

May 6, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Piscataway Township Council was held on May 6, 2025 at the Piscataway Municipal Building, 455 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Council President Espinosa at 7:00 p.m.

Council President Espinosa 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.

There will be public comment periods for both remote and in person attendees separately. 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.

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.

On roll call, there were present: Councilmembers Cahill, Carmichael, Leibowitz, Lombardi, Rashid, Uhrin, & Espinosa.

Council President Espinosa led the salute to the flag.

Councilmember Leibowitz asked a question on Consent Agenda Item C. Business Administrator Tim Dacey provided the necessary information.

Council President Espinosa opened the meeting to the remote attendees for comments regarding the Consent Agenda items.

Brian Rak, 1247 Brookside Rd, asked about Consent Agenda Item L.

Township Attorney Raj Goomer responded.

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

Council President Espinosa opened the meeting to the in person attendees for comments regarding the Consent Agenda items.

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

#### RESOLUTION #25-165

RESOLUTION offered by Councilmember Leibowitz, seconded by Councilmember Lombardi.

Be it Resolved by the TOWNSHIP COUNCIL of the TOWNSHIP of PISCATAWAY, County of MIDDLESEX that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

- (a) \$ 51,501,677.18 (Item 2 below) for municipal purposes, and
- (b) \$ - (Item 3 below) for school purposes in Type I School District only (N.J.S. 18A:9-2) to be raised by taxation and,
- (c) \$ - (Item 4 below) to be added to the certificate of amount to be raised by taxation for local school purposes in
- (d) \$ - Type II School Districts only (N.J.S. 18A:9-3) and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of general revenues and appropriations (Sheet 43) Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy
- (e) \$ 3,850,006.32 (Sheet 38) Minimum Library Levy

1. General Revenues

Surplus Anticipated	08-100	\$	12,000,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	13-099	\$	17,951,685.47
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	15-499	\$	750,000.00

2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)	07-190	\$	51,501,677.18
3. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR _SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:			
Item 6, Sheet 41	07-195	\$	-
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S. 40A:4-14)	07-191	\$	-
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxation for Schools in Type I School Districts Only			
4. To Be Added TO THE CERTIFICATE FOR AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE II SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:			
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S. 40A:4-14)	07-191	\$	
5. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION MINIMUM LIBRARY LEVY	07-192	\$	3,850,006.32
Total Revenues	13-299	\$	86,053,368.97

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

5. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	xxxxxx		xxxxxxxxxx
Within "CAPS"	xxxxxx		xxxxxxxxxx
(a & b) Operations including Contingent	34-201	\$	50,343,042.00
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal	34-209	\$	6,644,040.00
(g) Cash Deficit	46-885	\$	
Excluded from "CAPS"	xxxxxx		xxxxxxxxxx
(a) Operations - Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	34-305	\$	7,847,641.00
(c) Capital Improvements	44-999	\$	7,200,000.00
(d) Municipal Debt Service	45-999	\$	9,758,900.00
(e) Deferred Charges - Municipal	46-999	\$	2,662,003.25
(f) Judgements	37-480	\$	
(n) Transferred to Board of Education for Use of Local Schools (N.J.S. 40:48-17.1 & 17.3)	29-405	\$	
(g) Cash Deficit	46-885	\$	
(k) For Local District School Purposes	29-410	\$	
(m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Include Other Reserves if Any)	50-899	\$	1,587,742.72
6. SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS - TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY (N.J.S. 40A:4-13)	07-195	\$	
Total Appropriations	34-499	\$	86,053,368.97

On roll call vote: Councilmembers Cahill, Carmichael, Leibowitz, Lombardi, Rashid, Uhrin & Espinosa answered yes.

The Clerk read for SECOND READING the following ORDINANCE: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$7,005,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,333,750 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 \$7,005,000, including an Ecological Grant expected to be received from the State of New Jersey (the "State Grant") for ecological park remediation, as more specifically described in Section 3(c) (the "Ecological Project"), and further including the aggregate sum of \$171,250 as the several down payments for the improvements not covered by the application of the State Grant as 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. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c), no down payment is provided for the costs of the Ecological Project as it is being partially funded by the State Grant.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments and the State Grant, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$6,333,750 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:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation &amp; Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds &amp; Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
a) Improvements to Sidney Road, South Randolphville Road and Washington Avenue, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$1,420,000	\$1,349,000	10 years
b) Community development parking lot and site improvements, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$2,005,000	\$1,904,750	10 years
c) Ecological park remediation, as more fully described on a list on file in the Office of the Clerk, which list is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth at length, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$3,580,000 (Includes the State Grant)	\$3,080,000	15 years
Total	\$7,005,000	\$6,333,750	

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 or the State Grant, as applicable, for each purpose.

Section 4. 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 12.43 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 \$6,333,750, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$500,000 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, if other than referred to in Section 1 hereof, 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.

Council President Espinosa opened the meeting to remote attendees for comments.

There being no comments, the public portion was closed.

Council President Espinosa opened the meeting to in person attendees for comments.

Bill Irwin, 233 Ellis Parkway, asked for clarification.

Business Administrator Tim Dacey provided a breakdown.

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

RESOLUTION offered by Councilmember Uhrin, seconded by Councilmember Carmichael, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey, that AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$7,005,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,333,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

was introduced on the 15th day of April 2025 and had passed the first reading and was published on the 20th day of April 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforesaid Ordinance, having had a second reading on May 6, 2025, 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. 2025-09.

On roll call vote: Councilmembers Cahill, Carmichael, Leibowitz, Lombardi, Rashid, Uhrin & Espinosa answered yes.

The Clerk read for SECOND READING the following ORDINANCE: ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER VII (7), TRAFFIC, SECTION 25, VEHICLES OVER DESIGNATED WEIGHT EXCLUDED FROM CERTAIN STREETS.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, Middlesex County, finds it in the best interest of the public to amend Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 25, Vehicles Over Designated Weight Excluded from Certain Streets, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Piscataway; and

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 25, Vehicles Over Designated Weight Excluded from Certain Streets, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Piscataway are hereby amended with additions shown in italics and deletions shown in brackets as follows:

CHAPTER VII

TRAFFIC

7-25 VEHICLES OVER DESIGNATED WEIGHT EXCLUDED FROM CERTAIN STREETS.

