# December 6, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Piscataway Township Council was held on December 6, 2022 at the Piscataway Municipal Building, 455 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Council President, Michele Lombardi, at 7:30 pm.

Council President Lombardi made the following Statement, in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act: Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as required under Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, specifying the time, date, location, login, or dial in information, and, to the extent known, the agenda by posting a copy of the notice on the Municipal Building, Municipal Court and the two Municipal Library Bulletin Boards, Municipal Website, providing a copy to the official newspapers of the Township and by filing a copy in the office of the Township Clerk in accordance with a certification by the Clerk which will be entered in the minutes.

The Township continues to use a remote meeting format in an effort to mitigate the chance of exposure to COVID-19, as a part of the Township's ongoing effort to slow the rate of transmission and avoid overwhelming our treatment centers.

In order to make sure a clear record of the meeting can be made and that all parties are heard in an organized fashion, all members of the public will be muted during the meeting. If a member of the public wishes to speak during any public comment portion, please raise your hand. This can be done either through the zoom app or by pressing \*9 (star nine) on your phone. When it is your turn to speak, you will receive a prompt or request to unmute, please click on the prompt or press \*6 (star 6) on your phone to unmute.

Upon being unmuted, you should begin to ask any and all questions you may have. You will have three minutes to speak, at the conclusion of which you will be muted again, and the council or administration will respond as necessary.

Should you have any further comments or questions, the Township Council is always available by email and phone, and you can always call the Mayor's office during normal operating hours. Each member of the public shall only have one opportunity to speak during each public portion. As the technology does not allow us to know if there are multiple callers on an individual phone line or logged in user account, we ask that if you wish to speak, that you login in or dial in separately so that we can recognize you as a separate individual.

Individuals may also submit written comments to the Township Clerk up to fortyeight (48) hours prior to the meeting, to be read by the Township Clerk during the Public Comment Portion of the meeting. Said comments shall be limited to three minutes of reading.

Thank you in advance for your patience as we continue to move the Township forward during this Health Emergency.

On roll call, there were present: Messrs. Cahill, Cahn, Rouse, Shah, Uhrin, & Lombardi.

Ms. Lombardi led the salute to the flag.

There were no comments from Administration and Council on the Adjournment of any Agenda items.

Ms. Lombardi opened the meeting to the Public for comments regarding the Consent Agenda Items. There being no comments, this portion of the meeting was closed to the public.

The Clerk read for SECOND READING the following ORDINANCE: ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,080,000, \$900,000 OF WHICH IS FROM THE CAPTIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, \$125,000 OF WHICH IS FROM A 2022 CURRENT BUDGET APPROPRIATION AND \$55,000 OF WHICH IS FROM A DEVELOPER'S CONTRIBUTION FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. \$1,080,000 is hereby appropriated, \$900,000 of which is from the Capital Improvement Fund, \$125,000 of which is from a 2022 current budget appropriation and \$55,000 of which is from a developer's contribution, for the acquisition of a stump grinder, salt barn improvements, preliminary planning and engineering expenses for future road improvements, and the acquisition of Ford Escape vehicles, a Toro wide area mover, a Toro sandpro for ball fields, DW30 power wheel barrel and an Asphalt Roller Cat, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto, in and by the Township of Piscataway, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Township").

Section 2. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication and otherwise as provided by law.

Ms. Lombardi opened the Meeting to the Public for Comments. Staci Berger, 233 Ellis Pkwy, asked for clarification on the capital improvements. Business Administrator Tim Dacey responded to Staci.

There being no further comments, the public portion was closed.

RESOLUTION offered by Ms. Cahill seconded by Mr. Cahn, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey, that AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,080,000, \$900,000 OF WHICH IS FROM THE CAPTIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, \$125,000 OF WHICH IS FROM A 2022 CURRENT BUDGET APPROPRIATION AND \$55,000 OF WHICH IS FROM A DEVELOPER'S CONTRIBUTION FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY was introduced on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2022 and had passed the first reading and was published on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforesaid Ordinance, having had a second reading on December 6, 2022, be adopted, passed, and after passage, be published, together with a notice of the date of passage or approval, in the official newspaper.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Ordinance shall be assigned No. 2022-25.

On roll call vote: Messrs. Cahill, Cahn, Rouse, Shah, Uhrin, & Lombardi answered yes.

