

July 1, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Piscataway Township Council was held on July 1, 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.

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

Brian Rak, 1247 Brookside Rd, asked a question about Consent Agenda Item i regarding the traffic light on South Washington Ave.

Mayor Wahler and Township Attorney Raj Goomer responded with the relevant information, including the fact that South Washington Ave is a county road and that the traffic light is temporary.

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.

David Aikens, Ambrose Valley Ln, asked about Consent Agenda Items p and q.

Mayor Wahler and Business Administrator Paula Cozzarelli responded with the relevant information.

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

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 26, TURN PROHIBITIONS, AND CHAPTER XXXI (31), STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, SECTION 1.12, REMOVAL OF INACTIVE UTILITY LINES

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 26, Turn Prohibitions, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Piscataway; and

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 XXXI, Streets and Sidewalks, Section 1.12, Removal of Inactive Utility Lines, 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

26, Turn Prohibitions, and Chapter XXI, Streets and Sidewalks, Section 1.12, Removal of Inactive Utility Lines 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

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7-26 TURN PROHIBITIONS.

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b. Left turn prohibited:

Intersection	Turn Prohibited	Movement Prohibited
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South Washington Avenue and Towne Center driveway	Left Turn	South on South Washington Avenue to both east and west into private access driveway of Towne Center
<i>Stelton Road (CR#622) and private access driveway (PNC Bank, 1240 Stelton Road)</i>	Left Turn	<i>North on Stelton Road (CR#622) to west on private access driveway; East on private access driveway to north on Stelton Road</i>

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CHAPTER XXXI STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

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31-1.12 REMOVAL OF INACTIVE UTILITY LINES

It shall be the duty of each public utility laying replacement pipes, lines, cables, wires or any other transmission devices or systems, including but not limited to sanitary sewer, storm sewer, drainage line, water main, lateral or any other sewer, drainage or water distribution system or device ("Replacement Facilities") to remove all existing pipe, line, cable, wire transmission device or system, and all appurtenances thereto (the "Abandoned Facilities") then existing and which will become inactive. Removal shall be completed within 30 days of installation of the Replacement Facilities; and the Replacement Facilities shall not be utilized [into] until complete removal of the Abandoned Facilities. All Abandoned Facilities shall be removed to a location approved by the Township Engineering Division and all areas backfilled in accordance with Township trench requirements for paved streets. The installation of Replacement Facilities and the removal of Abandoned Facilities must be inspected and approved by the Township Engineering Division. All of the provisions of this Chapter 31 shall be applicable to the removal of the Abandoned Facilities, including but not limited to the paying of deposits, furnishing of bonds, protection of existing pipes, conduits or structures and maintaining and protecting traffic. The Township Supervisor of Engineering may, in [his] their discretion on a case by case basis, waive, in whole or in part the requirement to remove abandoned facilities, *on the express condition that the public utility furnish the Township with compatible GPS data for installation into the GIS System indicating the location of the abandoned pipe.*

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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 Lombardi, 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 CHAPTER VII (7), TRAFFIC, SECTION 26, TURN PROHIBITIONS, AND CHAPTER XXXI (31), STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, SECTION 1.12, REMOVAL OF INACTIVE UTILITY LINES

was introduced on the 5th day of June 2025 and had passed the first reading and was published on the 11th day of June 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforesaid Ordinance, having had a second reading on July 1, 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. 2025-17.

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

The Clerk read for SECOND READING the following ORDINANCE: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 5701 LOTS 11 AND 12 (1700 SOUTH WASHINGTON AVENUE), AS SHOWN ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") is committed to redeveloping the area commonly known as Block 5701, Lots 11 and 12 (1700 South Washington Avenue) (the "Property" or "Redevelopment Area"); and