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Name of Street	Tons	Location
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Normandy Drive	4 tons	1050 feet east of Baekeland Avenue to
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		the dead end
[North Randolphville Road]	[4 tons]	[From Bell Street to William Street in both directions]

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Township, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other parts, portions and provisions of the Ordinances of the Township are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon second reading, final passage and publication as required by law.

Council President Espinosa opened the meeting to remote attendees for comments.

There being no comments, the public portion was closed.

Council President Espinosa opened the meeting to in person attendees for comments.

Nancy Selgado-Cowan, 124 Stanton Ave, asked for more specific information.

Township Attorney Raj Goomer responded that this ordinance removes North Randolphville Rd from the exclusion and that there is no weight limit. He referred her to the Township code where she can find a list of all streets where trucks are prohibited.

Staci Berger, 233 Ellis Parkway, asked if the State asked or required the Township to do this and if there was any research done.

Township Attorney Raj Goomer said that the State required it based on their own analysis. The Township complied with the State.

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

RESOLUTION offered by Councilmember Carmichael, seconded by Councilmember Uhrin, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey, that AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER VII (7), TRAFFIC, SECTION 25, VEHICLES OVER DESIGNATED WEIGHT EXCLUDED FROM CERTAIN STREETS.

was introduced on the 15th day of April 2025 and had passed the first reading and was published on the 23rd day of April 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforesaid Ordinance, having had a second reading on May 6, 2025, 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. 2025-10.

On roll call vote: Councilmember Cahill, Carmichael, Leibowitz, Lombardi, Uhrin & Espinosa answered yes. Councilmember Rashid abstained.

Councilmember Lombardi left the meeting.

The Clerk read for SECOND READING the following ORDINANCE: ORDINANCE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF RIGHTS OF WAY, EASEMENTS AND LAND IN FEE SIMPLE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF HAZELWOOD PLACE AND HANOVER STREET IN PISCATAWAY TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the following roadways are currently in need of improvement: Hazelwood Place and Hanover Street; and

WHEREAS, the improvement of said roadways is in the best interest of the residents of the Township of Piscataway; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the improvement of these roadways to acquire easements, rights of way and, if required, land in fee simple, in regard to certain properties on Hazelwood Place and Hanover Street.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

- A. As part of the improvement to Hazelwood Place and Hanover Street, it is necessary to acquire easement interest, rights of way, and if required, land in fee simple, in a portion of the properties set forth on the Schedule A attached hereto and made a part of hereof.
- B. The Township Council has determined that the acquisition of the aforesaid easements, rights of way, rights and fee simple interests on the property in Schedule A is necessary for the safety of the public and conforms to the public interest.
- C. The Township Attorney, Assistant Township Attorney, or special counsel and such other appropriate officials as necessary be and are hereby authorized to acquire said land interests, either by negotiation or by instituting action by exercising the Township’s right of eminent domain (condemnation).
- D. Counsel for said acquisition, by negotiation or condemnation, shall commence and complete proceedings as expeditiously as possible, and said Township Attorney, Assistant Attorney or special counsel, as the case may be, shall receive reasonable compensation for their services in accordance with their contracts with the Township.
- E. The Township Attorney, Assistant Township Attorney and other appropriate officials be and are hereby authorized to hire and employ such appraisers, consultants, and experts as may be appropriate to effectuate said acquisitions, whether by negotiation or eminent domain proceedings, and to pay said consultants and experts a reasonable fee for their services.

If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

All other ordinances in conflict or in conflict or inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Township, the provisions hereby shall be determined to govern. All other parts, portions and provisions of the Ordinances of the Township are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.

This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof, by summary, after final passage, in the manner provided by law.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose and intent of this Ordinance is to authorize the acquisition of easements, rights of way and, if required, land in fee simple, to facilitate the improvements of Hazelwood Place and Hanover Street.

SCHEDULE A

Hazelwood Place and Hanover Street Improvement Blocks & Lots

HAZELWOOD DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS

BLOCK	LOT
202	11.03
202	13
202	14
202	15.01
202	16.01
202	17.01
202	46

202	47.01
202	50
202	51
203	4.01
203	16.01
203	18.01
210	10.03
210	10.04
210	11.02
211	14.01
211	15
211	16
211	17.03
211	27
211	140
301	1.01
301	26
301	26.01
301	26.02
301	26.03

HANOVER STREET IMPROVEMENTS

BLOCK	LOT
1820	8
1820	9.01
1820	12.01
1820	16.01
1820	19.01
1820	22.01
1820	25.01
1820	54.01
1821	7.01
1821	9.01
1821	11.01
1821	14.01
1821	17.01
1821	20.01
1821	24.01
1821	26.01
1821	29.02
1821	62.01
1822	15.04
1822	23.01
1822	26.01
1822	51.01
1822	58
1822	59
1822	60
1823	1.01
1823	9.01
1823	12.01
1823	15
1824	1.01
1824	4.01
1824	7.01
1825	1.01
1825	5.01
1826	1.01
1826	4.01

1827	1.01
1827	5.01
1828	1.01
1828	4.01

Council President Espinosa opened the meeting to remote attendees for comments.

There being no comments, the public portion was closed.

Council President Espinosa opened the meeting to in person attendees for comments.

Curtis Grubbs, 1750 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St, asked which properties this will effect.

Business Administrator Tim Dacey and Township Attorney Raj Goomer provided information.

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

RESOLUTION offered by Councilmember Uhrin, seconded by Councilmember Cahill, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey, that AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: ORDINANCE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF RIGHTS OF WAY, EASMENTS AND LAND IN FEE SIMPLE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF HAZELWOOD PLACE AND HANOVER STREET IN PISCATAWAY TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

was introduced on the 15th day of April 2025 and had passed the first reading and was published on the 23rd day of April 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforesaid Ordinance, having had a second reading on May 6, 2025, 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. 2025-11.

On roll call vote: Councilmembers Cahill, Carmichael, Leibowitz, Rashid, Uhrin & Espinosa answered yes.

