHEREAS, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2020-0066 at their meeting of January 2, 2020, accepting the Personnel Policies and Procedures that outlines pay-outs due at the time of retirement; and

WHEREAS, Fred Miller, will retire from Bernards Township effective January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, per the requirements of the Township's Personnel Policy, Fred Miller is entitled to a Vacation Time Accrual payment for unused vacation time as calculated below based on an hourly rate of \$35.90. If the employee uses vacation time prior to her retirement date, the calculation below could be less but not more:

	Total Hours Available	Amount Due
Vacation Accrual	145.25	\$5,214.48

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that the unused accrued vacation payment be approved and distributed in the next available pay cycle.

Agenda and Date Voted: 12/15/20

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I, Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Bernards, do hereby certify that there are adequate funds for this expenditure. Funds are available in the Streets and Roads S&W, Line Account #0-01-26-290-101 for an amount not to exceed \$5,214.48

Date: 12/15/2020

CERTIFICATION

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Rhonda Plsano, Municipal Clerk



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Resolution #2020-0403

Unused Vacation Accrual Due Judith Bauer – Tax Collector's Office

WHEREAS, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2020-0066 at their meeting of January 2, 2020, accepting the Personnel Policies and Procedures that outlines pay-outs due at the time of retirement; and

WHEREAS, Judith Bauer, will retire from Bernards Township effective January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, per the requirements of the Township's Personnel Policy, Judith Bauer is entitled to a Vacation Time Accrual payment for unused vacation time as calculated below based on an hourly rate of \$25.26. If the employee uses vacation time prior to her retirement date, the calculation below could be less but not more:

	Total Hours Available	Amount Due
Vacation Accrual	54	\$1,364.04

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that the unused accrued vacation payment be approved and distributed in the next available pay cycle.

Agenda and Date Voted: 12/15/20

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I, Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Bernards, do hereby certify that there are adequate funds for this expenditure. Funds are available in the Revenue Administration S&W, Line Account #0-01-20-145-101 for an amount not to exceed \$1.364.04

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Date: 12/15/2020

CERTIFICATION

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Resolution #2020-0405

Award of Change Order #1 for 2019 Sidewalk Improvements to AA Berms LLC, PO Box 180, Belleville, NJ 07109 Decrease of \$17,998.42 (19.80%)

WHEREAS, the Engineering Department requests the following change order be authorized by the Township Committee:

Vendor	CO	Original Award	Amount of Decrease	New Total
	Number 1	\$90,920.00	\$17,998.42 (19.80%)	\$72,921.58
TOTAL CO	CO #1		\$17,998.42 (19.80%)	\$72,921.58

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Township Engineer and Purchasing Agent to award this change order to AA Berms LLC, PO Box 180, Belleville, NJ 07109; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer is directed to credit Capital Ordinance #2417, line account # C-04-55-417-A02.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, Somerset County, New Jersey, that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a change order to AA Berms LLC, PO Box 180, Belleville, NJ 07109.

Agenda and Date Voted: 12/15/2020

Explanatory Statement

This change order represents the net contract change as a result of as-built quantities measured in the field. Supplemental items include the replacement of concrete sidewalk along South Finley Avenue between Lake Road and Collyer Lane at a reduced unit price.

Date: November 30, 2020 Jonathan C. Blank, P.E., C.M.E. Assistant Township Engineer

PURCHASING CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have prepared this resolution and reviewed it for accuracy.

Francis J. Decibus, QPA Purchasing Agent

Date: December 3, 2020

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Bernards Township Committee on 12/15/2020.

Rhonda Pisano, Municipal Clerk

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Resolution #2020-0406

Extending a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Bernardsville and the Township of Bernards for the Oversight and Operation of the Bernardsville Fire Prevention Bureau

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bernardsville ("Bernardsville") and the Township of Bernards ("Bernards") have reviewed their needs, resources and personnel and have found that they can assist each other by Bernards operating the Bernardsville Fire Prevention Bureau with greater efficiency than the Borough operating the office with multiple part-time staff; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq., any Fire Prevention Bureau of the State of New Jersey may contract with any other municipality for the shared provision within their several jurisdictions of any service that any party to the agreement is empowered to provide within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, in a Shared Fire Prevention Bureau, each Bureau retains its own identity; and

WHEREAS, the Shared Fire Prevention Bureau shall be operated as two separate bureaus, pursuant to which Bernards is the host Fire Prevention Bureau and provides the services described in this Agreement to Bernardsville; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2020 the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards adopted resolution #2020-0342 entering into a Shared Services Agreement with Bernardsville and Bernards which establishes a shared Fire Prevention Bureau and provides for the sharing of bureau facilities and bureau staff including the Fire Official and Fire Inspectors; and

WHEREAS, the Shared Services Agreement terminates December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards finds it to be in the best interest of the Township and its residents to extend this Shared Services Agreement with Bernardsville and Bernards for the establishment and operation of a shared Fire Prevention Bureau until March 31, 2021; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, in the County of Somerset, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. The Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Bernardsville, which Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions for the operation of the shared Fire Prevention Bureau, including the sharing of bureau facilities and bureau staff including the Fire Official and Fire Inspectors is hereby extended until March 31, 2021.
- 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption, and the adoption of the

appropriate mechanism approving the Shared Services Agreement adopted by the Township.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Bernards Township Committee on 12/15/2020.

Rhonda Pisano, Municipal Clerk

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Resolution extends the Shared Services Agreement with the, the Borough of Bernardsville and the Township of Bernards for the establishment and operation of a shared Fire Prevention Bureau.



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Resolution #2020-0407

2021 Fee Schedule for Pleasant Valley Pool

WHEREAS, The Director of Parks & Recreation and the Pool Commission have recommended that fees be adopted for the 2021 pool season,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the following will constitute the fees for membership in, and use of, the municipal pool for 2021:

Fee Type	20	021 Fee
RESIDENT FAMILY MEMBERSHIP		
Special Rate - Through April 30	\$	425.00
Regular Rate - Beginning May 1	\$	525.00
RESIDENT TWO PERSON HOUSEHOLD MEMBERSHIP		
Special Rate - Through April 30	\$	320.00
Regular Rate - Beginning May 1	\$	420.00
RESIDENT SINGLE MEMBERSHIP		
Special Rate - Through April 30	\$	215.00
Regular Rate - Beginning May 1	\$	285.00
RESIDENT SENIOR CITIZEN MEMBERSHIP (60+ years old)		
Special Rate - Through April 30	\$	90.00
Regular Rate - Beginning May 1	\$	110.00
RESIDENT INITATION FEES		
(Paid First Membership Year in addition to membership fee)		
Family or Two Person Membership Initiation Fee	\$	350.00
Includes an additional 3 complimentary guest visit credits		
Single Membership Initiation Fee	\$	175.00
Includes 1 additional complimentary guest visit credit		
NON-RESIDENT FAMILY MEMBERSHIP		
Special Rate - Through April 30	\$	695.00
Regular Rate - Beginning May 1	\$	795.00
NON-RESIDENT SINGLE MEMBERSHIP		
Special Rate - Through April 30	\$	335.00
Regular Rate - Beginning May 1	\$	395.00

