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CALL TO ORDER

The mayor called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Building, 1 Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, NJ. Those assembled saluted the flag and the mayor read the open public meetings statement in accordance with the law.

ROLL CALL

Present: Baldassare, Jr., Bannan, Esposito, Grochala (via telephone), Fields
Absent:
Also Present: Administrator Monaco, Attorney Reilly (8:00PM), Engineer Timko (8:00PM), and Municipal Clerk Pisano

EXECUTIVE SESSION - [Resolution #2021-0120](#)

Motion by Baldassare, second by Esposito, and unanimously agreed that Resolution #2021-0120 be approved and the meeting temporarily adjourned to Executive Session at 7:30. (Due to time constraints, the executive session discussions authorized under this resolution continued after the regular agenda items concluded.)

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.

<u>Reason for Closed Session</u>	<u>Estimated Time of Disclosure or Upon Occurrence Of</u>
Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as lawyer. <i>Under certain circumstances, if public disclosure of the matter would have a potentially negative impact on the Township's position in the litigation or negotiation, this information may be withheld until such time that the matter is concluded or the circumstances no longer present a potential impact.</i> Shared Services Agreement with Bernardsville – Fire Prevention Bureau	Upon Conclusion
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 – Restructure Tax Assessor Department; Restructure Public Works Department; Board Appointment	Upon Conclusion

The meeting resumed in open session at 8:00 PM.

;PUBLIC WORK SESSION

None.

REPORTS

None.

PRESENTATION - Update from KMS Farmstead – Video Presentation

Leslie Workman, President of The Friends of the Kennedy Martin Stelle (KMS) Farmstead, dba Farmstead Arts addressed the Township Committee and introduced and showed a video produced by their non-profit organization providing an overview of the history of the property and KMS Farmstead. Township Committee members congratulated and commended the organization for their work.

CORRESPONDENCE

02/01/2021 Letter from KMS Farmstead requesting permission to permit serving alcohol at KMS Farmstead fundraising events.

Pisano read the letter out loud and each township committee member expressed their support of the request to allow the serving of alcoholic beverages at KMS Farmstead. Committee members were also glad to learn that KMS had reached out to neighbors notifying them of their intention and had received their support. Pisano was directed to submit the Farmstead's request to the township Risk Manager for review and recommendations. In addition, she was directed to draft a resolution waiving Ordinance 3-16.2 for KMS Farmstead which would enable the Farmstead to serve alcohol.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The mayor opened public comment and the following individuals commented:

Gail Giacobbe, 6 Meadowview Rd. – commented on her support of KMS Farmstead and thanked public works for their work with snow removal.

Leslie Workman, President of KMS Farmstead and resident of 27 Wellington Dr., Serena Bocchine, 82 Haas Rd., and Richard Huckins, Board Member of KMS Farmstead and resident of 67 Woodstone Rd. – thanked the township committee for their support of the KMS Farmstead alcohol waiver.

Cody Smith, 36 Royal Oak Dr. – commented on his support for KMS Farmstead alcohol waiver; that he does not support passing a resolution regarding the 01/06/2021 events in Washington DC; and transparency.

Todd Edelstein, 72 Riverside Rd. – commented that he does not support on a new proposed law allowing for “priority” inspections; reminded residents to clear snow around fire hydrants; and DPW's snow removal.

John Coelho, 22 Benedict Dr. – commented on civil discourse.

Sumit Singh, 14 Sentinel Dr. – commented on poor service from Optimum in the Hills.

The mayor closed public comment.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE BOARD / LIAISON REPORTS AND STAFF COMMENTS

Committee members reported on their appointed boards and activities.

FIRE & RESCUE APPOINTMENT

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

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.

Motion by Baldassare, second by Bannon, that the Consent Agenda be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Baldassare, Jr., Bannan, Esposito, Grochala, Fields
Nay:
Abstain:

Motion carried.

****Begin Consent Agenda****

Resolution #2021-0112 - Approval of the Bill List Dated 02/09/2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that the bill list dated 02/09/2021 be audited, and if found correct, be paid.

February 9, 2021
08:24 AM

TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS
Check Register By Check Date

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Range of Checking Accts: CASH - CHECKING to CASH - CHECKING Range of Check Dates: 02/09/21 to 12/31/21						
Report Type: All Checks Report Format: Super Condensed Check Type: Computer: Y Manual: Y Dir Deposit: Y						
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====	Check #	Check Date	Vendor	Amount Paid	Reconciled/Void	Ref Num