WHEREAS, the Township previously authorized an In Need of Redevelopment Study to be completed for the Property by 4Site Planning, LLC and authorized the Township Planning Board to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether the Property should comprise a Non-Condensation Area in Need of Redevelopment according to the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2024, the Planning Board of the Township held a public hearing regarding the determination of the Property as an Area in Need of Redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary investigation report, prepared by 4Site Planning, LLC, concluded that the parcel included within the study, identified as Block 5701, Lots 11 and 12, met the statutory criteria "E & H" to support the conclusion that this parcel may be determined to be an Area in Need of Redevelopment as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the preliminary investigation report and conducting a public hearing, the Planning Board of the Township found that the aforementioned parcel, located at Block 5701, Lots 11 and 12, met the statutory criteria for being designated a Non-Condensation Area in Need of Redevelopment and made a formal recommendation that this parcel be designated as an Area in Need of Redevelopment according to the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution #24-159, dated April 16, 2024, the Township Council declared Block 5701, Lots 11 and 12 (1700 South Washington Avenue) as a Non-Condensation Area in Need of Redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Township authorized 4Site Planning, LLC to prepare a redevelopment plan for the Redevelopment Area, which plan is entitled, "1700 South Washington Avenue Redevelopment Plan" dated April 30, 2025 ("Redevelopment Plan") and attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Township Planning Board reviewed the proposed Redevelopment Plan held a public hearing on May 14, 2025, recommended its adoption by the Township Council, and concluded that it is substantially consistent with the Township Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council reviewed the Redevelopment Plan and now desires to adopt the Redevelopment Plan, a copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit A; and

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

Section 1. The Township hereby approves and establishes the aforementioned Redevelopment Plan, for the area commonly known as Block 5701, Lots 11 and 12 (1700 South Washington Avenue), prepared by 4Site Planning, LLC (“Redevelopment Plan”) and attached hereto as Exhibit A pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7 of the Redevelopment Law.

Section 2. The aforementioned Redevelopment Plan shall supersede all provisions of the Zoning and Development Regulations of the Township of Piscataway regulating development in the area addressed by said Redevelopment Plan, unless otherwise noted in said Redevelopment Plan.

Section 3. Final adoption of said Redevelopment Plan by the Township Council shall be considered an amendment of the Township of Piscataway Zoning Map. The Zoning District Map in the Zoning Ordinances of the Township is hereby amended to include the boundaries described in the aforementioned Redevelopment Plan and the provisions therein.

Section 4. All of the provisions of said Redevelopment Plan shall supersede the applicable development regulations of the Township’s ordinances, as and where expressly indicated, for the Property. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of said Redevelopment Plan and any prior ordinance of the Township of Piscataway, the provisions of said Redevelopment Plan shall govern.

Section 5. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reasons, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect and, to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

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 Cahill, seconded by Councilmember Uhrin, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Piscataway Township, New Jersey, that AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 5701 LOTS 11 AND 12 (1700 SOUTH WASHINGTON AVENUE), AS SHOWN ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY

was introduced on the 5th day of June 2025 and had passed the first reading and was published on the 11th day of June 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforesaid Ordinance, having had a second reading on July 1, 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. 2025-18.

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

RESOLUTION #25-225

RESOLUTION offered by Councilmember Leibowitz, seconded by Councilmember Lombardi.

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 July 1, 2025 Regular Meeting appear to have the unanimous approval of all members of the Township Council:

- a. RESOLUTION – Appointing Paula Cozzarelli as Township Representative and Commissioner of Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund.
- b. RESOLUTION - Designation of Agent of Township for Filing Applications with State D.E. P. for Flood Hazard Area Permit Authorizations.
- c. RESOLUTION - Designation of Agent of Township for Filing Applications with Freehold Soil Conservation District (FSCD).
- d. RESOLUTION - Designation of Agent of Township for Filing Applications with State D.E.P. for Extension of Sanitary Sewers.
- e. RESOLUTION – Appointment of Paula Cozzarelli to Library Board of Trustees.
- f. RESOLUTION - Appointment of Paula Cozzarelli as Public Agency Compliance Officer.
- g. RESOLUTION – Appointment of Paula Cozzarelli to Senior Citizens Housing Board of Trustees.
- h. RESOLUTION - Designation of Signatures for Signing of Checks.
- i. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Installation and Operation of Temporary Traffic Signal at the Driveway of 1690 South Washington Avenue.
- j. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Return of Performance Surety, Cash and Soil Erosion/Sediment Control Bonds:
 - Block 2101, Lot 9.04 – 37 Old New Brunswick Road – 18-ZB-47/48/49V.
 - Block 12701, Lot 10 – 28 Ross Hall Boulevard North – Off-Site Improvements and Soil Erosion/Sediment Control.
- k. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Return of Escrow Fees:
 - Block 6703, Lot 4 – 260 Centennial Avenue – 22-PB-25.
- l. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Return of Engineering and Inspection Fees:
 - Block 12504, Lot 3.06 – 15 Wakefield Lane.
 - Block 1013, Lot 5.01 – 33 Parkside Avenue.
 - Block 4202, Lot 7 – 30 Duke Road – 21-PB-03/04V.
 - Block 12701, Lot 10 – 28 Ross Hall Boulevard North.
- m. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Contract – Re-Bid 2024 Sterling Village Fire Protection Upgrades – Encore Fire Protection – Not to Exceed \$527,490.00.
- n. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Bid – 2025 Road Reconstruction of Mimosa Lane and Phase 2 Summershade Circle (Alt.#1) – ADG Contracting Corp d/b/a Crossroads Paving – Not to Exceed \$557,575.00.
- o. RESOLUTION – Authorizing 2025 Solicitors Licenses.
- p. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Bid – 2025 Partial Roof Replacement & Solar Panel Removal and Reinstallation – Weathertite Solutions, LLC – Not to Exceed \$223,500.00.
- q. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Contract – Sharp Electronics NASPO Value Point NJ Contract – for Multi-Functional Printers – 5 Year Contract – Year One Not to Exceed \$33,206.40.
- r. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Fireworks by Grucci to Discharge Fireworks on July 4, 2025.
- s. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Professional Appraisal Services for 1682 West 7th Street, Block 401, Lot 8.01 – Sockler Realty Services Group, Inc. – Not to Exceed \$2,950.00.
- t. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Chapter 159 – 2025 Alcohol Education Rehabilitation & Enforcement Fund - \$7,015.30.
- u. RESOLUTION – National Opioid Settlement – Janssen - \$12,891.59.
- v. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Professional Design Services Contract – Old New Brunswick Road Improvements Phase I – T & M Associates – Not to Exceed \$49,488.00.
- w. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Refund of Fees for Armed Forces Day – Various Vendors.
- x. MOTION – Accept Council Meeting Minutes – May 6, 2025.
- y. MOTION – Accept Report of Clerks Account – May 2025.

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 July 1, 2025 Regular meeting and adopted by separate vote.

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

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

RESOLUTION #25-226

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway ("Township") is a member of the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund ("CJJIF"); and

WHEREAS, the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund requires a representative from Piscataway Township to serve as a Commissioner of the CJJIF; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Dacey has previously been the Piscataway Township's representative to the CJJIF, but retired as of June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Paula Cozzarelli has been appointed the new Business Administrator of the Township and would be the appropriate representative for the Township to serve as a Commissioner of the CJJIF; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Piscataway Township, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Township Business Administrator, Paula Cozzarelli, is hereby appointed as Piscataway Township's representative and Commissioner to the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund.

RESOLUTION #25-227

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Protection of the State of New Jersey requires formal application to be made for Flood Hazard Permits; and

WHEREAS, the regulations of the Department of Environmental Protection require that such permit applications be signed by an appropriately designated official of each municipality; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that either PAULA COZZARELLI, Business Administrator of the Township of Piscataway or JOSEPH HERRERA, Supervisor of Engineering of the Township of Piscataway, be and are hereby designated as Agents of the Township of Piscataway for a term of one (1) year, said term commencing on July 1, 2025 and expiring on December 31, 2025, for the purpose of filing Flood Hazard Permit applications with the Department of Environmental Protection of the State of New Jersey.

RESOLUTION #25-228

WHEREAS, the Freehold Soil Conservation District of the State of New Jersey requires formal application to be made for various township projects; and

WHEREAS, the regulations of the Freehold Soil Conservation District require that such applications be signed by an appropriately designated official of each municipality; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that either PAULA COZZARELLI, Business Administrator of the Township of Piscataway or JOSEPH HERRERA, Supervisor of Engineering of the Township of Piscataway, be and are hereby designated as Agents of the Township of Piscataway for a term of one (1) year, said term commencing on July 1, 2025 and expiring on December 31, 2025, for the purpose of filing applications with the Freehold Soil Conservation District of the State of New Jersey.