UPGRADE OF SINGLE MEMBERSHIP		
Initiation Fee (Plus appropriate membership fee)	\$15	50/\$175
Includes an additional 2 complimentary guest visit credits		
LAPSED MEMBERSHIP RE-REGISTRATION₁		
2019 Members who were not active members in 2020, will not be considered		
lapsed and will not be charged a re-registration fee upon rejoining in 2021.		
Family or 2-Person Membership Re-Registration	\$	150.00
Includes an additional 3 complimentary guest visit credits		
Single Membership Re-Registration	\$	75.00
Includes 1 additional complimentary guest visit credit		
FAMILY SPONSORED BABYSITTER/NANNY PASS	\$	170.00

Fee Type		2021 Fee	
DAILY GUEST RATES			
2 Complimentary Guest Passes Included with Each			
Membership, Valid Any Operating Day	\$	-	
Weekday - All Guests, Ages 3 & Up	\$	10.00	
Weekend/Holiday - All Guests, Ages 3 & Up	\$	12.00	
Guests 2 Years & Younger		FREE	
Any Day After 4PM - All Guests, Ages 3 & Up	\$	6.00	
PRE-PAID DISCOUNTED GUEST VISIT CREDITS			
10 Visits, Guests 3 & Up, Valid Any Day During Season			
Special Rate – Through April 30	\$	90.00	
Regular Rate – Beginning May 1	\$	100.00	
SWIM TEAM			
Swim Team & Pre Team - per child	\$	90.00	
Swim Team & Pre Team Discount – per child	\$	10.00	
for families with 3 or more children participating			
Swim Team – per PVP Lifeguard	\$	15.00	
Swim Team & Pre-Team Late Fee – per child	\$	20.00	
SWIM DIAPER	\$	7.00	
PHOTO I.D. REPLACEMENT			
Per ID for 1 - 2 IDs	\$	10.00	
3 or More IDs, Same Family, Reprinted Same Time	\$	30.00	
No Charge for ID Reprints with Renewal			
through April 30	\$	-	

NOTES REGARDING FEES:

- 1. Re-Registration Fees are charged when those who previously held membership within the last 10 years, have paid the initiation fee and wish to re-join the pool after a lapse in membership. All current membership eligibility qualifications must be met.
- 2. Waving of Fees:
 - Active Fire Company & First Aid Squad Volunteers are eligible to receive complimentary guest visits credits in an amount equal to five household visits to the pool each season.
 - The families or individuals recognized by the Township who lost an immediate family member in the September 11th tragedy are eligible for a complimentary pool membership as long as they meet the requirements for membership to Pleasant Valley Pool, i.e. remain a resident of Bernards Township. Children of eligible families may receive complimentary individual membership up to the age of 23.

- If the surviving spouse re-marries then annual membership fees will be assessed, per type of membership. Guest fees will be the responsibility of the family.
- Initiation fees, membership fees, guest fees, activity fees and late fees will not be waived under any circumstances for other than those reasons listed above.
- 3. Full refunds for membership are issued only if the Department is notified in writing prior to opening day for the season. Once the pool has opened a 50% refund of membership fees will be issued only if the Department is notified in writing prior to the start of full time hours. Refund dates for swim lesson and swim team programs will be noted on their respective registration forms. All Department policies and procedures regarding refunds apply to Pleasant Valley Pool fees. Refund polices are subject to change based on action of the Pool Commission.

Agenda and Date Voted: 12/15/2020

CERTIFICATION

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Rhonda Pisano, Municipal Clerk

Explanatory Statement:

The Pool Commission voted to recommend the above 2021 Fee Schedule on October 26, 2020. Revenues from pool memberships, guest and activity fees fund the annual operation of the facility as well as necessary capital improvements.

- Membership fees payment tiers were reduced to Special and Regular fees only, eliminating the middle payment tier. This will allow us to delay initial renewals and extend the special rate payment deadline to April 30th. While we typically would begin accepting renewal payments immediately in the new year, we plan to delay this process until we understand better how we will be required to operate during the 2021 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We would like to avoid processing refunds, by allowing members ample time to decide if they wish to renew at our lowest membership rates.
- Operating expenses far exceeded revenues in 2020 due to a reduced membership base and no guest revenue as a result of COVID-19 operating procedures. Capital improvement projects are still necessary prior to the 2021 season. Membership fees were increased approximately \$10-\$20 per tier.
- Earlier this year the Pool Commission voted to waive the typical re-registration fee for a lapse in membership for all 2019 members who did not renew for 2020. 2019 members will be able to rejoin in 2021 without penalty.

Jennifer Gander Director, Parks & Recreation



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Resolution #2020-0408

2021 Fee Schedule for The Coakley-Russo Memorial Golf Course

WHEREAS, The Director of Parks & Recreation and the Golf Advisory Committee has recommended that fees be adopted for the 2021 golf season.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the following will constitute the fees for membership in, and use of, the golf course for 2021:

Fee Type	20	21 Fees
Resident/VA Affiliate Memberships		
Membership, Early Payment	\$	480.00
Membership, Regular Payment	\$	550.00
Senior (60+) Discount off Membership Fee At Time of Payment	\$	40.00
Student (12 – 17) Discount off Membership Fee At Time of Payment	\$	85.00
Student Summer Only Membership, Residents Age 12-23	\$	270.00
Initiation, First Member in Household	\$	300.00
Initiation, Additional Family Member in Same Household	\$	150.00
Lapse of Membership Re-Registration Fee	\$	100.00
2019 Members who were not active members in 2020, will not be con	nsidere	ed lapsed
and will not be charged a re-registration fee upon rejoining in	n 2021	
Non Resident Memberships		
Membership, Early Payment	\$	625.00
Membership, Regular Payment	\$	725.00
<u>Guest Fees</u>		
Guest Fee, Weekday (Mon – Thurs)	\$	20.00
Guest Fee, Weekend (Fri/Sat/Sun) & Holidays	\$	25.00
Student (ages 8 – 23) Guest Fee, Weekday (Mon – Thurs)	\$	15.00
Student (ages 8 – 23), Weekend (Fri/Sat/Sun) & Holidays	\$	20.00
Second 9-hole Round (played consecutively)	\$	7.00
Pre-paid Guest Savings Pass (10 rounds, Mon-Thurs)	\$	150.00
Pre-paid Guest Savings Pass (10 rounds, Fri-Sun)	\$	200.00
Other Fees		
Pull/Push Cart Rental	\$	3.00
USGA Handicap Registration Fee, Members Age 19 and older	\$	30.00
Students who turn 18 years old or younger in 2021	No Cost	
ID Replacement Fee - Free Reprints through April 30	\$	10.00
All memberships paid by February 28 will include 2 complimentary gu	est vis	it credits.

Agenda and Date Voted: 12/15/2020

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Rhonda Pisano , Municipal Clerk

Explanatory Statement:

The Golf Advisory Committee voted to approve the 2021 fee schedule on November 16, 2020. We have recommended fees to cover increased operating expenses due to the contracted maintenance bid, mandated minimum wage increases and the addition of online tee time reservations.