The Clerk read for SECOND READING the following ORDINANCE: ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE SALARY AND WAGE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Piscataway ("Township"), Middlesex County, finds it in the best interest of the public to amend various sections of the General Ordinances of the Township of Piscataway; and

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED that the salary, compensation and classification plan for the officials and employees of the Township of Piscataway is established to be effective June 1, 2025, is amended and replaced as follows:

Section 1. The Municipal Base Salary Scales effective June 1, 2025 for Full-Time Salaried Employees are as follows:

	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
	Hourly Rate/Part Time			
MS1	\$35,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$19.23/hour	\$35.71/hour
MS2	\$37,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$20.32/hour	\$41.21/hour
MS3	\$40,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$21.97/hour	\$54.95/hour
MS4	\$42,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$23.07/hour	\$60.44/hour
MS5	\$44,000.00	\$130,000.00	\$24.17/hour	\$71.43/hour
MS6	\$47,000.00	\$165,000.00	\$25.82/hour	\$79.67/hour
MS7	\$50,000.00	\$210,000.00	\$27.47/hour	\$90.66/hour
MS8	\$55,000.00	\$235,000.00	\$30.21/hour	\$109.89/hour
MS9	\$80,000.00	\$265,000.00	\$43.95/hour	\$137.36/hour

Section 2. The Municipal Base Salary Scales effective June 1, 2025 are as follows:

MH1	\$20.00	\$33.00
MH2	\$25.00	\$55.00
MH3	\$30.00	\$102.75

Section 3. The Municipal Base Salary Scales effective June 1, 2025, for Part-Time Salaried Employees are as follows:

PTS1	\$64.90	\$110.00
PTS2	\$440.00	\$3,300.00
PTS3	\$550.00	\$5,500.00
PTS4	\$2,200.00	\$11,000.00
PTS5	\$8,800.00	\$17,600.00
PTS6	\$11,000.00	\$49,500.00
PTS7	\$26,400.00	\$82,500.00

Section 4. The Schedule of Position Classification is as follows:

Accounting Clerk	MS1	MH3
Bus Driver	MS1	MH3
Community Service Coordinator	MS1	MH3
Custodian	MS1	MH3
Handyman	MS1	MH3
Junior Office Assistant	MS1	MH3
Kitchen Aide	MS1	MH3
Meals on Wheels Assistant	MS1	MH3
Personnel Assistant	MS1	MH3
Receptionist	MS1	MH3
Assessing Clerk	MS2	MH3
Head Cashier	MS2	MH3
Lien Coordinator	MS2	MH3
Principal Personnel Assistant	MS2	MH3
Registered Environmental H S	MS2	MH3
Secretary	MS2	MH3
Senior Accounting Clerk	MS2	MH3
Senior Assessing Clerk	MS2	MH3
Senior Office Assistant	MS2	MH3
Senior Tax Clerk	MS2	MH3
Service Maintenance Technician	MS2	MH3
Sewer Utility Cashier	MS2	MH3
Tax Adjuster	MS2	MH3
Tax Cashier	MS2	MH3
Transportation Coordinator	MS2	MH3
Assistant Municipal Treasurer	MS3	MH3
Administrative Assistant	MS3	MH3
Certificate of Occupancy Inspector	MS3	MH3
Code Enforcement Inspector	MS3	MH3
Compliance Officer/Inspector	MS3	MH3
Elder Care Coordinator	MS3	MH3
Dispatcher	MS3	MH3

Engineering Aid C	MS3	MH3
Equipment Coordinator	MS3	MH3
Housing Coordinator	MS3	MH3
Housing Inspector	MS3	MH3
Laborer	MS3	MH3
Museum Curator	MS3	MH3
Payroll Coordinator	MS3	MH3
Production Facilitator	MS3	MH3
Program Accounts Analyst	MS3	MH3
Program Supervisor	MS3	MH3
Public Works Assistant	MS3	MH3
Purchasing Specialist	MS3	MH3
Secretary – Confidential	MS3	MH3
Administrative Supervisor	MS4	MH4
Administrative Supervisor of Recreation	MS4	MH3
Animal Control Officer	MS4	MH3
Assistant Property Maintenance & Enforcement Officer	MS4	MH3
Assistant Zoning Officer	MS4	MH3
Deputy Assessor	MS4	MH3
Deputy Municipal Clerk	MS4	MH3
Deputy Municipal Court Administrator	MS4	MH3
Deputy Tax Collector	MS4	MH3
Engineering Aide B	MS4	MH3
Executive Assistant	MS4	MH3
Office Manager	MS4	MH3
Program Supervisor/Recreation	MS4	MH4
Program Supervisor/Equipment Coordinator	MS4	MH3
Purchasing Agent	MS4	MH3
Supervising Certificate of Occupancy Official	MS4	MH4
Supervisor of Property Maintenance & Enforcement	MS4	MH3
Technical Assistant to Construction Official	MS4	MH3
User Support Specialist	MS4	MH3
Zoning Officer	MS4	MH3
Assistant Comptroller	MS5	MH3
Assistant Foreman	MS5	MH3
Assistant Planner	MS5	MH3
Assistant Sanitary Sewer System Operator	MS5	MH3
Assistant Traffic Light Technician	MS5	MH3
Building Mechanic	MS5	MH3
Constituent Service Coordinator	MS5	MH3
Economic Development Coordinator	MS5	MH3
Engineering Aide A	MS5	MH3
Engineering Inspector	MS5	MH3
Equipment Operator A	MS5	MH3
Equipment Operator B	MS5	MH3
Equipment Operator C	MS5	MH3
Fire Inspector	MS5	MH3
Junior Mechanic	MS5	MH3
Policy Coordinator - Administration	MS5	MH3
Public Information Officer/Social Media	MS5	MH3
Registered Environmental Health Specialist	MS5	MH3
Sanitary Sewer System Operator	MS5	MH3
Senior Building Mechanic	MS5	MH3
Senior Mechanic	MS5	MH3