RESOLUTION #25-229

WHEREAS, it is necessary that applications be made to the Department of Environmental Protection of the State of New Jersey regarding the extension of any sanitary sewer within the Township of Piscataway; and

WHEREAS, the regulations of the Department of Environmental Protection require that such applications be signed by an appropriately designated official of each municipality; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that either PAULA COZZARELLI, Business Administrator of the Township of Piscataway or JOSEPH HERRERA, Supervisor of Engineering of the Township of Piscataway, be and are hereby designated as Agents of the Township of

Piscataway, for a term of one (1) year, said term commencing on July 1, 2025 and expiring on December 31, 2025, for the purpose of filing applications with the Department of Environmental Protection of the State of New Jersey for the extension of any sanitary sewer within the Township.

RESOLUTION #25-230

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Township of Piscataway has made the following recommendations for appointment to the Library Board of Trustees for the terms indicated, subject to the advice and consent of the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway:

Paula Cozzarelli, for a term commencing July 1, 2025, and expiring December 31, 2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the Township Council does hereby extend its advice and consent to the above appointments to the Library Board of Trustees for the terms specified.

RESOLUTION #25-231

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.2 requires that the Township of Piscataway designate an official or staff person to act as liaison and to serve as Public Agency Compliance Officer in conjunction with obligations imposed upon the Township of Piscataway regarding affirmative action requirements in the awarding of contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Township of Piscataway has made the recommendation for appointment of PAULA COZZARELLI for the remainder of Calendar Year 2025, subject to the advice and consent of the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.2 and other authority; the Council does hereby extend its advice and consent to the appointment of PAULA COZZARELLI as Township of Piscataway Public Agency Compliance Officer, for the remainder of calendar year 2025.

RESOLUTION #25-232

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Township of Piscataway has made the following recommendations for appointment to the Senior Citizens Housing Board of Trustees for the terms indicated, subject to the advice and consent of the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway:

Paula Cozzarelli, for the remainder of Timothy Dacey's term, commencing on July 1, 2025 and terminating December 31, 2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the Township Council does hereby extend its advice and consent to the above appointments to the Senior Citizens Housing Board of Trustees for the terms specified.

RESOLUTION #25-233

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway desires to provide for the designation of authorized signatures to be registered with the officially designated banks of deposit and other depositories; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway that, for the purposes of providing signatures for all checks, the following signature is hereby authorized:

MAYOR:

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

FINANCE DIRECTOR / TREASURER:

DEPUTY TREASURER:

FINANCE ADVISOR:

BRIAN C. WAHLER

PAULA COZZARELLI

PADMAJA RAO

VANDANA KHURANA

DANIEL MENSAH LAMPTEY

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all checks shall be validated either by the signature of the Mayor or, in his absence, the Business Administrator, and countersigned by the Treasurer except that, as provided for by the Revised General Ordinances and the Administrative Code of the Township of Piscataway, payroll checks may be signed by the Treasurer, or in their absence the Deputy Treasurer, with the Certification of the Business Administrator.

RESOLUTION #25-234

WHEREAS, Middlesex County has granted M&M Realty (the "Developer") its conditional approval to install a temporary traffic signal at the southerly driveway of 1690 South Washington Avenue as an interim measure until the condemnation process for Knox Drive is completed; and

WHEREAS, the Temporary Traffic signal shall be owned, installed and maintained by the Developer at the Developer's sole expense pursuant to the June 10, 2025 Interim Traffic Signal Plan created by Stonefield Engineering and Design; and

WHEREAS, the signal timing of the temporary traffic signal shall be coordinated with the Knox Drive signal; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council of Piscataway Township, Middlesex County, finds it in the interest of public safety to install the temporary Traffic Signal at the intersection; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the Township of Piscataway authorizes and approves of the installation of a temporary Traffic Signal at the southerly driveway of 1690 South Washington Avenue pursuant to the Interim Traffic Signal Plan, bearing the date June 10, 2025 prepared by Stonefield Engineering & Design; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said approval shall be subject to final review and approval by the Mayor, upon the advice of the Township Engineer and Township Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Traffic Control Signal shall be in accordance with the provisions of the County of Middlesex and Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices standards and regulations, Title 39 of the Revised Statutes and the New Jersey Administrative Code, and shall be operated in conformance with the designated plans.