Fee changes for 2021 include:

- Continuing to offer two complimentary guest visit credits with all members renewals and purchases made by February 28th.
- Waiver of re-registration fees for those who were members in 2019, chose not to renew for 2020 and wish to rejoin for 2021.
- Increase of \$10-\$20 across all membership fee categories.

There were no changes recommended to gate fees.

Jennifer Gander Director, Parks & Recreation



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Resolution #2020-0409

In Recognition of Service to Bernards Township
Jennifer Donohoe

WHEREAS, Jennifer Donahoe approached the Township Committee to honor Bernards Township veterans for their service by initiating a Hometown Hero's banner program; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee agreed with the importance of honoring veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve for the common good; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer recruited volunteers including VFW Post Commander, Fred Bueler, Betsy Bacot and Mona Shaw who then worked with township staff to investigate vendors specializing in veteran banners; identified various locations within the township to display the banners; and worked on developing an application process; and

WHEREAS, veteran's banners were proudly displayed on Memorial Day within the township's Municipal Building complex and very well received by the community; and

WHEREAS, the veteran's banner program continues to grow and expand and again displayed veteran's banner on Veteran's Day.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards hereby recognizes Jennifer Donohoe and her volunteers for their initiative and assistance in making the Hometown Hero's Banner Program a success in Bernards Township and look forward to the program expanding in the years to come.

Agenda Date and Vote: 12/15/2020

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Resolution #2020-0410

In Recognition of Service to Bernards Township
Kevin Orr

WHEREAS, Section 4-9 et.al. of the Revised General and Land Use Ordinances of the Township of Bernards regulates quarrying operations and rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, a Kevin Orr served on the Quarry Oversight Committee established by the Township Committee to address any issues that may arise during the course of implementing the Rehabilitation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Kevin sought to preserve the public health, safety and welfare of Township of Bernards and its inhabitants.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards hereby recognizes and thanks Kevin Orr for his service, time and commitment on the Quarry Oversight Committee.

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Resolution #2020-0411

In Recognition and Appreciation to the Participants Who Secured the Women's Suffrage Banners in Bernards Township

WHEREAS, August 26, 2020 marked the anniversary of the 19th Amendment and its certification into the U.S. Constitution providing and preserving the right to vote to women; and

WHEREAS, members of the public in Bernards Township wished to mark this Centennial milestone by honoring those who fought to restore and expand the right to vote to women; and

WHEREAS, Joan Harris organized securing donations from the following individuals to contribute to, or purchase, Women's Suffrage banners to be displayed throughout the grounds of the Municipal Complex;

Joan Harris	Pat Monaco	Janice Fields
Tracey Baldassare	Nola Cowsert Hansen	Lisa Cody Winter
Katie Staub	Amy Storm Meleck	Rita Considine Zarabarra
Linda Mahoney	Ann Parsekian	Monique Loh
Lori Potenza Waldron	Jenny Lewter Speal	Alia Truett
Catherine Matt Santaiti	Nancy D'Andrea	Sophia Chadda
Julie Busher Keating	Sara Nichols	Kelly Mertz
Peggy Raptis Baurkot	Susan Okin Goldsmith	Paula Mares Atkinson
Pat Sodolak	Jane Conklin	Katie Davis Ferdinand
Nancy Frank Cook	Hilary Klimek	Aileen Main
Aliz Lynne Marsters	Donna Gerhard Burnett	Berit Bizjak
Neha Gogate Gorfinkel	Marie Young	Pam Brill Ball
Sarah Bonnefoi	Laurie Salomon	Anisha Kurian-Phillip
Heather Hudson	Molly Briggs McManus	Suzanne Ring Glassman
Barbara Brooks	Sima Guven	Diana Ryan
Pat Tobia		

and

WHEREAS, Bernards Township resident Brian DeWitt, owner of Prism Digital Communication, designed and provided the Women's Suffrage Centennial banners in a prompt and affordable manner.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards hereby thanks Ms. Harris and the other individuals involved in honoring women's right to vote.

CERTIFICATION				
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	Rhonda Pisano, Municipal Clerk			



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Resolution #2020-0412

In Recognition and Appreciation to Awakened Films, Video Production Company

WHEREAS, Awakened Films, located in Basking Ridge, NJ and established by husband and wife team Jason and Gillian Schuler, is a full-service production agency; and

WHEREAS, Awakened Films dropped everything at a moment's notice in early March, the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak, to work with the Mayor on getting an important and critical message out to the residents regarding the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, despite having their company, who was also adversely affected by the economic impact like many other businesses here in the township, generously provided an initial COVID-19 response video, free of charge for the benefit of Bernards Township residents; and

WHEREAS, Jason and Gillian have hired a number of Ridge High School graduates over the past 12 years of business further supporting the residents of our community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, hereby recognizes and thanks Jason and Gillian Schuler, owners of Awakened Films for producing a quality video message for the residents of Bernards Township; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bernards Township Committee and wishes them the very best in the future of their video production company.

CERTIFICATION					
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	Rhonda Pisano, Municipal Clerk				



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Resolution #2020-0413

In Recognition and Appreciation to
Health Officer Lucy Forgione
and the Bernards Township Health Department Staff

WHEREAS, Bernards Township's Health Department has been on the "front lines" during the COVID-19 outbreak which began in January of 2020, heightened in March, and has continued to persist in the ensuing months; and

WHEREAS, the Bernards Township Health Department has updated the public by disseminating over 51 (and counting) alerts and posting on their website and through the alert system with notices that include information and links to other important resources; and

WHEREAS, staff has had to continually navigate an everchanging landscape of restrictions, emergency orders, declarations, and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Bernards Township Health Department and its staff have also provided contractual essential and imperative services to five neighboring municipalities which includes services to schools, assisted living facilities and other facilities; and

WHEREAS; and staff have constantly worked to improve the manner in which they give and receive information to all the residents they serve.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards hereby recognizes the exceptional performance by Health Officer Lucy Forgione and her staff for their continued daily efforts to keep all of our residents up to speed in difficult and uncertain times.

CERTIFICATION			
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Resolution #2020-0414

In Recognition and Appreciation to Paula Axt, Brendan Tighe, Frank Dudzik, and Marie Young For Their Assistance with the 2020 Memorial Day Ceremony

WHEREAS, national, state and public health emergencies caused by the COVID-19 virus pandemic prevented individuals from being able to participate in traditional Memorial Day ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, Bernards Township had to cancel the beloved Memorial Day parade to commemorate and honor the men and women who died while serving in the United States military; and

WHEREAS, a solemn ceremony was instead held by the Mayor and Township Committee members of Bernards Township; and

WHEREAS, Paula Axt, Brendan Tighe, Frank Dudzik played Taps on their bag pipes giving special meaning to the occasion; and

WHEREAS, Marie Young, live streamed the event and provided a video which was then posted on the township's website for residents to view at any time.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards hereby recognizes the thanks Paula Axt, Brendan Tighe, Frank Dudzik, and Marie Young for contributing their talents to ensure that the men and women of the United States military were honored.