Sewer TV Truck Operator	MS5	MH3
Station Manager – PCTV	MS5	MH3
Street Sweeper Operator	MS5	MH3
Sub-Code Official – Electrical	MS5	MH3
Sub-Code Official – Plumbing	MS5	MH3
Systems Administrator	MS5	MH3
Traffic Light Technician	MS5	MH3
Tree Technician	MS5	MH3
Truck Driver A	MS5	MH3
Truck Driver B	MS5	MH3
Building Sub-code Official	MS6	MH3
Chief of Staff	MS6	MH3
Chief Registered Environmental Health Specialist	MS6	MH3
Comptroller	MS6	MH3
Emergency Management Coordinator	MS6	MH3
Foreman	MS6	MH3
Junior Engineering Assistant	MS6	MH3
Landscape Architect	MS6	MH3
Municipal Court Administrator	MS6	MH3
Operations Manager	MS6	MH3
Patrolman	MS6	MH3
Project/Contract Manager	MS6	MH3
Qualified Purchasing Agent	MS6	MH3
Senior Engineering Assistant	MS6	MH3
Senior Patrolman	MS6	MH3
Senior Policy Coordinator- Administration	MS6	MH3
Senior Public Information Officer/Social Media Assessor	MS6	MH3
Assistant Business Administrator	MS7	MH3
Assistant Supervisor of Engineering	MS7	MH3
Assistant Director of Public Works	MS7	MH3
Assistant Director of Finance	MS7	MH3
Licensed Sewer Operator	MS7	MH3
CAD Manager	MS7	MH3
Collector of Revenue	MS7	MH3
Construction Official	MS7	MH3
Director of Building and Grounds	MS7	MH3
Fire Marshall	MS7	MH3
Fire Services Coordinator	MS7	MH3
Human Resources Coordinator	MS7	MH3
Information Technology (IT) Manager	MS7	MH3
Legal Assistant	MS7	MH3
Municipal Clerk	MS7	MH3
Para-Legal Assistant	MS7	MH3
Sergeant	MS7	MH3
Supervisor of Engineering	MS7	MH3
Supervisor of Planning	MS7	MH3
Captain	MS8	MH3
Lieutenant	MS8	MH3
Mayor	MS8	MH3
Superintendent	MS8	MH3
Administrator	MS9	MH3
Chief Financial Officer	MS9	MH3
Deputy Chief of Police	MS9	MH3
Director of Community Development	MS9	MH3

Director of Division of Police	MS9	MH3
Director of Finance	MS9	MH3
Director of Health	MS9	MH3
Director - Office of Aging	MS9	MH3
Director of Public Works	MS9	MH3
Director of Public Safety	MS9	MH3
Director of Recreation	MS9	MH3
In-House Legal Counsel	MS9	MH3

Part-Time Salaried Positions

Clerk to Boards and Commissions per Meeting	PTS1
Black Seal License	PTS2
Clerk to Joint Board of Fire Commissioners	PTS2
Clerk to PCTV	PTS2
Emergency Animal Control Officer	PTS2
Township Engineer	PTS3
Real Estate Coordinator	PTS3
Museum Curator	PTS4
Police Chaplain	PTS4
Secretary to the Planning Board	PTS4
Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator	PTS5
Council Members	PTS5
Council President	PTS5
Licensed Sewer Operator	PTS5
Assistant Township Attorney	PTS5
Emergency Management Coordinator	PTS6
Public Defender	PTS6
Prosecutor	PTS6
Chief Financial Officer	PTS6
Municipal Judge	PTS7

Part-Time Non Salaried Positions

Crossing Guard	MH1
Bus Driver	MH1
Health Aide	MH1
Junior Office Assistant	MH1
Kitchen Aide	MH1
Meals on Wheels Assistant	MH1
Municipal Alliance Coordinator	MH1
Public Relations Officer	MH1
Public Works Assistant	MH1
Rabies Clinic Assistant	MH1
Receptionist	MH1
Recreation Assistant and Supervisor	MH1
Senior Office Assistant	MH1
Special Dispatcher	MH1
Building Inspection	MH2
Deputy Assessor	MH2
Elder Care Coordinator	MH2
Special Officer and Matron	MH2
Uniform Construction Code Inspection	MH2
Uniform Construction Code Official	MH2
Assistant Zoning Officer	MH3
Special Clerical – Election Days	MH3

Zoning Officer

MH3

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Township, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other parts, portions and provisions of the Ordinances of the Township are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof; and

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon second reading, final passage and publication as required by law.

Council President Espinosa opened the meeting to remote attendees for comments.

There being no comments, the public portion was closed.

Council President Espinosa opened the meeting to in person attendees for comments.

There being no comments, the public portion was closed.

RESOLUTION offered by Councilmember Carmichael, seconded by Councilmember Cahill, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey, that AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE SALARY AND WAGE SCHEDULE

was introduced on the 15th day of April 2025 and had passed the first reading and was published on the 23rd day of April 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforesaid Ordinance, having had a second reading on May 6, 2025, 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. 2025-12.

On roll call vote: Councilmembers Cahill, Carmichael, Leibowitz, Rashid, Uhrin & Espinosa answered yes.

The Clerk read for SECOND READING the following ORDINANCE: ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER XXI, ZONING, SECTION 8A, FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, Middlesex County, finds it in the best interest of the public to amend Chapter XXI, Zoning, Section 8A, Flood Damage Prevention, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Piscataway; and

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Chapter XXI, Zoning, Section 8A, Flood Damage Prevention, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Piscataway are hereby amended with additions shown in italics and deletions shown in brackets as follows:

CHAPTER II ADMINISTRATION

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21-8A FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION

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2-804A.6 Fees

*The application fee for the Floodplain Development Permit shall be \$250.00 for One (1) and Two (2) Family Dwellings, and \$300 for Nonresidential & Mixed use properties.*

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Township, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other parts, portions and provisions of the Ordinances of the Township are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon second reading, final passage and publication as required by law.

Council President Espinosa opened the meeting to remote attendees for comments.

There being no comments, the public portion was closed.

Council President Espinosa opened the meeting to in person attendees for comments.

There being no comments, the public portion was closed.

RESOLUTION offered by Councilmember Carmichael, seconded by Councilmember Rashid, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey, that AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER XXI (21), ZONING, SECTION 8A, FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION.

was introduced on the 4th day of March 2025 and had passed the first reading and was published on the 9th day of March 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforesaid Ordinance, having had a second reading on May 6, 2025, 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. 2025-13.