RESOLUTION #25-235

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2020, Underground Utilities, Corp., Linden, NJ, on behalf of Fresh Air Ventures, LLC posted a Performance Surety Bond with the Township of Piscataway in the total amount of \$220,085.64 regarding Zoning Board Application #18-ZB-47/48/49V for improvements on Block 2101, Lot 9.04 (37 Old New Brunswick Road); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated May 8, 2025 and a Memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Engineering, dated June 3, 2025, the Township Engineering Division approved the partial release of 70% of the Performance Surety Bond to Underground Utilities, Corp., Linden, NJ, in accordance with the provision of N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Fresh Air Ventures, LLC, Middlesex, NJ, posted a check with the Township of Piscataway in the total amount of \$24,453.96 as a Cash Bond for Off-Site Improvements regarding Zoning Board Application #18-ZB-47/48/49V for improvements on Block 2101, Lot 9.04 (37 Old New Brunswick Road); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds, dated May 8, 2025 and a Memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Engineering, dated June 3, 2025, the Township Engineering Division approved the partial release of 70% of the Off-Site Improvements Cash Bond in the amount of \$17,117.77 to Fresh Air Ventures, LLC, with the remaining balance of \$7,336.19 being retained by the Township; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2021, Velma-Homes, LLC, Highland Park, NJ, posted a check with the Township of Piscataway in the total amount of \$6,396.00 as a Cash Bond for Off-Site Improvements regarding Block 12701, Lot 10 (28 Ross Hall Blvd. N.); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated January 22, 2025 and a Memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Engineering dated May 21, 2025, the Township Engineering Division approved the release of the Off-Site Improvements Cash Bond in the amount of \$6,396.00 without the posting of a Maintenance Bond; and

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2023, Velma-Homes, LLC, Highland Park, NJ, posted a check with the Township of Piscataway in the amount of \$1,000.00 for a Soil Erosion/Sediment Control Bond for Block 12701, Lot 10 (28 Ross Hall Blvd. N.); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds, dated January 22, 2025, and a Memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Engineering, dated May 21, 2025, the Township Engineering Division advised that all necessary inspections and

approvals were granted and recommends the release of the Soil Erosion/Sediment Control Bond in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Velma-Homes, LLC, Highland Park, NJ; 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 70% of said Performance Surety Bond, by Underground Utilities, Corp., Linden, NJ or Fresh Air Ventures, LLC posting a new surety rider bond in the amount of \$66,025.70 regarding Zoning Board Application #18-ZB-47/48/49V for improvements on Block 2101, Lot 9.04 (37 Old New Brunswick Road); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to partially release the Off-Site Improvements Cash Bond in the amount of \$17,117.77 to Fresh Air Ventures, LLC, regarding Zoning Board Application #18-ZB-47/48/49V for improvements on Block 2101, Lot 9.04 (37 Old New Brunswick Road), with the remaining balance of \$7,336.19 being retained by the Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to release the Off-Site Improvements Cash Bond to Velma-Homes, LLC, Highland Park, NJ, in the amount of \$6,396.00 without the posting of a Maintenance Bond regarding Block 12701, Lot 10 (28 Ross Hall Blvd. N.); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to release the Soil Erosion/Sediment Control Bond to Velma-Homes, LLC, Highland Park, NJ, in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Velma-Holmes, LLC, Highland Park, NJ, regarding Block 12701, Lot 10 (28 Ross Hall Blvd. N.).