The Clerk read for SECOND READING the following ORDINANCE: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VAROIUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$9,700,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$9,215,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Piscataway, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Township") as general improvements. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$9,700,000, and further including the aggregate sum of \$485,000 as the several down payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provision for down

payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$9,215,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

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<u>Purpose</u>	Appropriation & Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds & Notes	Period of Usefulness
a) Various road improvements, including, but not limited to, the replacement or reconstruction of curbs, sidewalks, driveway aprons and ADA-compliant pedestrian curb ramps on various streets and roads, all as set forth on a list on file the Office of the Clerk and the Engineer's Office, which list is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth at length and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$2,000,000	\$1,900,000	10 years
b) Road rehabilitation to various roads, including, but not limited to, asphalt paving and milling, all as set forth on a list on file the Office of the Clerk and the Engineer's Office, which list is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth at length and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$1,700,000	\$1,615,000	10 years
c) Improvements to Ethel Road West (Suttons Lane to Stelton Road), including, but not limited to, the replacement of concrete curbs, installation of sidewalks and ADA-compliant pedestrian curb ramps, milling and overlay of pavement surface and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental			

thereto.	\$1,550,000	\$1,472,500	10 years
d) Leslie Avenue Phase 2 Project, including, but not limited to, the installation of Belgium block curbing, sidewalks and ADA- complaint pedestrian curb ramps and the reconstruction and paving of and improvements to surrounding streets (Mabel Street and Ann Street) and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$775,000	\$736,250	10 years
a) The acquisition of a			
e) The acquisition of a tandem truck with a heated body, a plow and a sander, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$475,000	\$451,250	5 years
f) Snowdrift Drive Road Improvement Project, including, but not limited to, the installation of full depth pavement and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$700,000	\$665,000	10 years
g) Various park improvements, including, but not limited to, the replacement of playground equipment, improvements to pickleball courts, installation of lighting, improvements to playground shelter, park signage, improvements to park fitness area, repaving and restriping of parking lots, landscaping and improvements to ballfields and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$1,500,000	\$1,425,000	15 years
h) Various improvements to Maple Avenue Yard and Building and other municipal buildings, including, but not limited to, design work and improvements to heating, ventilation and airconditioning units and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$ <u>1,000,000</u>	\$ <u>950,000</u>	15 years
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Total	\$ <u>9,700,000</u>	\$ <u>9,215,000</u>	

The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the down payment for each purpose.

All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

- (a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the Township may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.
- (b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 11.04 years.
- (c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$9,215,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.
- (d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$460,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements.
- Section 7. The Township hereby declares the intent of the Township to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of the Treasury Regulations.
- Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Ms. Lombardi opened the Meeting to the Public for Comments. Staci Berger, 233 Ellis Pkwy, asked for clarification on the capital improvements. Business Administrator Tim Dacey responded to Staci.

There being no further comments, the public portion was closed.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Rouse seconded by Mr. Cahn, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey, that AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VAROIUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$9,700,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$9,215,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF was introduced on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2022 and had passed the first reading and was published on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforesaid Ordinance, having had a second reading on December 6, 2022, be adopted, passed, and after passage, be published, together with a notice of the date of passage or approval, in the official newspaper.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Ordinance shall be assigned No. 2022-26.

On roll call vote: Messrs. Cahill, Cahn, Rouse, Shah, Uhrin, & Lombardi answered yes.

# RESOLUTION #22-371

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Uhrin, seconded by Mr. Shah:

WHEREAS, the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Piscataway permit the adoption of Resolutions, Motions or Proclamations by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway as part of the Consent Agenda, upon certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, each of the following Resolutions, Motions or Proclamations to be presented before the Township Council at its December 6, 2022 Regular Meeting appear to have the unanimous approval of all members of the Township Council:

- a. RESOLUTION Authorizing Renewal of Contract with MicroSystems-NJ.com for MOD IV Program for Assessing January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 not to exceed \$17,474.82.
- b. RESOLUTION Authorizing Return of Street Opening Bond Block 7203, Lot 25 114 Perrine Avenue.
- c. RESOLUTION Authorizing Return of Escrow:

- Block 5701, Lot 2 1690 South Washington Avenue.
- Block 5403, Lot 5.07 1350 Centennial Avenue.
- Block 123, Lot 8.01 366 Vail Avenue.
- Block 615, Lots 8.01 & 13.01 440-456 Washington Avenue.
- d. RESOLUTION Authorizing Return of Cash Performance Bond:
  - Block 6813, Lot 9.02 216 Plainfield Avenue.
- e. RESOLUTION Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes and Refund of Overpayment Due to Tax Court Judgment Block 703, Lot 1.06.
- f. RESOLUTION Authorizing Re-Advertising Professional Services CDBG Consultant.
- g. RESOLUTION Authorizing Award of Contract Under State Contract Tree and Stump Removal Rich Tree Service, Inc. Not to Exceed \$125,000.00.

On roll call vote: Messrs. Cahill, Cahn, Rouse, Shah, Uhrin, & Lombardi voted yes.