<u>CERTIFICATION</u>				
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	Rhonda Pisano, Municipal Clerk			



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Resolution #2020-0415

Acceptance of Grant and Insertion of Revenue Item Into the 2020 Budget \$9,500 from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities for the purpose of participating in the Clean Fleet Electric Vehicle Incentive Program

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received an award of \$9,500 from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities for the purpose of participating in the Clean Fleet Electric Vehicle Incentive Program and wishes to amend its 2020 budget to include this amount as revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written

Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations: 2020 NJBPU - Clean Fleet EV

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$9,500 total be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"

Public and Private Appropriations Offset by Revenues:

2020 NJBPU – Clean Fleet EV

Agenda and Date Voted: 12/15/2020

Explanatory Statement: This resolution authorizes the acceptance of the NJBPU Clean Fleet EV grant and amends the 2020 budget to appropriate the grant monies not anticipated at the time of budget adoption.

Date: 12/03/2020 Sean McCarthy, CFO

Explanatory Statement

The NJBPU approved grant applications for municipalities and government agencies to participate in the Clean Fleet Vehicle Incentive Program. This program provides financial support to local government authorities to purchase electric vehicles (EV) and expand the EV charging infrastructure accessibility for their residents. Each municipality or government agency is eligible to apply for a \$4,000 grant for each eligible EV purchased (maximum of 2) and \$1,500 towards the purchase of one dual-port Level 2 EV charging station.

Jorge Casacuberta Superintendent of Public Works

Date: 12/03/2020

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Bernards Township Committee on 12/15/2020



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Resolution #2020-0416

Acceptance of Grant and Insertion of Revenue Item Into the 2020 Budget \$5,000 for the Somerset County Youth Services Annual Grant-2020 for the Purpose of Funding the REACH Youth Leadership Program and Viking Yoga

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received a notice of an award of \$5,000.00 for the Somerset County Youth Services Annual Grant-2020 for the purpose of funding the REACH Youth Leadership Program/Viking Yoga and wishes to amend its 2020 budget to include this amount as a revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations: Somerset County Youth Services Annual Grant-2020

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$5,000.00 total be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"

Public and Private Appropriations Offset by Revenues:

Somerset County Youth Services Annual Grant-2020

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer will electronically submit this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

Agenda and Date Voted: 12/15/2020

Explanatory Statement: This resolution authorizes the acceptance of an annual grant from Somerset County and amends the 2020 budget to appropriate the grant monies not anticipated at the time of budget adoption.

Sean McCarthy CFO

Date: 12/03/2020

CERTIFICATION

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Resolution #2020-0417

In Recognition of Service to Bernards Township – John Meany

WHEREAS, John Meany has given innumerable hours to our local government, its democratic process, and to the citizens of Bernards Township; and

WHEREAS, John has rendered inestimable services as a member of the Parks & Recreation Committee from 1993 – 1997, the Green Team Task Force in 1996 and the Golf Advisory Committee from 1996 – 2020; and

WHEREAS, John was an original member of the Golf Advisory Committee, appointed in 1996 when Bernards Township assumed operation of the Coakley-Russo Memorial Golf Course at the Lyons Medical Center from the Veterans Administration. John served as Deputy Chair from 2006 – 2008, as Chair from 2010 – 2014 and continued to remain an active committee member through 2020; and

WHEREAS, John has seen the course grow exponentially during his tenure, with involvement in several capital improvement projects including the installation of the course irrigation system, the construction of the practice putting green and many, many yards of drainage improvements; and

WHEREAS, John has a driving force in keeping the committee and its members connected to the course's history by continually researching the property, course design, patient involvement and our namesake veteran golf professionals. His passion for knowledge and dedication to veteran outreach will be sorely missed and likely will not be matched.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that in recognition of her years of faithful service, the Bernards Township Committee extends to John Meany deep appreciation and sincere gratitude on behalf of all the residents and officials of Bernards Township.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this citation of his service be inscribed at length in the minutes of this Township meeting, held on the 15th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, 2020, and that a suitable copy thereof, signed by the members of the Township Committee and attested by the Municipal Clerk, with the corporate seal of the Township thereunto affixed, be presented to John Meany.

Agenda and Date Voted: 12/15/2020	
	James Baldassare Jr., Mayor
	Joseph Esposito, Deputy Mayor
	John Carpenter
ttest: Rhonda Pisano, Municipal Clerk	Janice M. Fields
	Joan Bannan Harris



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Resolution #2020-0418

Authorizing Agreement with the Borough of Bernardsville for Receipt of Vehicle at No Cost to the Township of Bernards

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bernardsville has authorized the disposal of the following vehicle at no value;

QTY	DESCRIPTION	
1	2008 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN #2FAFP71V48X179445	

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards is desirous of receiving a vehicle at no cost for the use of parts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the request be approved.

Agenda and Date Voted: December 15, 2020

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:

This resolution authorizes an agreement with the Borough of Bernardsville for the receipt of a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria at no cost. This will assist the Township in the use of replacing parts in our own fleet to save some costs in repair.

Date: 12/7/20 Jorge Casacuberta, Director of Public Works

PURCHASING CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that I have prepared this resolution and reviewed it for accuracy.

Francis J. Decibus, QPA, RPPO
Purchasing Agent

Date: December 8, 2020

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Bernards Township Committee on 12/15/2020.



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Resolution #2020-0419

Change Order #1 – Increase of \$16,000.00

Authorizing an Increase to the Professional Service Contract for Legal Services, Labor Counsel Awarded to Richard Flaum, Esq., of the firm of DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum P.C. - For a New Not to Exceed Amount of \$41,000.00

(Excluding Matters of Litigation and Unanticipated Reimbursable Disbursements as Required)

WHEREAS, the Bernards Township Committee adopted Resolution #2020-0058 on January 2, 2020 awarding a professional services contract in the amount of \$25,000.00 to Labor Attorney, Richard Flaum, Esq., of the firm of DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum P.C.; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the 2020 Current Fund Budget – Legal Fees and Compensation, line account #0-01-20-155-20B.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bernards Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, Somerset County, New Jersey that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a change order to; Richard Flaum, Esq., in the amount of \$16,000.00 for a new not to exceed amount of \$41,000.00 for the contract term from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

I agree to the terms as stated in the Resolution and by signing this document, I am committed to following all terms of this award.

Richard Flaum, Esq.

Agenda and Date Voted: 12/15/2020

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I, Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Bernards, hereby certify that above referenced change order in the amount of \$16,000.00. Monies are available in the 2020 Current Fund Budget - Legal Expenses; Labor Attorney, line account #0-01-20-155-20B for a new not to exceed amount of \$41,000.00.

Sean McCarthy

Date: December 8, 2020

Chief Financial Officer

PURCHASING CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have prepared this resolution and reviewed it for accuracy.