CASH - CHECKING CURRENT CHECKING						
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127541	02/09/21	90529	SEVERINO, ANTHONY	210.49	1563	Direct Deposit
127542	02/09/21	90563	CARTOCCIO, KAITLIN	285.00	1563	Direct Deposit
127543	02/09/21	90664	POLIZZI, TIMOTHY	98.79	1563	Direct Deposit
127544	02/09/21	A0453	AMAZON.COM	49.95	1563	Direct Deposit
127545	02/09/21	A0611	AMERICAN WEAR, INC	865.52	1563	Direct Deposit
127546	02/09/21	B0203	DIFRANCESCO BATEMAN, PC	1,224.00	1563	Direct Deposit
127547	02/09/21	B0758	BCI TRUCK, INC	2,016.11	1563	Direct Deposit
127548	02/09/21	D0380	DRIVERS TIRE & SERVICE CENTER	762.35	1563	Direct Deposit
127549	02/09/21	D0754	DC EXPRESS	673.00	1563	Direct Deposit
127550	02/09/21	G0012	GILL ID SYSTEMS	1,930.00	1563	Direct Deposit
127551	02/09/21	G0133	GARDEN STATE LABORATORIES, INC	110.00	1563	Direct Deposit
127552	02/09/21	K0354	KANOPY INC	431.00	1563	Direct Deposit
127553	02/09/21	M0692	MUSCO SPORTS LIGHTING, LLC	900.00	1563	Direct Deposit
127554	02/09/21	N0482	NICOLETTI SNOW REMOVAL LLC	57,374.54	1563	Direct Deposit
127555	02/09/21	O0021	OFFICE DEPOT	173.50	1563	Direct Deposit
127556	02/09/21	P0706	PARTS AUTHORITY LLC	570.93	1563	Direct Deposit
127557	02/09/21	S0443	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	572.87	1563	Direct Deposit
127558	02/09/21	S1166	SUMMIT SUPPLY LLC	684.50	1563	Direct Deposit
127559	02/09/21	T0192	TURN OUT UNIFORMS INC	114.99	1563	Direct Deposit
127560	02/09/21	V0020	VILLAGE OFFICE SUPPLY	30.00	1563	Direct Deposit
127561	02/09/21	W0339	W.B. MASON	156.60	1563	Direct Deposit
127562	02/09/21	A0060	ANJEC	450.00	1564	
127563	02/09/21	A0174	ALL SPORTS STADIUM, LLC	221.00	1564	
127564	02/09/21	A0461	ALBRECHT, JIM	200.00	1564	
127565	02/09/21	A0607	AZMO MECHANICAL, INC	921.30	1564	
127566	02/09/21	A0672	ATLANTIC VISITING NURSE	4,818.00	1564	
127567	02/09/21	B0001	BAKER & TAYLOR, INC.	4,497.84	1564	
127568	02/09/21	B0017	BRIDGEWATER RESOURCES, INC.	1,730.48	1564	
127569	02/09/21	B0025	BERNARDS TOWNSHIP CAPITAL FUND	47,401.06	1564	
127570	02/09/21	B0026	BERNARDS TOWNSHIP CURRENT	4,352.27	1564	
127571	02/09/21	B0034	BERNARDS TOWNSHIP PAYROLL ACCT	534,309.34	1564	
127572	02/09/21	B0098	BERNARDS TOWNSHIP (RECREATION)	159.53	1564	
127573	02/09/21	B0828	BIG BEAR DESIGN	561.60	1564	
127574	02/09/21	C0024	GANNETT NEW JERSEY NEWSPAPERS	45.15	1564	
127575	02/09/21	C0208	NJCACOA	200.00	1564	
127576	02/09/21	C0482	OPTIMUM	138.44	1564	
127577	02/09/21	C0482	OPTIMUM	8.33	1564	
127578	02/09/21	C0482	OPTIMUM	33.32	1564	
127579	02/09/21	C0522	CHATHAM LAWNMOWER SALES & SVC	149.32	1564	
127580	02/09/21	C0545	AHS HOSPITAL CORP	724.50	1564	
127581	02/09/21	C0611	CHEMUNG SUPPLY CORP	6,543.60	1564	
127582	02/09/21	C0692	CEUNION	55.00	1564	
127583	02/09/21	C0774	COLONIAL LIFE & ACC INSURANCE	755.36	1564	
127584	02/09/21	C0917	CHANG, SUNAE	105.00	1564	
127585	02/09/21	D0020	DELTA DENTAL OF NJ	12,261.73	1564	
127586	02/09/21	D0319	DRAEGER, INC	416.00	1564	
127587	02/09/21	D0783	DFFLM, LLC	243.99	1564	
127588	02/09/21	E0297	EMR POWER SYSTEMS LLC	420.00	1564	
127589	02/09/21	F0148	FAIRFIELD MAINTENANCE INC	1,104.00	1564	
127590	02/09/21	F0326	FX AUTOMOTIVE LLC	390.32	1564	
127591	02/09/21	F0330	FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE INS	262.78	1564	
127592	02/09/21	G0004	GALLS, INC.	120.69	1564	
127593	02/09/21	G0066	GRAINGER INC	3,196.70	1564	
127594	02/09/21	G0098	JCP&L	298.99	1564	
127595	02/09/21	G0333	BEDMINSTER CAR WASH	133.50	1564	
127596	02/09/21	G0515	GENESIS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	928.50	1564	
127597	02/09/21	H0004	HEALTH DEPARTMENT PETTY CASH	5.98	1564	
127598	02/09/21	H0029	HUMPHREYS PEST CONTROL, INC.	1,123.80	1564	
127599	02/09/21	H0297	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	4,326.19	1564	
127600	02/09/21	K0024	KEYSTONE PLASTICS, INC.	1,155.00	1564	
127601	02/09/21	K0331	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	1,166.46	1564	
127602	02/09/21	K0334	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS	100.00	1564	
127603	02/09/21	K0341	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	123.54	1564	
127604	02/09/21	K0341	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	23.48	1564	
127605	02/09/21	L0054	LORCO PETROLEUM SERVICES	189.00	1564	
127606	02/09/21	L0181	LAND'S END, INC.	302.85	1564	
127607	02/09/21	M0025	MARSHALL & SWIFT	656.20	1564	
127608	02/09/21	M0061	MORRIS COUNTY HEALTH OFF ASSOC	50.00	1564	
127609	02/09/21	M0251	MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSN OF NJ	250.00	1564	
127610	02/09/21	M0353	MIDWEST TAPE	1,673.03	1564	
127611	02/09/21	M0815	M & M PERROTTIS	283.51	1564	
127612	02/09/21	N0030	NJ STATE ASSN.-CHIEFS/POLICE	275.00	1564	
127613	02/09/21	N0032	NJ STATE DEPT HEALTH/SR SVCS	837.60	1564	
127614	02/09/21	N0035	NEW JERSEY PLANNING OFFICIALS	363.00	1564	
127615	02/09/21	N0050	NJ SHADE TREE FEDERATION	145.00	1564	
127616	02/09/21	N0082	NJAPZA TREASURER	100.00	1564	
127617	02/09/21	N0206	NORTHWEST JERSEY T.A.A.	100.00	1564	
127618	02/09/21	N0311	NEW JERSEY EMERG PREP ASSN	280.00	1564	
127619	02/09/21	N0470	NATIONWIDE	99.22	1564	
127620	02/09/21	O0135	OUTHOUSE LLC	160.00	1564	
127621	02/09/21	P0005	PITNEY BOWES, INC.	795.06	1564	
127622	02/09/21	P0014	PUBLIC SERVICE ELEC. & GAS CO	3,612.58	1564	