RESOLUTION #25-236

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2022 and October 28, 2022, TII NJ, LLC, Piscataway, NJ, posted two (2) escrow checks with the Township of Piscataway in the amounts of \$2,500.00 and \$500.00, respectively, for Planning Board Application #22-PB-25, regarding Block 6703, Lot 4 (260 Centennial Avenue); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated April 29, 2025, and Memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Planning dated May 23, 2025, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, the Supervisor of Planning and Finance Department approved the release of the unexpended escrow fees in the amount of \$317.25 to TII NJ, LLC, Piscataway, NJ; 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 TII NJ, LLC, Piscataway, NJ, in the amount of \$317.25 for Planning Board Application #22-PB-25, regarding Block 6703, Lot 4 (260 Centennial Avenue).

RESOLUTION #25-237

WHEREAS, Deerpath Custom Builders, LLC, Warren, NJ, requests the release of Engineering and Inspection Fees in the original total amount of \$500.00, which was posted with the Township of Piscataway on May 10, 2022, regarding improvements to Block 12504, Lot 3.06 (15 Wakefield Lane); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated February 20, 2025 and a Memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Engineering dated May 20, 2025, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, said Supervisor of Engineering advised that all inspections and deductions for the project are complete and recommends the release of remaining Engineering and Inspection Fees; and

WHEREAS, Velma-Homes, LLC, Highland Park, NJ, requests the release of Engineering and Inspection Fees in the original total amount of \$500.00, which was posted with the Township of Piscataway on July 26, 2021 regarding improvements on Block 12701, Lot 10 (28 Ross Hall Boulevard North); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated January 22, 2025 and a Memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Engineering dated May 22, 2025, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, said Supervisor of Engineering advised that all inspections and deductions for the project are complete and recommends the release of remaining Engineering and Inspection Fees; and

WHEREAS, DNT Holdings Group, LLC, Woodbridge, NJ, requests the release of Engineering and Inspection Fees in the original total amount of \$500.00, which was

posted with the Township of Piscataway on March 23, 2022, regarding improvements to Block 1013, Lot 5.01 (33 Parkside Avenue); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated October 10, 2024 and a Memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Engineering dated May 20, 2025, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, said Supervisor of Engineering advised that all inspections and deductions for the project are complete and recommends the release of remaining Engineering and Inspection Fees; and

WHEREAS, 30 Duke Transfer, LLC, Piscataway, NJ, requests the release of Engineering and Inspection Fees in the original total amount of \$45,920.44, which was posted with the Township of Piscataway on March 23, 2022, regarding improvements to Block 4202, Lot 7 (30 Duke Road); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated February 19, 2025 and a Memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Engineering dated May 20, 2025, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, said Supervisor of Engineering advised that all inspections and deductions for the project are complete and recommends the release of remaining Engineering and Inspection Fees; 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 the remaining Engineering and Inspection Fees in the amount of \$204.19, to Deerpath Custom Builders, LLC, Warren, NJ, regarding improvements on Block 12504, Lot 3.06 (15 Wakefield Lane); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to release the remaining Engineering and Inspection Fees, in the amount of \$23.52, to Velma-Homes, LLC, Highland Park, NJ, regarding improvements on Block 12701, Lot 10 (28 Ross Hall Boulevard North); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to release the remaining Engineering and Inspection Fees, in the amount of \$471.72, to DNT Holdings Group, LLC, Woodbridge, NJ, regarding improvements to Block 1013, Lot 5.01 (33 Parkside Avenue); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to release the remaining Engineering and Inspection Fees, in the amount of \$23,361.91 to 30 Duke Transfer Warehouse, LLC, Piscataway, NJ, regarding improvements on Block 4202, Lot 7 (30 Duke Road).