On roll call vote: Councilmembers Cahill, Carmichael, Leibowitz, Rashid, Uhrin, & Espinosa answered yes.

The Clerk read for FIRST READING the following ORDINANCE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A DECLARATION OF DEED RESTRICTION FOR A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON THE ECOLOGICAL PARK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11

RESOLUTION offered by Councilmember Uhrin, seconded by Councilmember Carmichael, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey that AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A DECLARATION OF DEED RESTRICTION FOR A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON THE ECOLOGICAL PARK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11

be and is hereby adopted on the first reading, that it be published in the official newspaper, and that a second reading and public hearing be held at 7:30 p.m., prevailing time at the Piscataway Municipal Building, 455 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, New Jersey on the 5th day of June 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Ordinance shall be posted in at least two public places within the Township prior to the day of the second reading and final passage, and a copy of this Ordinance shall be made available at the Office of the Township Clerk for any interested member of the public.

On roll call vote: Councilmembers Cahill, Carmichael, Leibowitz, Rashid, Uhrin & Espinosa answered yes.

The Clerk read for FIRST READING the following ORDINANCE: ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER VII (7), TRAFFIC, SECTION 14, PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS

RESOLUTION offered by Councilmember Cahill, seconded by Councilmember Carmichael, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey that AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER VII (7), TRAFFIC, SECTION 14, PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS

be and is hereby adopted on the first reading, that it be published in the official newspaper, and that a second reading and public hearing be held at 7:30 p.m., prevailing time at the Piscataway Municipal Building, 455 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, New Jersey on the 5th day of June 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Ordinance shall be posted in at least two public places within the Township prior to the day of the second reading and final passage, and a copy of this Ordinance shall be made available at the Office of the Township Clerk for any interested member of the public.

On roll call vote: Councilmembers Cahill, Carmichael, Leibowitz, Rashid, Uhrin, & Espinosa answered yes.

#### RESOLUTION #25-166

RESOLUTION offered by Councilmember Leibowitz, seconded by Councilmember Cahill.

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 May 6, 2025 Regular Meeting appear to have the unanimous approval of all members of the Township Council:

- a. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Refund of Picnic Fee – R. Guanlao.
- b. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes – Various Blocks and Lots.
- c. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Contract Through ESCNJ – 2025 Various Landscaping Projects – JCW, Inc. d/b/a Natural Green Lawn Care.
- d. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Return of Performance Surety and Cash Bonds:
  - Block 3401, Lot 12.02 – 33 Clawson Street – 10-ZB-51/52V.
- e. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Contract Through Middlesex County Cooperative – 2025 Hot Mix Asphalt for Road Resurfacing – Stavola Asphalt Company, Inc. – Not to Exceed \$250,000.00.
- f. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Contract Through Middlesex County Cooperative – 2025 Milling and Road Surface Preparation for DPW Resurfacing of Various Streets – Black Rock Enterprises, LLC – Not to Exceed \$100,000.00.
- g. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Contract Through the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance – RFID – Radio Frequency Identification and Self Check Equipment – SHI – Not to Exceed \$68,775.48.
- h. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Contract Through ESCNJ – 2025 Installed Playground Safety Surface – Downes forest Products, LLC – Not to Exceed \$43,500.00.
- i. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Contract for Professional Planning Services – Affordable Housing Matters – Harbor Consultants, Inc. – Not to Exceed \$25,000.00.
- j. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Electronic Tax Sale.
- k. RESOLUTION – Appointment of Padmaja Rao as Director of Finance and Chief Financial Officer.

- l. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Professional Environmental Consulting Services – Day Park – Notice of Violation – Davey Resource Group – Not to Exceed \$73,346.82.
- m. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Contract – Sterling Village Security Services – Aron Security Inc. d/b/a Arrow Security – Not to Exceed \$41,245.00.
- n. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Contract Through ESCNJ – 2025 Communications Center Access Control and Video Surveillance Installations – Open Systems Integrators – Not to Exceed \$78,282.05.
- o. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Contract Under State Contract – 2025 Communications Center – 2 Position 911/Call Taking Equipment Addition – Vesta Solutions of NJ, Inc. – Not to Exceed \$61,949.77.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway that each of the above-listed Resolutions, Motions or Proclamations be approved and adopted by the Township Council, with the same legal effect as through each was read in its entirety at the May 6, 2025 Regular meeting and adopted by separate vote.

On roll call vote: Councilmembers Cahill, Carmichael, Leibowitz, Rashid, Uhrin, & Espinosa answered yes.

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

**RESOLUTION #25-167**

WHEREAS, Rochielle Sakamoto Guanlao, Piscataway, NJ, requests the return of a Picnic Permit Fee in the amount of \$250.00, posted with the Township of Piscataway for a picnic at Possumtown Park on June 20, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Piscataway Township Department of Parks and Recreation recommended the return of said Picnic Permit Fee, in the amount of \$250.00, as the picnic was cancelled; 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 a Picnic Permit Fee in the amount of \$250.00, pursuant to receipt no. 179159 to Rochielle Sakamoto Guanlao.

**RESOLUTION #25-168**

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

BLOCK	LOT	NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
410	18.01	KYLE SCHADT	2025	159.54	100% Disabled Veteran
410	18.01	KYLE SCHADT	2025	1,453.63	100% Disabled Veteran
7005	2	ANTHONY PALITTO	2025	61.15	100% Disabled Veteran
7005	2	ANTHONY PALITTO	2025	1,793.72	100% Disabled Veteran

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 #25-169**

WHEREAS, the Township Landscape Architect has advised that the Township is in need of 2025 Various Landscaping Projects (the “Projects”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Recommendation to Award Contract, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, said Landscape Architect recommends awarding a contract for the Projects through the Educational Services Commission of NJ Bid #ESCNJ 24/25-25 to JCW, Inc. dba Natural Green Lawn Care, Bridgewater, NJ, in the amount not to exceed \$43,775.00; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 et. seq. authorizes the Township to make purchases and contract for services through the use of a nationally-recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing agreement that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process; and