Francis J. Decibus, QPA, RPPO

Purchasing Agent

Date: December 8, 2020

CERTIFICATION
I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Bernards Township Committee on $12/15/2020$.
Rhonda Pisano, Municipal Clerk



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Resolution #2020-0420

In Recognition of Service to Bernards Township Victoria Costa Weber

WHEREAS, during the "lock down" period early in the COVID-19 pandemic, Victoria Costa Weber saw neighbors in need of help and neighbors who wanted to give their help; and

WHEREAS, in response to seeing this need, Victoria created a Face Book group called "Basking Ridge Helping Ridge"; and

WHEREAS, the "Basking Ridge Helping Basking" identified people who were in need of help with groceries, medications, and other tasks, which were especially difficult to accomplish during the "lock down" period; and

WHEREAS, over time, it became clear that the majority of those needing assistance were within the senior population; and

WHEREAS Victoria worked with the Mayor and township staff within the Recreation Department to create a "senior hot-line" wherein seniors who had a need were matched with local community groups and religious organizations who could assist with helping meet those needs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards hereby recognizes Victoria Costa Weber and the many other volunteers and organizations who provided assistance to fellow residents and neighbors through the "Basking Ridge Helping Basking Ridge" group.

CERTIFICATION			
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<u> </u>	Rhonda Pisano, Municipal Clerk		



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Resolution #2020-0421

2021 Fee Schedule & Policies for Park and Recreation

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the following Parks and Recreation Fees and Policies for 2021 be approved:

Explanatory Statement:

2021 Parks & Recreation Department Fees & Policies – includes all parks and recreation facility use fees and rental policies, including security deposits, insurance requirements, liquor permit requirements, facility key procedures, late charges, commercial use, special event fees, equipment kit rentals and replacement charges, facility use hours and the community service group free use program.

All fees remain the same for 2021.

Jennifer Gander, Director of Parks & Recreation

Agenda and Date Voted: 12/15/2020

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BERNARDS TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION

2021 FACILITY RESERVATION FEES

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Resident Fee</u>	Non-Resident Fee	Security Deposit
ALLEN STREET GAZEBO MAX CAPACITY: 50	\$20 per hour	\$40 per hour	\$400
COMMUNITY CENTER Activity Room MAX CAPACITY: 35	\$25 per hour, 2 hour minimum	\$50 per hour, 2 hour minimum	\$400
COMMUNITY CENTER Recreation Room MAX CAPACITY: 50	\$40 per hour, 2 hour minimum	\$80 per hour, 2 hour minimum	\$400
DUNHAM PARK Picnic Shelter MAX CAPACITY: 100	By Group Size/Per Day <50 = \$75 51 - 75 = \$100 76 - 100 = \$125	By Group Size/Per Day <50 = \$150 51 - 75 = \$200 76 - 100 = \$250	\$400
DUNHAM PARK Indoor Pavilion MAX CAPACITY: 60	\$125 per 6 hour block 9AM – 3PM or 4PM – 10PM	\$250 per 6 hour block 9AM – 3PM or 4PM – 10PM	\$400
PLEASANT VALLEY PARK Warming Hut MAX CAPACITY: 50	\$50 per 4 hour block For Non-Profit Groups \$150 per month For One 4hr. block per week	\$100 per 4 hour block	\$400
PLEASANT VALLEY PARK Picnic Shelter MAX CAPACITY: 150	By Group Size/Per Day <50 = \$75 51 - 75 = \$100 76 - 100 = \$125 101 - 150 = \$175	By Group Size/Per Day <50 = \$150 51 - 75 = \$200 76 - 100 = \$250 101 - 150 = \$350	\$400
PLEASANT VALLEY PARK Pond Shelter MAX CAPACITY: 20	\$50/day	\$100/day	\$400
SOUTHARD PARK Picnic Shelter MAX CAPACITY: 75	By Group Size/Per Day <50 = \$75 51 - 75 = \$100	By Group Size/Per Day <50 = \$150 51 - 75 = \$200	\$400

^{*}If reserving an indoor and outdoor facility for the same day/time/park, the number of attendees may not exceed the capacity for the indoor facility.

BERNARDS TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION

2021 COMMERCIAL USE RATES

"Commercial Use" is defined as an activity not sponsored by the Township in which either a fee is charged and/or solicitation of a business or service is offered to the participants. A certificate of insurance will be required, see insurance requirements for all reservations.

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Commercial Fee</u>	Security Deposit	
General Park Use	\$50 per hour	\$400	
Picnic Shelters & Amphitheater	\$500 per day	\$400	
Pleasant Valley Park Warming Hut	\$50 per hour, 2 hour minimum	\$400	
Dunham Park Indoor Pavilion	\$500 per 6-hour block 9am – 3pm or 4pm – 10pm	\$400	
Community Center Activity Room	\$75 per hour, 2 hour minimum	\$400	
Community Center Recreation Room	\$100 per hour, 2 hour minimum	\$400	

2021 ATHLETIC FIELD AND COURT USE RATES

Fees are charged per field/court. All use associated with league play or with a sport official present requires a reservation by paid permit.

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Resident</u>	Non-Resident	<u>Commercial Use</u>
Athletic Courts – Volleyball, Basketball, Bocce, Tennis, Pickleball MAX CAPACITY: 20	\$10 per hour	\$20 per hour	\$50 per hour
Residents may reserve a court for recreational play up to 7 days in advance at no charge.			
Grass Athletic Fields & Roller Rink MAX CAPACITY: 50	\$20 per hour	\$40 per hour	\$50 per hour
Athletic Field Lights In addition to field reservation fee	\$25 per hour	\$25 per hour	\$25 per hour

Artificial Turf Fields MAX CAPACITY: 75 per field	Individual Resident Rented or Organization Roster At least 75% Residents	Individual Non-Resident Rented or Organization Roster Less Than 75% Residents	Commercial Use
March through December	\$55 per hour	\$80 per hour	\$110 per hour
January & February (Snow will not/is not to be cleared)	\$25 per hour	\$45 per hour	\$80 per hour
Any Day School is in Session Sunrise – 5:30PM	\$25 per hour	\$45 per hour	\$80 per hour

BERNARDS TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION PARK USE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS HOSTED BY NON PROFIT AGENCIES

Non-Profit or Not for Profit agencies may reserve park facilities for various special events, open to the public, including but not limited to: 5K Races, Fun Runs, Auctions, Bake Sales, etc. Events are subject to the approval of the Department of Parks and Recreation and must comply with all Department policies and established Township ordinances. Special Event Application may be required. A certificate of insurance will be required, from the organization in the amount of \$1 million naming "Bernards Township" as the "Additional Insured".

<u>Headcount</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>	Security Deposit
0-100 Persons	\$125	\$225	\$400
101-200 Persons	\$250	\$375	\$400
201-300 Persons	\$350	\$475	\$400
301-400 Persons	\$475	\$600	\$400
401+ Persons	\$600	\$750	\$400

The above are fees per headcount range. Max capacity will vary by facility. Headcount is to include all participants, volunteers, spectators and event organizers.

USE OF PARKS BY PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS

- Individuals hiring a professional photographer for the purpose of taking photos of themselves or their family in a park must obtain a permit in advance, pay the applicable resident or non-resident fee and provide private homeowners/renters insurance in accordance with the requirements for reservations.
- Professional photographers utilizing a park to hold photo sessions for clients will be required to obtain a permit in advance, pay the applicable commercial use fee and provide organization insurance in accordance with the requirements for corporate reservations.