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127623	02/09/21	P0046	RESERVE ACCOUNT	801.42	1564
127624	02/09/21	P0125	PWANJ	150.00	1564
127625	02/09/21	P0525	POWER PLACE, INC.	9.13	1564
127626	02/09/21	P0602	PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION, INC	38.93	1564
127627	02/09/21	Q0002	CINTAS CORP. - #062	355.08	1564
127628	02/09/21	R0045	RUTGERS - THE STATE UNIVERSITY	575.00	1564
127629	02/09/21	R0050	ROTO-ROOTER	470.00	1564
127630	02/09/21	R0393	RESEARCH&DESIGN LANDSCAPE LLC	117,284.00	1564
127631	02/09/21	R0493	RIDGE BAGEL & CAFE	299.79	1564
127632	02/09/21	R0816	RUPCOE PLUMBING & HEATING CO	60.00	1564
127633	02/09/21	S0036	SOMERSET COUNTY PARK COMM.	2,100.00	1564
127634	02/09/21	S0067	SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	5,520,928.56	1564
127635	02/09/21	S0068	SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	522,196.56	1564
127636	02/09/21	S0101	STICKEL,KOENIG,SULLIVAN&DRILL	1,045.25	1564
127637	02/09/21	S0536	SOMERSET COUNTY BUSINESS	2,125.00	1564
127638	02/09/21	S0595	SOMERSET CTY HEALTH OFFICER'S	200.00	1564
127639	02/09/21	S0875	SUNLIGHT GENERAL CAPITAL	114.71	1564
127640	02/09/21	S0997	STREET COP TRAINING LLC	796.00	1564
127641	02/09/21	S1131	STROMOSKI, RICK	250.00	1564
127642	02/09/21	T0066	CENGAGE LEARNING CREDIT SVCS	79.47	1564
127643	02/09/21	T0074	TREASURER - STATE OF N.J.	250.00	1564
127644	02/09/21	T0154	TILCON NEW YORK, INC.	1,170.20	1564
127645	02/09/21	T0372	TLO, LLC	848.90	1564
127646	02/09/21	V0037	VILLAGE SUPERMARKET, INC.	323.09	1564
127647	02/09/21	V0056	VERIZON WIRELESS	1,489.82	1564
127648	02/09/21	V0058	VERIZON	2,799.25	1564
127649	02/09/21	V0084	VERIZON	446.98	1564
127650	02/09/21	V0124	VERIZON BUSINESS FIOS	569.98	1564
127651	02/09/21	V0185	VERIZON CONNECT	534.27	1564
127652	02/09/21	W0016	WARRENVILLE TRUE VALUE	1,639.45	1564
127653	02/09/21	W0085	WARREN TOWNSHIP	250.00	1564
127654	02/09/21	W0259	VENTURA, MIESOWITZ, KEOUGH &	943.50	1564
127655	02/09/21	X0005	XTEL COMMUNICATION	1,684.46	1564

Checking Account Totals	Paid	Void	Amount Paid	Amount Void
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Checks:	94	0	6,829,182.94	0.00
Direct Deposit:	22	0	69,273.85	0.00
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Total:	116	0	6,898,456.79	0.00

Report Totals	Paid	Void	Amount Paid	Amount Void
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Checks:	94	0	6,829,182.94	0.00
Direct Deposit:	22	0	69,273.85	0.00
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Total:	116	0	6,898,456.79	0.00

Totals by Year-Fund					
Fund Description	Fund	Budget Total	Revenue Total	G/L Total	Total

CURRENT FUND	0-01	14,112.90	0.00	0.00	14,112.90
GOLF COURSE UTILITY	0-26	142.61	0.00	0.00	142.61
Year Total:		14,255.51	0.00	0.00	14,255.51
CURRENT FUND	1-01	6,805,389.93	0.00	0.00	6,805,389.93
DOG FUND	1-12	1,401.77	0.00	0.00	1,401.77
GOLF COURSE UTILITY	1-26	725.47	0.00	0.00	725.47
Year Total:		6,807,517.17	0.00	0.00	6,807,517.17
PUBLIC GRANTS	G-02	47,431.24	0.00	0.00	47,431.24
TRUST FUNDS	T-13	26,539.12	0.00	0.00	26,539.12
PROJECT		2,713.75	0.00	0.00	2,713.75
Total Of All Funds:		6,898,456.79	0.00	0.00	6,898,456.79

Resolution #2021-0113 - Unused Vacation Accrual Due Michael Mulligan Public Works

WHEREAS, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2021-0066 at their regularly scheduled meeting of January 5, 2021, accepting the Personnel Policies and Procedures that outline guidelines for pay-outs when employees leave the Township's payroll; and

WHEREAS, Michael Mulligan's employment terminated on February 5, 2021; and

WHEREAS, per the requirements of the Township's Personnel Policy, Michael Mulligan is entitled to a Vacation Time Accrual payment for vacation time as calculated below based on an hourly rate of \$35.42.

	Total Hours Available	Amount Due
Vacation Accrual	24.75	\$876.65

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.

CFO 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 \$876.65



Sean McCarthy, CFO

Date: January 28, 2021

Resolution #2021-0114 - Interlocal Services Agreement for the Provision of Supplying Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Service to the Basking Ridge Fire Company No. 1

WHEREAS, the Basking Ridge Fire Company No. 1 requires vehicle maintenance and repair service; and

WHEREAS, Bernards Township has indicated a willingness to provide vehicle maintenance and repair service pursuant to and on the terms set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:48-5 authorizes a municipality to contract with any public or private entity for the provision of any service which the municipality itself could provide directly; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1, et. seq. the Interlocal Services Act, provides the mechanism for making such contract between public agencies; and

WHEREAS, Bernards Township already has in place a vehicle maintenance and repair service.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the following agreement shall be entered into between the Township of Bernards and the Basking Ridge Fire Company No. 1, to supply vehicle maintenance and repair service, subject to the terms and provisions set forth below.

This agreement sets forth the specific provision for the Interlocal Services Agreement between the Township of Bernards and the Basking Ridge Fire Company No. 1 for vehicle maintenance and repair service through February 29, 2024 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et. seq., the Interlocal Services Act, as follows:

The Basking Ridge Fire Company No. 1 shall be billed and will remit to the Township of Bernards on a monthly basis, the cost of vehicle maintenance and repair on a time and material basis.

Resolution #2021-0115 - Acceptance of Bernards Township Environmental Commission 2020 Annual Report

WHEREAS, pursuant to 2-18.5. of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards, the Environmental Commission shall make an annual report to the Township Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission is submitting a report pursuant to this requirement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that the following report be accepted.

The following is a summary of the 2020 activities of the Bernards Township Environmental Commission ("EC" or "Commission").