The following are the Resolution, typed in full, which were adopted by the foregoing consent agenda resolution:

#### RESOLUTION #22-372

WHEREAS, the Administration has recommended the renewal of a contract for MOD IV Online Services & Mailing Annual Notice of Assessment for the Township of Piscataway with MicroSystems-NJ.com, LLC; and

WHEREAS, MicroSystems-NJ.com, LLC has agreed to perform such services for the period of January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$17,474.82, pursuant to a contract proposal dated November 21, 2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(dd), a contract for the provision or performance of goods or services for the support or maintenance of proprietary computer hardware and software may be awarded without public advertising of bids and bidding; and

WHEREAS, funds are available pursuant to certification # R-2022-0077;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the Mayor and other appropriate officials be and the same are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement for MOD IV Online Services & Mailing Annual Notice of Assessment for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, with MicroSystems-NJ.com, LLC for a sum not to exceed \$17,474.82.

# RESOLUTION #22-373

WHEREAS, Milind Shah, Piscataway NJ, requests the return of a Street Opening Bond in the amount of \$500.00, posted with the Township of Piscataway on June 25, 2021, regarding repairs and inspections for Block 7203, Lot 25 (114 Perrine Avenue); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated November 7, 2022 and a memorandum from the Supervisor of Engineering dated November 10, 2022, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, the said Supervisor of Engineering advised that the repairs and inspections have been made according to Township specifications, and therefore recommended the return of said Street Opening Bond to Milind Shah; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to return said Street Opening Bond to Milind Shah, Piscataway, NJ, in the amount of \$500.00, regarding Block 7203, Lot 25 (114 Perrine Avenue).

#### RESOLUTION #22-374

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2022 JSM at Centennial, L.L.C., Piscataway, NJ, posted escrow checks with the Township of Piscataway in the amounts of \$1,500.00, regarding Block 5403, Lot 5.07 (1350 Centennial Avenue) for Zoning Board Application #21-ZB-82V; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated October 12, 2022 and a Memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Planning dated November 9, 2022, the Supervisor of Planning and the Finance Department approved the release of the unexpended escrow fees in the amount of \$454.13 to JSM at Centennial, L.L.C., Piscataway, NJ; and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2020, September 14, 2020, December 9, 2021 and December 15, 2021, M&M Realty Partners at Piscataway, L.L.C., Piscataway, NJ, posted escrow checks with the Township of Piscataway in the amounts of \$18,000.00, \$2,500.00, \$5,000.00 and \$12,000.00, respectively, regarding Block 5701, Lot 2 (1690 South Washington Road) for Zoning Board Application #20-ZB-41/42V; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated September 23, 2022 and a Memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Planning dated November 10, 2022, the Supervisor of Planning and the Finance Department approved the release of the unexpended escrow fees in the amount of \$2,316.55 to M&M Realty Partners at Piscataway, L.L.C., Piscataway, NJ; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2003, Carter Piscataway LLC, Newton, MA, posted escrow checks with the Township of Piscataway in the amounts of \$2,000.00 and \$6,500.00, respectively, regarding Block 123, Lot 8.01 (366 Vail Avenue/Washington Avenue) for Zoning Board Application #03-ZB-04/05/06V; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated October 31, 2022 and a Memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Planning dated November 10, 2022, the Supervisor of Planning and the Finance Department approved the release of the unexpended escrow fees in the amount of \$5,686.88 to Carter Piscataway LLC, Newton, MA; and

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2003, Carter Piscataway LLC, Newton, MA, posted an escrow check with the Township of Piscataway in the amount of \$1,572.04, regarding Block 123, Lots 8.01 & 13.01 (440-456 Washington Avenue) for Zoning Board Application #03-ZB-04/05V/06V; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated October 31, 2022 and a Memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Planning dated November 16, 2022, the Supervisor of Planning and the Finance Department approved the release of the unexpended escrow fees in the amount of \$1,572.65 to Carter Piscataway LLC, Newton, MA; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to release unexpended escrow fees to JSM at Centennial, L.L.C., Piscataway, NJ in the amount of \$454.13 for Block 5403, Lot 5.07 (1350 Centennial Avenue) for Zoning Board Application #21-ZB-82V; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to release unexpended escrow fees to M&M Realty Partners at Piscataway, L.L.C., Piscataway, NJ in the amount of \$2,316.55 regarding Block 5701, Lot 2 (1690 South Washington Road) for Zoning Board Application #20-ZB-41/42V; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to release unexpended escrow fees to Carter Piscataway LLC, Newton, MA in the amount of \$5,686.88 regarding Block 123, Lot 8.01 (366 Vail Avenue/Washington Avenue) for Zoning Board Application #03-ZB-04/05/06V; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to release unexpended escrow fees to Carter Piscataway LLC, Newton, MA in the amount of \$1,572.65 regarding Block 123, Lots 8.01 & 13.01 (440-456 Washington Avenue) for Zoning Board Application #03-ZB-04/05V/06V.