WHEREAS, funds are available pursuant to certification # R-2025-0030;

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 2025 Various Landscaping Projects through the Educational Services Commission of NJ Bid #ESCNJ 24/25-25 to JCW, Inc. dba Natural Green Lawn Care, Bridgewater, NJ, in the amount not to exceed \$43,775.00, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

RESOLUTION #25-170

WHEREAS, Layla Transportation Trading, Inc., Piscataway, NJ, requests the release of a Cash Bond in the original amount of \$5,220.24 and an Off-Site Performance Surety Bond in the original amount of \$46,982.16, posted with the Township of Piscataway on January 22, 2019, respectively, for improvements on Block 3401, Lot 12.02 (33 Clawson Street) regarding Application #10-ZB-51/52V; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated February 25, 2025 and a letter from the Township Supervisor of Engineering dated March 13, 2025, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, the said Supervisor of Engineering advised that the site has been sold and all improvements required and covered do not need to be constructed, and recommends the release of the Cash Bond and Performance Surety Bond to Layla Transportation Trading, Inc., Piscataway, NJ without the posting of a maintenance 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 \$5,220.24 and an Off-Site Performance Surety Bond in the amount of \$46,982.16 to Layla Transportation Trading, Inc., Piscataway, NJ for improvements to Block 3401, Lot 12.02 (33 Clawson Street) regarding Application #10-ZB-51/52V.

RESOLUTION #25-171

WHEREAS, the Township Director of Public Works has advised that the Township is in need of 2025-1 Hot Mix Asphalt for Road Resurfacing (the "Asphalt"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Recommendation to Award Contract, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, said Director of Public Works recommends awarding a contract for the Asphalt through Middlesex County Cooperative Contract Bid #B-24-097 to Stavola Asphalt Company, Inc., Tinton Fall, NJ, in the amount not to exceed \$250,000.00; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 et. seq. authorizes the Township to make purchases and contract for services through the use of a nationally-recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing agreement that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process; and

WHEREAS, funds are available pursuant to certification # B-2025-005;

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 the 2025-1 Hot Mix Asphalt for Road Resurfacing through the Middlesex County Cooperative Contract Bid #B-24-097 to Stavola Asphalt Company, Inc., Tinton Falls, NJ, in the amount not to exceed \$250,000.00, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

RESOLUTION #25-172

WHEREAS, the Township Director of Public Works has advised that the Township is in need of 2025 Milling and Road Surface Preparation for DPW Resurfacing of Various Streets (the "Preparations"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Recommendation to Award Contract, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, said Director of Public Works recommends awarding a contract for the Preparations through the Middlesex County Cooperative Contract Bid #B-24-096 to Black Rock Enterprises, LLC, Old Bridge, NJ, in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 et. seq. authorizes the Township to make purchases and contract for services through the use of a nationally-recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing agreement that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process; and

WHEREAS, funds are available pursuant to certification # B-2025-006;

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 the 2025 Milling and Road Surface Preparation for DPW Resurfacing of Various Streets through the Middlesex County Cooperative Contract Bid #B-24-096 to Black Rock Enterprises, LLC, Old Bridge, NJ, in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

**RESOLUTION #25-173**

WHEREAS, the Director of Piscataway Public Library has advised that the Township Library is in need of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) and SelfCheck Equipment (the "Equipment"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Recommendation to Award Contract, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, said Director of Piscataway Public Library recommends awarding a contract for the Equipment through the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance Subcontractor, BIBLIOTHECA #CK04 #24-38 to SHI International Corp., Somerset, NJ, in the amount not to exceed \$68,775.48; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 et. seq. authorizes the Township to make purchases and contract for services through the use of a nationally-recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing agreement that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process; and

WHEREAS, funds are available pursuant to certification # R-2025-0031;

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 the Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) and SelfCheck Equipment through the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance Subcontractor, BIBLIOTHECA #CK04 #24-38 to SHI International Corp., Somerset, NJ, in the amount not to exceed \$68,775.48, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

**RESOLUTION #25-174**

WHEREAS, the Township Assistant Director of Public Works has advised that the Township is in need of a 2025 Installed Playground Safety Surface (the "Surface"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Recommendation to Award Contract, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, said Assistant Director of Public Works recommends awarding a contract for the Surface through the Educational Services Commission of NJ Bid #ESCNJ 24/25-03 to Downes Forest Products, LLC, Hawthorne, NJ, in the amount not to exceed \$43,500.00; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 et. seq. authorizes the Township to make purchases and contract for services through the use of a nationally-recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing agreement that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process; and

WHEREAS, funds are available pursuant to certification # R-2025-0032;

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 a 2025 Installed Playground Safety Surface through the Educational Services Commission of NJ Bid #ESCNJ 24/25-03 to Downes Forest Products, LLC, Hawthorne, NJ, in the amount not to exceed \$43,500.00, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

**RESOLUTION #25-175**

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway requires Professional Planning Services for Affordable Housing Matters related to the preparation of Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (HE&FSP) in 2025 (the "Services"); and

WHEREAS, Harbor Consultants, Inc., Cranford, NJ, has submitted a Proposal for the Services related to the preparation of HE&FSP in 2025, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof ("Proposal"), with a cost not to exceed \$25,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Harbor Consultants, Inc. was previously qualified under the Fair and Open Process to provide professional services for Professional Planning Services –4<sup>th</sup> Round Affordable Housing Planner by the Township of Piscataway for 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Township Assistant Business Administrator recommends awarding a contract for the Services to Harbor Consultants, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, there is funding available pursuant to certification # R-2025-0037;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway that the Township Council does hereby authorize Harbor Consultants, Inc., Cranford, NJ, to provide Professional Planning Services for Affordable Housing Matters related to the preparation of Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (HE&FSP) in 2025 at the rates set forth in said Proposal, with such services not to exceed \$25,000.00 in cost.

RESOLUTION #25-176

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") wishes to authorize an electronic municipal tax lien sale, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:33-1.1(b); and

WHEREAS, the Administration has recommended that the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway authorize appropriate municipal officials to prepare bid specifications, advertise and receive bids in regard to the electronic municipal tax lien sale; 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 complete an electronic municipal tax lien sale, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:33-1.1(b); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to prepare bid specifications, advertise and receive bids in regard to the electronic municipal tax lien sale.