<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>	<u>Commercial</u>	Security Deposit
\$20 per hour	\$40 per hour	\$50 per hour	Not Required

FACILITY HOURS AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL Per Ordinance #2328

Facility	Hours Available
Athletic Courts (except paddle tennis courts), Athletic Fields (without lights), the Gazebo, Shelters and Roller Rink	Sunrise – Sunset
Pleasant Valley Park Paddle Tennis Courts and Designated Ice Skating Areas	Sunrise – 11:00 PM
Mountain Park Lighted Athletic Fields	Sunrise – 10:00 PM
Pleasant Valley Park Warming Hut, Dunham Park Indoor Pavilion & Community Center Rooms	7:00 AM – 10:00 PM

BERNARDS TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION FACILITY KEY PICK-UP & RETURN

Keys will be given to the renter when the deposit check is dropped off. All keys are to be returned by NOON the first business day following the rental. Renter will be charged a fee of \$25 per day, if keys are not returned by the second business day following the rental. Renter will be charged a fee of \$100 for each key reported lost. The \$400 security deposit check will be forfeited and cashed if keys are not returned after 5 business days.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL RESERVATIONS

Private Homeowners/Renters - Must supply evidence of insurance in the minimum amount of \$300,000 in General Liability coverage for each occurrence in the form of a Homeowners or Special Event Policy.

Corporate/Organization - Must supply a Certificate of Insurance naming Bernards Township as the added insured in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 in General Liability Coverage and the Certificate must state the date and location of the event.

LIQUOR PERMITS - FEES & INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Ordinance #2328, Subsection 3-16.2, no person or group shall bring into, possess, sell, buy, consume, or give away any alcoholic beverage in any municipal property within the Township of Bernards with the exception that a resident may obtain a permit for consumption of alcoholic beverages within a Township park in conjunction with a special event or private event after obtaining a permit as described in 10-1.6, at the following park facilities:

- a. Pleasant Valley Park, Dunham Park and Southard Park Picnic Shelters
- b. Pleasant Valley Park Warming Hut
- c. Dunham Park Indoor Pavilion

Liquor permits will be issued to Township residents only. Residency is determined by the individual named as the renter on the park permit, not the organization holding the insurance.

Insurance Requirements for Liquor Permits

Individuals - - Must supply evidence of insurance in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 in General Liability coverage in the form of a Homeowners or Special Event Policy.

Organizations/Corporations - - Must supply a Certificate of Insurance naming Bernards Township as the added insured in the minimum amount of \$3,000,000 Liquor Liability each occurrence if applicant is in the business of manufacturing, distributing, selling, serving or furnishing alcoholic beverages or a Certificate of Insurance naming Bernards Township as the added insured in the minimum amount of \$3,000,000 Host Liquor Liability each occurrence if liquor will be present and applicant is not in the business of manufacturing, distributing, selling, serving or furnishing alcoholic beverages.

LIQUOR PERMIT FEES

Residents Only, with Facility Rental. Fees are charged per date reserved.

Residency is based on the representative renting the facility, not the business address.

Individuals - \$40 Organizations/Corporations - \$150

FORFEIT OF SECURITY DEPOSIT

The Township reserves the right to inspect your event and request to see your facility use permit. If you are found to be serving/consuming alcohol without a liquor permit, you will be asked to cease immediately and will forfeit your security deposit. If the headcount of your event is found to be beyond what was indicated on your permit, you will be asked to end your event immediately and will forfeit your security deposit.

BERNARDS TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION

2021 EQUIPMENT KIT RENTAL RATES

Equipment Kit	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>	Security Deposit
Party Kit, Volleyball Set, Disc Golf Set, Picnic Kit, Paddle Tennis Set, Bocce Kit, Cornhole, Croquet, Washer Toss, Pickle Ball Set	\$15/day	\$30/day	\$200
Carnival Game Kit	\$40/day	RESIDENTS ONLY	\$200
Portable Public Address System	\$40/day	RESIDENTS ONLY	\$400

EQUIPMENT KIT REPLACEMENT FEES

Replacement fees are for lost or damaged items. P&R reserves the right to substitute items in kits if necessary.

Picnic Kit	Party Kit	Volleyball Set	Carnival Game Kit
Softball: \$5.00	Parachute: \$150.00	Volleyball: \$25.00	Ring Toss: \$15.00
Softball Bat: \$15.00	Potato Sacks (6): \$24.00	Net: \$60.00	Knock Down Cans: \$20.00
Wiffle Ball: \$2.00	Relay Cones (4): \$20.00	Stakes: \$10.00	Milk Bottle Toss Game: \$30.00
Wiffle Ball Bat: \$3.00	Twister: \$15.00	Guides: \$10.00	Foam/Rubber Ball: \$3.00 each
Frisbee: \$8.00	Jump Rope: \$10.00	Posts: \$200.00	Magnetic Fishing Set: \$25.00
4 Bases: \$40.00	Ring Toss Game: \$15.00	Complete Set: \$500.00	Popcorn Game: \$35.00
Nerf Soccerball: \$10.00	Koosh Paddles: \$20.00		Popcorn Balls: \$3.00 each
Nerf Football: \$10.00	Koosh Ball: \$5.00	Paddle Tennis & Pickle Ball Sets	Bean Bag Game Board: \$20.00
Horse Shoe Set: \$20.00	Playground Ball: \$10.00	4 Paddles, 3 Balls & Bag Per Set	Bean Bag: \$5.00 each
Playground Ball: \$10.00		\$12 for any number of missing	In poor condition when returned: \$20.00
Volleyball: \$25.00	Cornhole, Croquet	balls	
Basketball: \$20.00	or Washer Toss	(total of 3 in kit)	Portable PA System
	\$50.00/set for any piece of	\$25 per paddle lost	Each piece lost/broken: \$50.00
Disc Golf Set	equipment lost in a set.	\$25 for lost equipment bag	Entire system lost/broken: \$400.00
6 Discs & Bag Per Set			
\$8 per disc lost			Bocce
\$25 for lost equipment bag			\$100 for any piece missing from set

BERNARDS TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION

COMMUITY SERVICE GROUP FACILITY USE PROGRAM

To qualify as a "Community Service Group", the organization must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- 1. The organization shall be a recognized not-for profit organization either by 501(c)(3) designation, NJ certification or tax-exempt status
- 2. At least 75% of the organization's membership shall be Bernards Township Residents
- 3. The organization shall provide an insurance certificate naming Bernards Township as "additional insured" with a minimum of \$1 million in general liability coverage
- 4. The organization's mission shall be community service based and the organization shall provide evidence of some type of volunteer service to the Bernards Township community

All student run clubs and sports organizations covered under the Board of Education's Insurance Policy are also eligible for this program.