Mission Statement

The Bernards Township Environmental Commission is responsible for ensuring that environmental issues in Bernards Township NJ are given the right priority in order to protect and preserve natural resources of the Township and surrounding areas including land, water, air, and bios (flora and fauna). Note: As a result of NJDEP having oversight of the NJ Historic Preservation Office, occasionally the EC will offer historic-preservation comments in accordance with the Bernards Township Master Plan.

Goals

The Commission accomplishes its mission via:

- (a) taking proactive stances on local environmental matters, and strengthening the local planning process
- (b) coordinating rational, balanced reviews of development applications for the appropriate township bodies
- (c) increasing public awareness and understanding of local and regional environmental issues
- (d) keeping abreast of, and being involved in, environmental issues that affect our surrounding areas and communities
- (e) staying up to date on ordinances and regulations for Bernards Township with training sessions.

2020 Summary

General:

During 2020, the EC held ten meetings. As an advisory body, the EC continued to provide commentary to the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, and Township Committee regarding environmental impacts and issues. As a result of covid19, one scheduled meeting was cancelled and seven

were conducted virtually via Zoom conference call. In addition, agendas and all meeting materials were made available on the Bernards Township website. Members are in favor of making this improvement permanent after in-person meetings resume.

During 2020, the EC reviewed 36 development applications and revisions: 28 Board of Adjustment; 8 Planning Board. In comparison, during 2019, the EC reviewed 23 Board of Adjustment and 2 Planning Board applications.

Budget:

In 2020, as a result of limited events and programs during the covid19 restrictions, the EC committee spent \$8.00.

2020 Accomplishments:

The EC accomplished its mission in 2020 through the following initiatives:

- **Development Application Reviews**

The EC reviewed and commented on environmental concerns related to property development applications. The EC comments within 2020 calendar year emphasized green infrastructure to promote storm water infiltration and suggested stormwater best management practices to protect wetlands and surface water bodies. Also, comments were made concerning disturbance of steep slopes, tree replacement species and calculations, drainage, lot coverage, pool water discharge best methods, best management practices for freshwater wetlands, stream buffers. When applicable, the EC noted that NJDEP Land Use Permits requirements be considered for development applications. The EC also commented on historic preservation concerns in connection with one application that included demolition of a 19th-century house.

- **Tree Removal Applications**

The EC works cooperatively with the Township's Shade Tree Commission and Engineering Department to assess proposed tree removal applications. The assessments focus on any safety issues associated with the tree; the health of the tree; and overall appropriateness of the removal requests. Typically, tree removals are completed in conjunction with replacement/mitigation measures. There were no Tree Removal Applications reviewed during 2020.

- **Public Comment**

A public comment period is set aside in each meeting, which allows citizens to bring environmental questions and concerns to the attention of the EC. The public comments are recorded in the meeting minutes and, as appropriate, the EC advises the citizen(s) on the question itself or directs them to the proper Township personnel. The EC was able to accommodate public comment during virtual meetings.

- **Charter Day**

The 2020 Charter Day event was cancelled.

- **Social Media Outreach**

The EC initiated a series of environmental-related posts on Facebook. The first post was for a Halloween-themed, virtual pumpkin smashing/composting event. Additional posts related to recycling subjects.

The EC looks forward to continuing to serve Bernards Township and its residents in 2021.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Bernards Township Environmental Commission.

Resolution #2021-0116 - Interlocal Services Agreement for the Provision of Supplying Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Service to the Liberty Corner First Aid

WHEREAS, the Liberty Corner First Aid requires vehicle maintenance and repair service; and

WHEREAS, Bernards Township has indicated a willingness to provide vehicle maintenance and repair service pursuant to and on the terms set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:48-5 authorizes a municipality to contract with any public or private entity for the provision of any service which the municipality itself could provide directly; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1, et. seq. the Interlocal Services Act, provides the mechanism for making such contract between public agencies; and

WHEREAS, Bernards Township already has in place a vehicle maintenance and repair service.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the following agreement shall be entered into between the Township of Bernards and the Liberty Corner First Aid, to supply vehicle maintenance and repair service, subject to the terms and provisions set forth below.

This agreement sets forth the specific provision for the Interlocal Services Agreement between the Township of Bernards and the Liberty Corner First Aid for vehicle maintenance and repair service through February 29, 2024 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et. seq., the Interlocal Services Act, as follows:

The Liberty Corner First Aid shall be billed and will remit to the Township of Bernards on a monthly basis, the cost of vehicle maintenance and repair on a time and material basis.

Resolution #2021-0117 - Interlocal Services Agreement for the Provision of Supplying Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Service to the Liberty Corner Fire Company

WHEREAS, the Liberty Corner Fire Company requires vehicle maintenance and repair service; and

WHEREAS, Bernards Township has indicated a willingness to provide vehicle maintenance and repair service pursuant to and on the terms set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:48-5 authorizes a municipality to contract with any public or private entity for the provision of any service which the municipality itself could provide directly; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1, et. seq. the Interlocal Services Act, provides the mechanism for making such contract between public agencies; and

WHEREAS, Bernards Township already has in place a vehicle maintenance and repair service.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the following agreement shall be entered into between the Township of Bernards and the Liberty Corner Fire Company, to supply vehicle maintenance and repair service, subject to the terms and provisions set forth below.

This agreement sets forth the specific provision for the Interlocal Services Agreement between the Township of Bernards and the Liberty Corner Fire Company for vehicle maintenance and repair service through February 29, 2024 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et. seq., the Interlocal Services Act, as follows:

The Liberty Corner Fire Company shall be billed and will remit to the Township of Bernards on a monthly basis, the cost of vehicle maintenance and repair on a time and material basis.

Resolution #2021-0118 - Release of Executive Session Minutes

WHEREAS, the topics discussed in the minutes below no longer need to be kept private.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESVOLED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the following minutes, previously approved for content, now be approved for release.