RESOLUTION #25-177

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140.10, every municipality in the State of New Jersey is required to appoint a Chief Financial Officer to be responsible for the proper financial administration of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, Padmaja Rao possesses the qualifications and experience necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance and the Mayor recommends appointment of Padmaja Rao; and

WHEREAS, Padmaja Rao holds the required Certified Municipal Finance Officer (CMFO) certification issued by the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Township of Piscataway to appoint Padmaja Rao to said position; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway that Padmaja Rao is hereby appointed as Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance for the Township of Piscataway in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140.10, effective July 1, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Padmaja Rao's appointment shall be for a term of four (4) years running from January 1, 2025 until December 31, 2028 as provided by statute, subject to reappointment at the end of the term, and shall be subject to all applicable laws and regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that compensation for said position shall be in accordance with the Wage and Salary Ordinance of the Township of Piscataway; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, and shall be maintained in the official records of the Township.

RESOLUTION #25-178

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway requires Professional Environmental Consulting Services to resolve the NJDEP Notice of Violation at Day Park (the "Services"); and

WHEREAS, Davey Resource Group, Inc. Flemington, NJ, has submitted a Proposal for the Services related to said Notice of Violation at Day Park, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof ("Proposal"), with a cost not to exceed \$73,346.82; and

WHEREAS, Davey Resource Group, Inc. was previously qualified under the Fair and Open Process to provide professional services for Professional Engineering Services – Special Projects, Environmental, Etc. by the Township of Piscataway for 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township Supervisor of Engineering recommends awarding a contract for the Services to Davey Resource Group, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, there is funding available pursuant to certification # R-2025-0033;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway that the Township Council does hereby authorize Davey Resource Group, Inc., Flemington, NJ, to provide Professional Environmental Consulting Services to resolve the NJDEP Notice of Violation at Day Park at the rates set forth in said Proposal, with such services not to exceed \$73,346.82 in cost.

RESOLUTION #25-179

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway ("Township") has a need for Sterling Village Security Guard Services from May 1, 2025 through June 24, 2025 (the "Services") as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, Aron Security, Inc. dba Arrow Security ("Arrow"), has submitted an proposal for said Services, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, for a total amount not to exceed \$41,245.00; and

WHEREAS, Arrow has, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8, completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, which certifies that Arrow has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee within the Township of Piscataway in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Arrow from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, funds are available pursuant to certification # R-2025-0036;

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 enter into a contract with Aron Security, Inc. dba Arrow Security, for Sterling Village Security Guard Services, at the rates set forth in the above referenced Proposal, in the amount not to exceed \$41,245.00.

RESOLUTION #25-180

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway is in need of 2025 Communications Center Access Control and Video Surveillance Installations (the "Installations") to provide security upgrades throughout the Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Township Police Department recommends awarding a contract for the Installations to Open Systems Integrators, LLC, Hamilton, NJ, through the Educational Services Commission of NJ Bid#65-MCESCPPS #ESCNJ 23/24-32 (Building Access & Security Systems), in the amount not to exceed \$78,282.05; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 et. seq. authorizes the Township to make purchases and contract for services through the use of a nationally-recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing agreement that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process; and

WHEREAS, funds are available pursuant to certification #R-2025-0035;

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 2025 Communications Center Access Control and Video Surveillance Installations to Open Systems Integrators, LLC, Hamilton, NJ, through the Educational Services Commission of NJ Bid #65-MCESCPPS #ESCNJ 23/24-32 (Building Access & Security Systems), in the amount not to exceed \$78,282.05, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

RESOLUTION #25-181

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") is in need of a 2025 Communications Center – 911/Call Taking Equipment Addition (the "Equipment"); and

WHEREAS, the Township Police Department recommends awarding a contract for the Equipment to Vesta Solutions of NJ, Inc., Temecula, CA, through New Jersey State Contract #83925, in the amount not to exceed \$61,949.77; and

WHEREAS, funds are available pursuant to certification # R-2025-0034;

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 enter into a contract for the 2025 Communications Center – 911/Call

Taking Equipment Addition with Vesta Solutions of NJ, Inc., Temecula, CA, through New Jersey State Contract #83925, in the amount not to exceed \$61,949.77.

Council President Espinosa read the following proclamation on behalf of Mayor Wahler:

WHEREAS, the Office of the Municipal Clerk is a time-honored and essential part of local government; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Clerks perform a wide range of important duties including the preparation of meeting agendas, maintenance of public records, oversight of elections, issuance of licenses and provision of vital services to the public that promote transparency, accountability, and good governance; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and appreciate the dedication and professionalism of the municipal clerks in our community who serve as valuable public servants ensuring the smooth and effective operation of local government; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Clerks continually strive to enhance the administration of their duties through ongoing education and professional development; and

WHEREAS, by serving with integrity, impartiality, and professionalism, our Municipal Clerks play a significant role in the success of our community and the strength of our democracy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Brian C. Wahler, Mayor of the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, along with the Township Council, recognize the week of May 4 – May 10, 2025 as Municipal Clerks Week, and further acknowledge our Municipal Clerk Melissa Seader, Deputy Clerk Jennifer Johnson, and Senior Office Assistant Bunty Sood for the integral services they perform.