Each approved community service group is entitled to the following at no cost, each <u>calendar</u> year:

- 1. Twelve 3-hour uses of the Community Center Activity Room or Recreation Room or the Pleasant Valley Park Warming Hut for group meetings
- 2. A one day picnic shelter reservation at Southard Park (75 attendees maximum) to hold a group picnic
- 3. One facility reservation (one day) to hold a group fundraiser, provided the event meets capacity restrictions

A designated contact person from the community service group must submit an application each year including their contact information, a description of the organization and/or mission statement and a list of members with addresses for verification; and the designated contact person will also be asked to sign an agreement confirming their understanding and compliance with the criteria for approval, reservation policies and procedures, cancellation polices and insurance requirements; all community service groups must abide by the Reservation Policies and Procedures adopted by the Township Committee and the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards regarding Municipal Parks & Open Space.

DEPARTMENT REFUND POLICY

The following applies to all fees collected by the Parks & Recreation Department. Including, but not limited to, membership payments, activity registration fees and facility rentals charges.

- Refunds must be requested in writing, emailed to <u>recreation@bernards.org</u> or mailed to Parks & Recreation, 1 Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920.
- Refund request deadlines may vary. Refer to the description or your transaction receipt for the withdrawal deadline. In all cases, refunds will not be issued if requested on or after the program's start date.
- Bus trips are non-refundable. Once paid, you are responsible for selling your own tickets should you be unable to attend.
- All refunds, regardless of method of payment, will be refunded as a check, are subject to a \$10 processing fee per registration and take 2-4 weeks to process.
- Full refunds are issued if the program or trip is canceled by Parks & Recreation.
- Instances of returned funds will be subject to the rules set forth by an annual resolution of the Township Committee authorizing a returned funds fee and certified funds for returned funds.

Disputing a charge on your credit card for a fee paid to Parks & Recreation Department is considered an instance of Returned Funds, where the Township has been in receipt of a payment which has been returned from the bank as unpaid.

- A \$20 service charge on funds returned will apply.
- The enrollee will be responsible to return payment in the form of cash or check for the balance due on their account created by the dispute reversal before they can enroll any member of their household account for any additional memberships or programs.
- The enrollee may be restricted from using a credit card as payment for a specific period of time or indefinitely.



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Resolution #2020-0422

Tax Exemption Approval for Rodney E Ruffin

WHEREAS, the owner for Block 10706 Lot 26.03 CONDO has filed an application for total exemption on taxes as a total and permanent disability of a veteran; and

WHEREAS, the owner is entitled to the exemption as a result of the total and permanent disability per NJSA 54:4-3.30; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has approved said application effective December 7, 2020 and every year the applicant is qualified; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector for the Township of Bernards recommends that the taxes on Block 10706 Lot 26.03 CONDO, otherwise known as 21 Dorchester Dr., currently owned by Rodney E Ruffin be canceled for December 7, 2020 and forward and therefore exempt for the duration of ownership and as long as the applicant meets all qualifications for said exemption.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the taxes be canceled as per recommendation of the Tax Collector.

Agenda & Date Voted: 12/15/2020

INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT:

The above property owner has requested and received an exemption from taxes due to a total and permanent disability of a war veteran. Since the request was granted during the tax year 2020 and after taxes were levied on their property, I need to obtain an approved resolution dismissing taxes for the December 7, 2020 to the end of the year. Starting in 2021, taxes will be exempt from the property.

Peggy Warren

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Bernards Township Committee on 12/15/2020.



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Resolution #2020-0423

Tax Exemption Approval for Felice S Bocchino

WHEREAS, the owner for Block 8701 Lot 47 CONDO has filed an application for total exemption on taxes as a total and permanent disability of a veteran; and

WHEREAS, the owner is entitled to the exemption as a result of the total and permanent disability per NJSA 54:4-3.30; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has approved said application effective May 12, 2020 and every year the applicant is qualified; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector for the Township of Bernards recommends that the taxes on Block 8701 Lot 47 CONDO, otherwise known as 130 Potomac Dr, currently owned by Felice S Bocchino be canceled for May 12, 2020 and forward and therefore exempt for the duration of ownership and as long as the applicant meets all qualifications for said exemption.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the taxes be canceled as per recommendation of the Tax Collector.

Agenda & Date Voted: 12/15/2020

INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT:

The above property owner has requested and received an exemption from taxes due to a total and permanent disability of a war veteran. Since the request was granted during the tax year 2020 and after taxes were levied on their property, I need to obtain an approved resolution dismissing taxes for the December 7, 2020 to the end of the year. Starting in 2021, taxes will be exempt from the property.

Peggy Warren

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Bernards Township Committee on 12/15/2020.



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Resolution #2020-0424

Personnel Appointment Chelsea Maciborski – Laborer – Department of Public Works

WHEREAS, a full time Laborer position became available due to a retirement; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works, Township Administrator, Chief Financial Officer and Human Resources Manager have deemed it necessary to fill this position; and

WHEREAS, Chelsea Maciborski has applied for and is qualified to fill said position; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works, Township Administrator, Chief Financial Officer and Human Resources Manager recommend appointment of Chelsea Maciborski to full-time Laborer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that Chelsea Maciborski be appointed full-time Laborer with a hire date of Monday, January 4, 2021 at an hourly rate of \$15.09 for a 40-hour work week. This offer of employment is contingent upon the results of pre-employment screening as per Township policy.

Agenda and Dated Voted: 12/15/2020

CERTIFICATION

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Rhonda Pisano, Municipal Clerk

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

A Laborer position became available due to a retirement within the Roads division. The position was posted and advertised according to township policy. Chelsea Maciborski applied for the position and is qualified to fill said position. Ms. Maciborski comes to Bernards Township with many years of related experience with the Somerset County Parks Commission.

Carol Ackerman, HR Generalist



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Resolution #2020-0425

Personnel Appointment Jordan Castens – Groundskeeper – Department of Public Works

WHEREAS, a full time Groundskeeper position became available due to a vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works, Township Administrator, Chief Financial Officer and Human Resources Manager have deemed it necessary to fill this position; and

WHEREAS, Jordan Castens has applied for and is qualified to fill said position; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works, Township Administrator, Chief Financial Officer and Human Resources Manager recommend appointment of Jordan Castens to full time Groundskeeper.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that Jordan Castens be appointed full time Groundskeeper with a hire date of Monday, January 4, 2021 at an hourly rate of \$15.38 for a 40-hour work week. This offer of employment is contingent upon the results of pre-employment screening as per Township policy.

Agenda and Dated Voted: 12/15/2020

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Rhonda Pisano, Municipal Clerk

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

A Groundskeeper position became available due to a vacancy within the Grounds division. The position was posted and advertised according to township policy. Jordan Castens applied for the position and is qualified to fill said position. Mr. Castens comes to Bernards Township with seasonal experience in maintenance, construction and grounds work as well as military experience.