8/12/2008	Land Acquisition – Pyne Block 9601, Lots 8, 9, 11, 12, 13 & 14
12/17/2008	Land Acquisition - Pyne
11/30/2011	Land Acquisition – B9601, L8, L9, L11, L12, L13, L14 (PYNE)
3/15/2016	Litigation – 3:33-AV-0001 ISBR v. Bernards Township (including NJDOJ and Attorney General’s Investigation)
3/29/2016	Litigation – 3:33-AV-0001 ISBR v. Bernards Township (including NJDOJ and Attorney General’s Investigation)
4/12/2016	Litigation – 3:33-AV-0001 ISBR v. Bernards Township (including NJDOJ and Attorney General’s Investigation)
5/10/2016	Litigation – 3:33-AV-0001 ISBR v. Bernards Township (including NJDOJ and Attorney General’s Investigation)
5/10/2016	Attorney Client Privilege & Contract Negotiations – Insurance Coverage regarding 3:33-AV-0001 ISBR v. Bernards Township (including NJDOJ and Attorney General’s Investigation)
5/24/2016	Litigation – 3:33-AV-0001 ISBR v. Bernards Township (including NJDOJ and Attorney General’s Investigation)
5/24/2016	Attorney Client Privilege & Contract Negotiations – Insurance Coverage regarding 3:33-AV-0001 ISBR v. Bernards Township (including NJDOJ and Attorney General’s Investigation)
6/3/2016	Attorney Client Privilege & Contract Negotiations – Insurance Coverage regarding 3:33-AV-0001 ISBR v. Bernards Township (including NJDOJ and Attorney General’s Investigation)
6/14/2016	Attorney Client Privilege & Contract Negotiations – Insurance Coverage regarding 3:33-AV-0001 ISBR v. Bernards Township (including NJDOJ and Attorney General’s Investigation)
6/23/2016	Attorney Client Privilege & Contract Negotiations – Insurance Coverage regarding 3:33-AV-0001 ISBR v. Bernards Township (including NJDOJ and Attorney General’s Investigation)
6/28/2016	Attorney Client Privilege & Contract Negotiations – Insurance Coverage regarding 3:33-AV-0001 ISBR v. Bernards Township (including NJDOJ and Attorney General’s Investigation)
7/12/2016	Attorney Client Privilege & Contract Negotiations – Insurance Coverage regarding 3:33-AV-0001 ISBR v. Bernards Township (including NJDOJ and Attorney General’s Investigation)
7/12/2016	Contract Negotiations – Insurance Coverage regarding 3:33-AV-0001 ISBR v. Bernards Township (including NJDOJ and Attorney General’s Investigation)
7/12/2016	Contract Negotiations – Insurance Coverage regarding 3:33-AV-0001 ISBR v. Bernards Township (including NJDOJ and Attorney General’s Investigation)

7/22/2016	Litigation, Attorney Client Privilege & Contract Negotiations on Insurance Coverage 3:33-AV-0001 ISBR v. Bernards Township (including NJDOJ and Attorney General's Investigation)
7/26/2016	Litigation, Attorney Client Privilege & Contract Negotiations on Insurance Coverage 3:33-AV-0001 ISBR v. Bernards Township (including NJDOJ and Attorney General's Investigation)
8/9/2016	Litigation, Attorney Client Privilege & Contract Negotiations on Insurance Coverage 3:33-AV-0001 ISBR v. Bernards Township (including NJDOJ and Attorney General's Investigation)
8/9/2016	Contract Negotiations - Insurance Coverage Regarding ISBR/USDOJ
8/23/2016	Litigation, Attorney Client Privilege & Contract Negotiations on Insurance Coverage 3:33-AV-0001 ISBR v. Bernards Township (including NJDOJ and Attorney General's Investigation)
8/23/2016	Contract Negotiations – Insurance Coverage regarding 3:33-AV-0001 ISBR v. Bernards Township (including NJDOJ and Attorney General's Investigation)
9/13/2016	Attorney Client Privilege & Contract Negotiations – Insurance Coverage regarding 3:33-AV-0001 ISBR v. Bernards Township (including NJDOJ and Attorney General's Investigation) Litigation – 3:33-AV-0001 ISBR v. Bernards Township (including NJDOJ and Attorney General's Investigation)
9/27/2016	Contract Negotiations - Potential Rezoning MQI Site & MQI Settlement Agreement
10/11/2016	Attorney Client Privilege & Contract Negotiations – Insurance Coverage regarding 3:33-AV-0001 ISBR v. Bernards Township (including NJDOJ and Attorney General's Investigation) Litigation – 3:33-AV-0001 ISBR v. Bernards Township (including NJDOJ and Attorney General's Investigation)
10/25/2016	Attorney Client Privilege & Contract Negotiations – Insurance Coverage regarding 3:33-AV-0001 ISBR v. Bernards Township (including NJDOJ and Attorney General's Investigation) Litigation – 3:33-AV-0001 ISBR v. Bernards Township (including NJDOJ and Attorney General's Investigation)
11/9/2016	Litigation - ISBR Bernards Township et al - Case 16:cv-01369 (MAS) v. (LHG); USDOJ v. Bernards Township et al - Case 3:16-cv-08700-MAS-LHG; Bernards Township v. QBE Specialty Insurance Company/Summit Risk Services et al - Arbitration Case 01-16-0003-5508
11/29/2016	Attorney Client Privilege & Contract Negotiations – Insurance Coverage regarding 3:33-AV-0001 ISBR v. Bernards Township (including USDOJ and Attorney General's Investigation) Litigation – 3:33-AV-0001 ISBR v. Bernards Township (including NJDOJ and Attorney General's Investigation)
12/13/2016	Attorney Client Privilege & Contract Negotiations: Insurance Coverage regarding 3:33-AV-0001; Litigation: ISBR v. Bernards Township Litigation – 3:33-AV-0001 and USDOJ v Bernards Township – 3:16-CV-08700-MAS-LHG
12/27/2016	Litigation: ISBR Bernards Township et al - Case 16:cv-01369 (MAS) v. (LHG); USDOJ v. Bernards Township et al - Case 3:16-cv-08700-MAS-LHG; Bernards Township v. QBE Specialty Insurance Company/Summit Risk Services et al - Arbitration Case 01-16-0003-5508
1/9/2017	Litigation - ISBR Bernards Township et al - Case 16:cv-01369 (MAS) v. (LHG); USDOJ v. Bernards Township et al - Case 3:16-cv-08700-MAS-LHG; Bernards Township v. QBE Specialty Insurance Company/Summit Risk Services et al - Arbitration Case 01-16-0003-5508
1/10/2017	Litigation - ISBR Bernards Township et al - Case 16:cv-01369 (MAS) v. (LHG); USDOJ v. Bernards Township et al - Case 3:16-cv-08700-MAS-LHG; Bernards Township v. QBE Specialty Insurance Company/Summit Risk Services et al - Arbitration Case 01-16-0003-5508
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1/24/2017	Litigation - ISBR Bernards Township et al - Case 16:cv-01369 (MAS) v. (LHG); USDOJ v. Bernards Township et al - Case 3:16-cv-08700-MAS-LHG; Bernards Township v. QBE Specialty Insurance Company/Summit Risk Services et al - Arbitration Case 01-16-0003-5508
2/14/2017	Litigation - ISBR Bernards Township et al - Case 16:cv-01369 (MAS) v. (LHG); USDOJ v. Bernards Township et al - Case 3:16-cv-08700-MAS-LHG; Bernards Township v. QBE Specialty Insurance Company/Summit Risk Services et al - Arbitration Case 01-16-0003-5508
2/28/2017	Litigation - ISBR Bernards Township et al - Case 16:cv-01369 (MAS) v. (LHG); USDOJ v. Bernards Township et al - Case 3:16-cv-08700-MAS-LHG; Bernards Township v. QBE Specialty Insurance Company/Summit Risk Services et al - Arbitration Case 01-16-0003-5508
3/28/2017	Litigation - ISBR Bernards Township et al - Case 16:cv-01369 (MAS) v. (LHG); USDOJ v. Bernards Township et al - Case 3:16-cv-08700-MAS-LHG; Bernards Township v. QBE Specialty Insurance Company/Summit Risk Services et al - Arbitration Case 01-16-0003-5508