# RESOLUTION #22-375

WHEREAS, Lukasz Grzech, South River, NJ, requests the release of a Cash Performance Bond in the original amount of \$5,352.00, posted with the Township of Piscataway on May 11, 2021, for improvements on Block 6813, Lot 9.02 (216 Plainfield Ave) regarding Zoning Board Application # 20-ZB-78V; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated October 20, 2022, and a letter from the Township Supervisor of Engineering dated November 22, 2022, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, the said Supervisor of Engineering advised that no maintenance bond is required, all improvements required and covered have been satisfactorily installed, and recommends the release of the Cash Performance Bond; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to release a Cash Bond in the amount of \$5,352.00 to Lukasz Grzech, South River, NJ, for improvements on Block 6813, Lot 9.02 (216 Plainfield Ave) regarding Zoning Board Application # 20-ZB-78V.

#### RESOLUTION #22-376

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is requesting authorization to cancel taxes as listed below

Block	Lot	Qual	Name	Year	Amount	Reason
703	1.06		TYLER PROPERTIES, LLC	2018	\$23,420.00	Tax Court Docket No.012160- 2020

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel the taxes and refund the overpayment of taxes to the record owner. The Collector is hereby authorized to adjust the records accordingly.

#### RESOLUTION #22-377

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") published a Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") for CDBG Consultant Services for qualification from February 1, 2023 - through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township did not receive any RFQ submissions for CDBG Consultant Services for appointment from February 1, 2023 - through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to authorize the re-advertisement of the RFQ for CDBG Consultant Services for appointment from February 1, 2023 - through December 31, 2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to re-advertise the RFQ for CDBG Consultant Services for qualification from February 1, 2023 - through December 31, 2025.

#### RESOLUTION #22-378

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") Assistant Director of the Department of Public Works has advised that the Township is in need of Tree and Stump Removal (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Recommendation to Award Contract, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, the Assistant Director of the Department of Public Services recommends awarding a contract for the Project through New Jersey State Contract #18-DPP-00645, T-0465 to Rich Tree Service, Inc., South Plainfield, NJ in the amount not to exceed \$125,000.00; and

WHEREAS, funds are available pursuant to certification # R-2022-0076; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to award a contract for Tree and Stump Removal through New Jersey State Contract #18-DPP-00645, T-0465 to Rich Tree Service, Inc., South Plainfield, NJ in the amount not to exceed \$125,000.00, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMENTS FROM OFFICIALS:**

Gabrielle Cahill reminded residents that there will be a Christmas tree lighting with Santa on December 9<sup>th</sup>. She also reminded residents that the Mayor's show will feature Santa on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Council considered the matters on the Agenda for December 13, 2022:

- ORDINANCE SECOND READING Amending and Supplementing Various Chapters of the Municipal Code – OPEN TO PUBLIC -RESOLUTION Adopting Ordinance.
- ORDINANCE SECOND READING Ordinance Adopting Amended Redevelopment Plan for Block 11901, Lot 22.15 - 857 Hoes Lane West – OPEN TO PUBLIC - RESOLUTION Adopting Ordinance.
- RESOLUTION Designation of Township Council Meeting Dates 2023.

- RESOLUTION Authorizing Award of Contract for PRC Powerpad Software License – 3 Years - BRT Technologies, LLC – Not to Exceed \$6,828.00.
- RESOLUTION In Support of Dimension Renewable Energy Community Solar Projects
- RESOLUTION Authorizing Budget Transfers.
- RESOLUTION Authorizing 2023 Temporary Budget.
- RESOLUTION Authorizing Refund of Overpayment of Taxes Due to 100% Disabled Veteran Status Block 2304, Lot 5.01.
- RESOLUTION Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes Due to 100% Disabled Veteran Status – Block 2304, Lot 5.01.
- RESOLUTION Authorizing Award of Contract Through the Middlesex County Coop – 2022 Rock Salt Supply – Morton Salt, Inc. – Not to Exceed \$164,925.00.
- MOTION Accept Report of the Clerk's Account for November 2022.

# **OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

Dr. Virginia Witt, 15 Stafford Dr, expressed her concerns regarding the noise coming from the Rutgers SHI stadium.

Mayor Brian Wahler, Steve Cahn, & Township Attorney Rajvir Goomer responded to Dr. Witt.

Mary Ruth Mercurio, 11 Stafford Dr, also spoke about the noise levels coming from the Rutgers SHI stadium.

Council President Lombardi responded to Mary Ruth.

There being no further comments, this portion of the meeting was closed to the public.

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm. Motion by Mr. Shah, seconded by Ms. Cahill, carried unanimously.

	Respectfully submitted,
Accepted:	Melissa A. Seader, Township Clerk
	Michele Lombardi Council President