Carol Ackerman, HR Generalist



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Resolution #2020-0426

Authorizing an Affiliation Agreement with Safe and Sound Somerset, Somerset Hills Domestic Violence Response Team (SHDVRT)

WHEREAS, Safe and Sound Somerset, SHDVRT, is an agency established to provide participating municipalities with training and services in matters pertaining to domestic violence cases that occur within a participating municipality; and

WHEREAS, the NJ State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy has awarded Safe and Sound Somerset, SHDVRT with grant funding to serve participating municipalities by provide services and training to volunteers and police officers in matters that pertain to domestic violence incidents that occur within participating municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards wishes to be a participating municipality and receive services from the SHDVRT; and

WHEREAS, funding for these services are presently provided through a V.A.W.A. Grant (Violence Against Women Act) administered through the New Jersey Division of Law & Public Safety, Department of Criminal Justice, Office of Victim/ Witness Advocacy; and granted to the Resource Center of Somerset.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that we do hereby: 1) authorize the affiliation agreement with Safe and Sound Somerset, SHDVRT, 2) authorize the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute this agreement on behalf of the township.

Agenda and Date Voted: 12/15/2020

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Rhonda Pisano, Municipal Clerk

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Each Police Agency in Somerset County will be provided personnel and support to combat Domestic Violence Incidents in our county. The SHDVRT responds throughout the county when needed. This has been reviewed by the Township's Risk Manager.

Michael Shimsky, Chief of Police



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Resolution #2020-0427

Demanding that the New Jersey State Legislature Accept its Responsibility to Administer the Provisions of the Affordable Housing Act and Stay Further Action Until Such Times as it Has Promulgated Rules Governing its Implementation

WHEREAS, in 1975 the New Jersey Supreme Court in Mount Laurel I decreed that every municipality in New Jersey, "must, by its land use regulations, presumptively make realistically possible an appropriate variety and choice of housing. More specifically, presumptively it cannot foreclose the opportunity of the classes of people mentioned for low and moderate income housing and in its regulations must affirmatively afford that opportunity, at least to the extent of the municipality's fair share of the present and prospective regional need therefor" (10 S. Burlington Cty. N.A.A.C.P. v. Mount Laurel Twp., 67 N.J. 151, 174 (1975); and

WHEREAS, in 1983, the Supreme Court in Mount Laurel II expanded the Mount Laurel doctrine, saying:

"Therefore, proof of a municipality's bona fide attempt to provide a realistic opportunity to construct its fair share of lower income housing shall no longer suffice. Satisfaction of the Mount Laurel obligation shall be determined solely on an objective basis: if the municipality has in fact provided a realistic opportunity for the construction of its fair share of low and moderate income housing, it has met the Mount Laurel obligation to satisfy the constitutional requirement; if it has not, then it has failed to satisfy it. Further, whether the opportunity is "realistic" will depend on whether there is in fact a likelihood-to the extent economic conditions allow-that the lower income housing will actually be constructed. Plaintiff's case will ordinarily include proof of the municipality's fair share of the regional need and defendant's proof of its satisfaction. Good or bad faith, at least on this issue, will be irrelevant." (S. Burlington Cty. N.A.A.C.P. v. Mount Laurel Twp., 92 N.J. 158, 220–22 (1983)); and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court in Mount Laurel II suggested that builders' remedies should be used to force compliance by municipalities, reasoning that:

Experience . . . has demonstrated to us that builder's remedies must be made more readily available to achieve compliance with Mount Laurel. We hold that where a developer succeeds in Mount Laurel litigation and proposes a project providing a substantial amount of lower income housing, a builder's remedy should be granted unless the municipality establishes that because of environmental or other substantial planning concerns, the plaintiff's proposed project is clearly contrary to sound land use planning. We emphasize that the builder's remedy should not be denied solely because the municipality prefers some

other location for lower income housing, even if it is in fact a better site. (S. Burlington Cty. N.A.A.C.P. v. Mount Laurel Twp., 92 N.J. 158, 279–80 (1983)); and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Legislature responded quickly to the Court's Mount Laurel decision by enacting the Fair Housing Act of 1985, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301, et seq., which created the Council on Affordable Housing ("COAH") which as the Court noted in Mount Laurel IV "... was designed to provide an optional administrative alternative to litigating constitutional compliance through civil exclusionary zoning actions." (In re Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 & 5:97 ex rel. New Jersey Council on Affordable Hous., 221 N.J. 1, 4 (2015); and

WHEREAS, COAH, pursuant to the authority granted to it by the Fair Housing Act, then adopted procedural and substantive rules which provided clear guidance to municipalities as to how they could meet their affordable housing obligation; and

WHEREAS, in its rules, COAH assigned a fair share number to each municipality and set forth various mechanisms that a municipality could use in order to satisfy that obligation; and

WHEREAS, Bernards Township, like many other municipalities throughout the State of New Jersey, met its First and Second Round Affordable Housing Obligations through the COAH process; and

WHEREAS, COAH adopted the First Round Rules for the period from 1987 through 1993 and the Second Round Rules for the period 1993 to 1999 and then extended to 2004; and

WHEREAS, COAH was obliged by the Fair Housing Act to adopt Third Round Rules to take effect in 2004, however, but never adopted rules that were acceptable to the Courts; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Supreme Court again stepped in, finding that COAH's failure to adopt Third Round Rules forced the Court to intervene; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court designated Mount Laurel judges in each of the fifteen court vicinages to hear all Mount Laurel cases; and

WHEREAS, instead of providing clear guidance, like the COAH rules did, the Supreme Court in Mount Laurel IV set forth vague standards that have led to a complex system of non-uniform implementation; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Supreme Court's decision in Mount Laurel IV, municipalities no longer were assigned fair share numbers, no longer had clear and concise procedural and substantive rules to follow, and no longer had one tribunal to decide these issues, which meant that even the threshold issues of regional need and local fair share obligations had to be litigated before fifteen different Mount Laurel judges, and as a result, municipalities were forced to spend tens of thousands, and in some cases hundreds of thousands of dollars, to negotiate fair share numbers with the Fair Share Housing Center ("FSHC") and to gain court approval of settlement agreements negotiated with FSHC; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court in Mount Laurel IV concluded its opinion by encouraging the Legislature to once again assume responsibility in the area of affordable housing, saying:

"In conclusion, we note again that the action taken herein does not prevent either COAH or the Legislature from taking steps to restore a viable administrative remedy that towns can use in satisfaction of their constitutional obligation. In enacting the FHA, the Legislature clearly signaled, and we recognized, that an administrative remedy that culminates in voluntary municipal compliance with constitutional affordable housing obligations is preferred to litigation that results in compelled rezoning. (Citation omitted.) It is our hope that an administrative remedy will again become an option for those proactive municipalities that wish to use such means to obtain a determination of their housing obligations and the manner in which those obligations can be satisfied" (*In re Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 & 5:97 ex rel. New Jersey Council on Affordable Hous., 221 N.J. 1, 34 (2015)*); and

WHEREAS, it has been five years since the Mount Laurel IV opinion was issued and, to the detriment of each municipality in New Jersey and to the future viability of the State, neither the Legislature nor the Governor nor COAH have taken any action to remedy the situation; and

WHEREAS, if the Governor, the Legislature and COAH continue to ignore their responsibilities, municipalities will once again face a burdensome, time-consuming and expensive process to obtain Fourth Round Mount Laurel compliance starting in 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that it does hereby demand that the Governor and the Legislature cease their unconscionable disregard of this most important provision of the State constitution and take immediate and decisive action to restore a viable administrative remedy that municipalities can use in satisfaction of their constitutional obligations to provide affordable housing.

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