Councilmember Leibowitz read the following proclamation on behalf of Mayor Wahler:

WHEREAS, established after resolutions passed unanimously in both houses of Congress, President George W. Bush proclaimed May as Jewish American Heritage Month as an annual recognition of the American Jewish community which has contributed substantially to the fabric of American history, culture and society; and

WHEREAS, the rich heritage of the Jewish American community in the Township of Piscataway includes two yeshivas and a historical marker on Davidson Road commemorating the Jewish Agricultural Society which in the 1930s enabled Jewish families to poultry farm while maintaining jobs in New York and became a model for similar New Deal programs; and

WHEREAS, American Jews have served in the United States military with great bravery and patriotism in its wars including approximately 550,000 Jewish men and women in World War II; and

WHEREAS, present day efforts to remedy the recognition of Jewish American military service continues with Operation Benjamin for which American Jews buried with non-Jewish markers in American military cemeteries throughout the world are having Star of David markers installed at their burial sites; and

WHEREAS, Eighteen American Jews have been awarded the Medal of Honor, our country's highest honor, including Colonel Jack Jacobs, who lived in Middlesex County and graduated from Rutgers University, for his valor in the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, our country's commitment to religious freedom and acceptance of ethnic heritage obligates us to root out prejudice and combat anti-Semitism; and

WHEREAS, synagogues and Jewish cultural institutions in the United States have amplified security measures due to the increased threat of anti-Semitic violence; and

WHEREAS, Jewish students on American college campuses have been targeted for marginalization and hostility for their ethnic heritage; and

WHEREAS, online harassment of American Jews has intensified with ferocity; and

WHEREAS, during this month, we should take time to remember the lessons of the Holocaust and recognize the contributions American Jews have made to civil rights and social justice movements.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brian C. Wahler, Mayor of the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, along with the Township Council, declare the month of May to be

Jewish American Heritage Month

and encourage all residents to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture and work together to guarantee peace and equality for all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMENTS FROM OFFICIALS:

- Councilmember Cahill hoped the residents enjoy this time of year. She thanked the municipal employees for the budget preparation and education. She also thanked Councilmember Leibowitz for reading the Jewish American Heritage Month proclamation.
- Councilmember Carmichael thanked the Clerk's Office for their hard work and echoed Councilmember Cahill's comments about the Jewish American Heritage Month proclamation. She wished all mothers a Happy Mother's Day and reminded residents who are turning 90 years of age or older of the upcoming birthday celebration at the Senior Center.
- Councilmember Leibowitz discussed the importance of transparency and working together with the Board of Education. She introduced a motion to share PILOT monies with the county, fire districts, and school district the same way property taxes are split.
  - Councilmember Rashid seconded this motion.
  - Council President Espinosa opened the meeting for discussion and agreed that it is important to work together with other members of the community. He motioned to postpone this matter.
- Councilmember Rashid echoed Councilmember Leibowitz's comments. She talked about her time on the Board of Education and encouraged open discussion.
- Councilmember Uhrin did not have any comments at this time.
- Mayor Wahler said he is open to discussion, but reminded residents that this is still the largest tax increase in the history of the Township.
- Business Administrator Tim Dacey did not have any comments at this time.
- Assistant Business Administrator Paula Cozzarelli spoke about the ordinance regarding the Ecological Park. She also gave an update on the solar project.
- Township Attorney Raj Goomer did not have any comments at this time.
- Council President Espinosa reminded residents of the upcoming Bike Rodeo. He agreed that it is important to talk about the issues brought forward by Councilmembers Leibowitz and Rashid, but that the communication and respect must be reciprocated.

The Council considered the matters on the Agenda for June 5, 2025:

- PROCLAMATION – Piscataway High School Students Against Destructive Decisions.
- ORDINANCE- SECOND READING – Authorizing Deed of Restriction for Ecological Park – OPEN TO PUBLIC - RESOLUTION Adopting Ordinance.
- ORDINANCE – SECOND READING – Amending Chapter 7 Traffic, Section 14 Parking Prohibited at All Times – Fitz-Randolph Road Entire Length – OPEN TO PUBLIC - RESOLUTION Adopting Ordinance.
- RESOLUTION – Calling for the Restoration of Energy Taxes to Municipalities.
- RESOLUTION – Authorizing Renewal of Membership – Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund.

OPEN TO PUBLIC – REMOTE ATTENDEES:

Jessica Kratovil, 1247 Brookside Rd, thanked Councilmember Leibowitz for her efforts regarding the Board of Education. She also asked for more details about Consent Agenda item L (Day Park).

Township Attorney Raj Goomer asked the Council not to respond to Ms. Kratovil, as she is in active litigation with the Township. He and Assistant Business Administrator Paula Cozzarelli responded to her question about Consent Agenda item L.

Charlie Kratovil, New Brunswick, asked who is in charge of the Piscataway Police Department and what the Township Council is doing to help “clean-up” the department amidst the recent legal troubles.

Township Attorney Raj Goomer responded.

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

OPEN TO PUBLIC – IN PERSON ATTENDEES:

David Akens, Ambrose Valley Ln, asked questions about items 7, 8, 11, 19, and 21 as well as Consent Agenda items C, F, G, I, and K.

Township Attorney Raj Goomer and Business Administrator Tim Dacey responded with the appropriate information.

Loretta Rivers, 249 Pinelli Dr, discussed the issue of the Piscataway Police officer who was arrested days earlier. She is concerned about the lack of public statements from the Police Department and the Mayor / Administration.

Business Administrator Tim Dacey let Ms. Rivers know that the statement made by the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety was put in the newspaper. Township Attorney Raj Goomer responded further by saying the Township does not want to interfere with the investigation.

Staci Berger, 233 Ellis Parkway, asked for clarification on the Township’s social media policy. She also asked what portion of PILOT money goes to the schools.

Business Administrator Tim Dacey explained that 5% of PILOT money goes to the municipality, the school gets the land tax, and the rest goes to the municipality.

Bill Irwin, 233 Ellis Parkway, asked about the budget presentation and public hearing.

Township Attorney Raj Goomer and Business Administrator Tim Dacey provided clarification.

Nancy Selgado-Cowan, 124 Stanton Ave, asked about the budget process and if there was ever a presentation made to the public.

Business Administrator Tim Dacey explained the process.

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

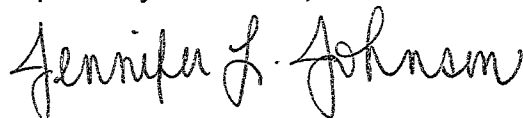
Costas Efthymious, 58 Curtis Ave, talked about the issues he has been having with property maintenance.

Curtis Grubbs, 1750 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St, expressed concerns about the park near Hazelwood Ave.

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 8:42 pm. Motion by Councilmember Leibowitz, seconded by Councilmember Cahill, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Johnson, Deputy Township Clerk

Accepted: July 1, 2025



Dennis Espinosa  
Council President