4/11/2017	Litigation - ISBR Bernards Township et al - Case 16:cv-01369 (MAS) v. (LHG); USDOJ v. Bernards Township et al - Case 3:16-cv-08700-MAS-LHG; Bernards Township v. QBE Specialty Insurance Company/Summit Risk Services et al - Arbitration Case 01-16-0003-5508
5/9/2017	Litigation - ISBR Bernards Township et al - Case 16:cv-01369 (MAS) v. (LHG); USDOJ v. Bernards Township et al - Case 3:16-cv-08700-MAS-LHG; Bernards Township v. QBE Specialty Insurance Company/Summit Risk Services et al - Arbitration Case 01-16-0003-5508
5/10/2017	Litigation - ISBR Bernards Township et al - Case 16:cv-01369 (MAS) v. (LHG); USDOJ v. Bernards Township et al - Case 3:16-cv-08700-MAS-LHG; Bernards Township v. QBE Specialty Insurance Company/Summit Risk Services et al - Arbitration Case 01-16-0003-5508
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6/13/2017	Litigation USDOJ v. BT/Compliance with Settlement Agreement/Ongoing Litigation
6/27/2017	Litigation - ISBR Bernards Township et al - Case 16:cv-01369 (MAS) v. (LHG); USDOJ v. Bernards Township et al - Case 3:16-cv-08700-MAS-LHG; Bernards Township v. QBE Specialty Insurance Company/Summit Risk Services et al - Arbitration Case 01-16-0003-5508
8/15/2017	Litigation - ISBR Bernards Township et al - Case 16:cv-01369 (MAS) v. (LHG); USDOJ v. Bernards Township et al - Case 3:16-cv-08700-MAS-LHG; Bernards Township v. QBE Specialty Insurance Company/Summit Risk Services et al - Arbitration Case 01-16-0003-5508
3/27/2018	Litigation – Bernards Plaza Associates LLC/Crown Court Associates LLC
6/26/2018	Litigation Update – Barth vs Bernards Twp. PB and ISBR
6/26/2018	Litigation Update – Plaza vs Bernards Twp. PB and ISBR
6/26/2018	Litigation Update – Quick vs Bernards Twp.
6/26/2018	Litigation Update – CPI vs Bernards Twp.
6/26/2018	Litigation Update – Mt. Laurel settlement negotiations
7/24/2018	Litigation - Affordable Housing SOM-L-899-1
1/29/2019	Personnel - Police Department Promotion
2/12/2019	Personnel - Judge Bogosian's Compensation
2/12/2019	Attorney Client Privilege - EEOC Case #524-2019-00153EEOC - Kalyann Moore
2/26/2019	Personnel - Judge Appointment
3/12/2019	Attorney Client Privilege - EEOC Case #524-2019-00153EEOC - Moore v. Bernards Township
9/24/2019	Contract Negotiation - Shared Court
10/15/2019	Contract Negotiation - Shared Court
10/29/2019	Contract Negotiation - Shared Court
12/10/2019	Personnel - Timko Appointment
1/28/2020	Contract Negotiation - Possible Shared Service Agreement for Special Utility Counsel with Bedminster, Peapack/Gladstone, Bridgewater, Bernardsville, Far Hills as intervenors with BPU re: NJAWC rate increase
2/25/2020	Contract Negotiation - Shared Court
3/10/2020	Contract Negotiation - Possible Shared Service Agreement for Special Utility Counsel with Bedminster, Peapack/Gladstone, Bridgewater, Bernardsville, Far Hills as intervenors with BPU re: NJAWC rate increase
3/16/2020	COVID-19 Outbreak - Emergency Meeting
7/14/2020	Personnel - Performance Evaluation - Township Administrator
11/24/2020	Possible Real Land Acquisition - 99 Lord Stirling Rd; Block 3101, Lot 2
11/24/2020	Personnel - 2021 Board and Professional Appointments
12/15/2020	Personnel - 2021 Board and Professional Appointments

[Resolution #2021-0121](#) - Acceptance of the Friends of the Kennedy Martin-Stelle Farmstead 2020 Annual Report

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance #1775 originally adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards on March 29, 2005, authorizing a lease agreement with the Friends of the Kennedy-Martin-Stelle Farmstead, Inc. for a 4.397± acre tract known as Block 8401, Lot 23 (formally known as Block 85, Lot 20.03), 450 King George Road, Basking Ridge; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said lease, and N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14(c) the Friends of the Kennedy Martin-Steele Farmstead, Inc., must submit an annual report to the Township setting out in detail the progress of the buildings preservation, restoration, renovations or operations and the progress of all fund-raising activities and grant applications, the proposed use for the buildings upon commencement of operation, the occupancy and utilization of the buildings during the preceding year, the activities of the Tenant undertaken in furtherance of the public purpose for which the leasehold was granted, the approximate value of cost, if any, of such activities in furtherance of such purpose and an affirmation of the continued tax exempt status of the Tenant pursuant to both State and federal law.

WHEREAS, the 2020 annual report and 2020 programming schedule has been submitted as require and is on file with the Township Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the 2020 Annual Report of the Friends of the Kennedy Martin-Steele Farmstead be acknowledged as submitted.

Resolution #2021-0122 - *Award of Purchase Orders for Identified Vendors – Cooper Electric, Drills, Skills & Thrills LLC, Fischer and Son Company, Inc., Foley Incorporated, Office Depot, LLC., Rec Trac LLC d/b/a Vermont Systems, Reider Associates, Inc., Power Place, Richies Tire Service, Inc., Route 23 Automall, Samuels Inc., d/b/a/ Buy Wise Auto Parts, Sewer Service Company d/b/a Roto Rooter, , Research and Design Landscape, Todd Harris Co. Inc., and Warrenville Hardware.*

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Bernards has adopted Ordinance #1854 “Known as Pay to Play” and P. L. 2004, Chapter 19; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the ordinance window contracts determined to exceed \$17,500.00 and within the bid threshold of \$44,000.00 requires governing body approval; and

WHEREAS, the purchasing agent has determined that the value of the expenditures with the vendor(s) listed below will exceed \$17,500.00 in purchases; and

Vendor	Not to Exceed	Vendor	Not to Exceed
Cooper Friedman	\$ 44,000	Richies Tire Service, Inc	\$ 44,000
Drills, Skills & Thrills LLC	\$ 44,000	Route 23 Automall	\$ 44,000
Fischer and Sons Company, Inc	\$ 44,000	Samuels Inc-t/a/ Buy Wise Auto Parts	\$ 44,000
Foley Incorporated	\$ 44,000	Sewer Service Co, d/b/a/ Roto Rooter	\$ 44,000
Office Depot, LLC	\$ 44,000	Research and Design Landscape	\$ 44,000
Power Place Inc	\$ 44,000	Todd Harris Co., Inc	\$ 44,000
Rec Trac LLC d/b/a Vermont Systems	\$ 44,000	. Warrenville Hardware	\$ 44,000
Reider Associates, Inc	\$ 44,000		\$ 44,000

WHEREAS, in anticipation of the listed expenditure, a Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been secured in compliance with N.J.S.A.19:44A 20-4 et seq., and that the principals of the said companies, have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Bernards in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the principals of said companies from making ANY contributions through the term of the contract pursuant to Bernards Township Ordinance #1854 adopted on February 28, 2006, that would prohibit any business entity or professional that procures goods, services or contracts from the Township without the formal bid process from making “any” contribution whatsoever in the prior calendar year.

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 purchase orders to the vendors listed above to maintain continuity and facilitate the ordering process through December 31, 2021.

Resolution #2021-0123 - *Authorizing Purchasing from the Somerset County Co-Op Contract #CC-0054-20 for Rock Salt (Bulk) at a Cost Not to Exceed \$150,000.00 to Atlantic Salt Inc.*

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards wishes to continue to purchase rock salt (bulk) from the lowest responsible bidder under the Somerset County Co-Op # CC-0054-20; and

WHEREAS, Somerset County Co-Op awarded a contract to Atlantic Salt Inc., 134 Middle Street, Suite 210., Lowell, MA 01851; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds will be made available in the 2021 Budget for \$150,000.00 and the line item appropriation to be charged is #1-01-26-291-266, the balance will be funded out of the Snow Removal Trust account #T-13-56-050-SNR; and

WHEREAS, the Township is authorized to make purchases through cooperative and State contracts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10 and 12; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and the Purchasing Agent to purchase rock salt (bulk) through the Somerset County Co- Op # CC-0054-20; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the Purchasing Agent be authorized to issue purchase orders to Atlantic Salt Inc., 134 Middle Street, Suite 210, Lowell, MA 01851 through December 31, 2021.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS CERTIFICATION

I, Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Bernards, hereby certify that adequate funds will be made available in the 2021 Operating budget; Snow Removal, Street and Road materials line account #1-01-26-291-266 for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, the balance will be funded out of the Snow Removal Trust account #T-13-56-050-SNR.

Date: February 3, 2021



Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer

[Resolution #2021-0124](#) – *Authorizing and Approving Purchase of Computer Equipment and Installation Services for the Basking Ridge Fire Department from New Jersey State Co-Operative Contract #T0109 (A83909) to M & W Communications, Inc, 361 Quakertown Road, Flemington, NJ 08822 In the Amount Not to Exceed \$ 44,547.70*

WHEREAS, the N.J. State Division of Purchase and Property awarded a contract to M & W Communications, Inc, 361 Quakertown Road, Flemington, NJ 08822; and

WHEREAS, the Township is authorized to make purchases through cooperative and state contracts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10 and 12; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the budget; the line item appropriation to be charged is line account; Capital Ordinance 2446, #C-04-55-446-E05 (\$18,422.70) and C-04-55-446-F03 (\$26,125.00); and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Fire Chief and Purchasing Agent to purchase computer equipment and installation services from N. J. State Contract #T0190 (A83909).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that the Purchasing Agent be authorized to issue a purchase order to M & W Communications, Inc, 361 Quakertown Road, Flemington, NJ 08822 in the amount not to exceed \$ 44,547.70.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I, Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Bernards, hereby certify that adequate funds are available in the budget; the line item appropriation to be charged is line account Capital Ordinance 2446, #C-04-55-446-E05 (\$18,422.70) and C-04-55-446-F03; (\$26,125.00) in the amount no to exceed \$ 44,547.70.

Date: February 3, 2021



Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer

[Resolution #2021-0125](#) - *Bernards Township Housing Rehabilitation Program Authorizing and Approving Deferred Loan Agreement to Lori Romero 3611 Balsam Way Block 9001 Lot 36.08*

WHEREAS, Bernards Township (hereinafter referred to as "Township") has authorized Central Jersey Housing Resource Center ("CJHRC") to administer the Bernards Township Housing Rehabilitation Program; and

WHEREAS, Central Jersey Housing Resource Center (CJHRC) is a nonprofit collaboration of businesses, financial institutions, social service agencies, public officials and housing advocates who work to increase the accessibility and availability of affordable housing in Central New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, CJHRC currently operates a centralized housing resource information center in Somerset County and is a HUD certified agency specialized in the state and federal housing regulations; and

WHEREAS, the principal goal of the Bernards Township Housing Rehabilitation Program is to provide funding for affordable unit qualified owners to bring substandard units up to code; and

WHEREAS, Lori Romero whose principal address is 3611 Balsam Way Basking Ridge, County of Somerset, in the State of New Jersey 07920 (the "Property") is an owner of an affordable housing unit; and

WHEREAS, Lori Romero has submitted an application to the Bernards Township Housing Rehabilitation Program for funds to be provided by way of a deferred loan to rehabilitate a new water heater and replace windows; and

WHEREAS, Lori Romero is eligible to receive funding for the rehabilitation of her owner-occupied unit under the program pursuant to the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls at N.J.A.C. 5:80-16.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Lori Romero was originally granted funding on September 29, 2020 by Resolution 2020-0319 in the amount of \$4,770.00; and

WHEREAS, Lori Romero has had a change of contractor resulting in a change of the funding amount; and

WHEREAS, the funding will be provided to the Lori Romero by way of a ten-year, interest free, amortized depreciating loan in the amount of Four Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty-Five Dollars (\$ 4,285.00).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that we do hereby approve the deferred loan agreement for the funds to be used for the rehabilitation on the property as set forth in the Deferred Loan Agreement and Rehabilitation Construction Contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that we do hereby authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the agreement and other required legal documents with Lori Romero on behalf of the Township; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that a copy of the resolution be on file and available for public inspection, in the office of the Bernards Township Purchasing Department, Municipal Building, Basking Ridge, New Jersey 07920.

CFO CERTIFICATION

I, Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer of Bernards Township, hereby certify that adequate funds are available for the above referenced loan in the not to exceed amount of \$4,285.00. Monies are available in the 2021 Affordable Housing Trust Fund line account #T-13-56-055-COA.

Date: February 3, 2021



Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer

Resolution #2021-0126 - Personnel Appointment Derek Venner – 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, Derek Venner 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 Derek Venner to full time Groundskeeper.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that Derek Venner be appointed full time Groundskeeper with a hire date of Tuesday, February 16, 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.

*****End Consent Agenda*****

ORDINANCE #2460 - *An Ordinance of the Township of Bernards, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, Amending, Revising and Supplementing the Code of the Township of Bernards, Chapter 21, "Revised Land Use Ordinances", Regarding Village Center Standards in the PUD-5 Mt. Laurel Option Zone – Introduction*

The clerk read the ordinance by title. Motion by Baldassare, second by Bannon, that Ordinance #2460 be introduced on first reading, referred to the Planning Board and advertised as required by law, with a public hearing on 03/09/2021.

Roll Call:

Aye: Baldassare, Jr., Bannan, Esposito, Grochala, Fields
Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried

ORDINANCE #2461 - *Accepting a Wetlands Conservation Easement on Property Located at 200 Mountain Road; Block 11501, Lot 5.01, from Giancarlo Gramaglia and Kelly Gramaglia to the Township of Bernards – Map – Introduction*

The clerk read the ordinance by title. Motion by Baldassare, second by Bannon that Ordinance #2461 be introduced on first reading, advertised as required by law and scheduled for a public hearing on 02/23/2021.

Roll Call:

Aye: Baldassare, Jr., Bannan, Esposito, Grochala, Fields
Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried

ORDINANCE #2462 - *Accepting a Wetlands Conservation Easement on Property Located at 15 Tamarisk Court; Block 3901, Lot 70, from John B. Malcolm, III and Brynne Malcolm to the Township of Bernards – Map – Introduction*

The clerk read the ordinance by title. Motion by Baldassare, second by Bannon that Ordinance #2462 be introduced on first reading, advertised as required by law and scheduled for a public hearing on 02/23/2021.

Roll Call:

Aye: Baldassare, Jr., Bannan, Esposito, Grochala, Fields
Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried

ORDINANCE #2463 - *An Ordinance of the Township of Bernards, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, Amending, Revising and Supplementing the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards, Chapter 21, "Land Development", Section 21-42 "Drainage" – Introduction*

The clerk read the ordinance by title. Motion by Bannon, second by Esposito, that Ordinance #2463 be introduced on first reading, referred to the Planning Board and advertised as required by law, with a public hearing on 03/09/2021.

Roll Call:

Aye: Baldassare, Jr., Bannan, Esposito, Grochala, Fields
Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried

ORDINANCE #2464 - *An Ordinance of the Township of Bernards, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, Amending, Revising and Supplementing the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards Chapter 21, "Land Development", Section 21-23 "Drainage" - Introduction*

The clerk read the ordinance by title. Motion by Bannon, second by Baldassare, that Ordinance #2464 be introduced on first reading, referred to the Planning Board and advertised as required by law, with a public hearing on 03/09/2021.

Roll Call:

Aye: Baldassare, Jr., Bannan, Esposito, Grochala, Fields
Nay:
Abstain:
Motion carried

Appointment made by Township Committee:

Motion by Baldassare, second by Bannon, and unanimously agreed that the following appointment be approved.

Approval of Minutes:

01/26/2021 Open Session Minutes

Motion by Baldassare, second by Bannon, and unanimously agreed that the 01/26/2021 minutes be approved for content and release.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The mayor opened public comment.

Sumit Singh, 14 Sentinel Dr. – commented again on poor service from Optimum in the Hills and to hold them accountable.

Todd Edelstein, 172 Riverside Dr. – commented on snow removal.

Cody Smith, 36 Royal Oak Dr. – commented on the Diversity and Inclusion Committee and previous PB mosque application.

John Coelho, 22 Benedict Dr. – commented on the Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

The mayor closed public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (continued from earlier session if required)

Motion by Baldassare, second by Bannan and at 9:31 PM the committee resumed their Executive Session discussions authorized under Resolution #2021-0120 adopted earlier in the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting resumed in open session at 10:05 PM and by unanimous consent immediately adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Pisano
Municipal Clerk

Janice M. Fields
Mayor

Approved: 02/23/2021