RESOLUTION #25-238

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") advertise twice for bids for 2024 Sterling Village Fire Protection Upgrades (the "Upgrades"), and pursuant to Resolution # 24-286 the Township authorized the negotiation of a contract for the Upgrades pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(3); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Recommendation to Award dated June 23, 2025, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, the Township Director of Public Works recommends awarding a contract to Encore Fire Protection, Parsippany, NJ for the Upgrades, in the amount not to exceed \$527,490.00; and

WHEREAS, funds are available pursuant to certification #B-2025-011;

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 2024 Sterling Village Fire Protection Upgrades to Encore Fire Protection, Parsippany, NJ, in the amount not to exceed \$527,490.00, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

RESOLUTION #25-239

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2025, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") received six (6) bids for the 2025-Road Reconstruction of Mimosas Lane and PH 2 Summershade Circle (Alt #1); and

WHEREAS, the Township Director of Public Works reviewed the bids and recommends awarding a contract for the Base Bid and Alt #1 to ADG Contracting Corp. DBA Crossroads Paving, Kearny, NJ, who is the lowest qualifying bidder, in the amount not to exceed \$557,575.00; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.2 et seq., the lowest bidder, Reivax Contracting Corp., Flemington, NJ, is disqualified due to a fatal error; and

WHEREAS, funds are available pursuant to certification #B-2025-0009;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the lowest bidder, Reivax Contracting Corp., Flemington, NJ is hereby disqualified from this bid pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.2 et seq., due to a fatal error; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to award a contract for the 2025-Road Reconstruction of Mimosa Lane and PH 2 Summershade Circle (Alt #1) to ADG Contracting Corp. DBA Crossroads Paving, Kearny, NJ, who is the lowest qualifying bidder, in the amount not to exceed \$557,575.00, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

RESOLUTION #25-240

WHEREAS, Joseph Whitcombe, Rodrigo Sada Garcia, Xavier Barry, Justin Hoke, Oliver Camp, Malik Diallo, Pablo Vargas III, Charles Fessler-Krebs, Simon Daw Jr., Kerry Cummings, Garrity Becenti, China Moon, and Austin Gordo have applied with the Township of Piscataway for Solicitors' Licenses for 2025; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to letters from the Piscataway Township Police Department, dated June 24, 2025, copies of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, the Piscataway Township Police Department recommends granting Solicitors Licenses to Joseph Whitcombe, Rodrigo Sada Garcia, Xavier Barry, Justin Hoke, Oliver Camp, Malik Diallo, Pablo Vargas III, Charles Fessler-Krebs, Simon Daw Jr., Kerry Cummings, Garrity Becenti, China Moon, and Austin Gordo; 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 issue Solicitors' Licenses for 2025 to Joseph Whitcombe, Rodrigo Sada Garcia, Xavier Barry, Justin Hoke, Oliver Camp, Malik Diallo, Pablo Vargas III, Charles Fessler-Krebs, Simon Daw Jr., Kerry Cummings, Garrity Becenti, China Moon, and Austin Gordo.

RESOLUTION #25-241

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2025, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") received six (6) bids for the 2025 Partial Roof Replacement & Solar Panel Removal and Reinstallation; and

WHEREAS, the Township Director of Public Works reviewed the bids and recommends awarding a contract to Weathertite Solutions, LLC, Port Murray, NJ who is the lowest qualifying bidder, in the amount not to exceed \$223,500.00; and

WHEREAS, funds are available pursuant to certification #R-2025-010;

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 Partial Roof Replacement & Solar Panel Removal and Reinstallation to Weathertite Solutions, LLC, Port Murray, NJ who is the lowest qualifying bidder, in the amount not to exceed \$223,500.00, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

RESOLUTION #25-242

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") is in need of Multi-Functional Printers (the "Printers"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Recommendation to Award, dated June 26, 2025, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, the Township Information Technology Department recommends awarding a five-year contract (contingent upon necessary funds being appropriated in succeeding year budgets) for the Printers to Sharp Business Systems, Montvale, NJ, through NASPO Value Point NJ Contract #188627, not to exceed \$33,206.40 per year for a total not to exceed \$166,032.00; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. Section 40A:11-12 of the Local Public Contracts Law permits contracting units to purchase goods and services without bidding, under contracts offered through the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, funds are available pursuant to certification # R-2025-0049;

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 five-year contract, contingent upon necessary funds being appropriated in succeeding year budgets, for the Multi-Functional Printers to Sharp Business Systems, Montvale, NJ, through NASPO Value Point NJ State Contract

#188627, not to exceed \$33,206.40 per year for a total not to exceed of \$166,032.00, subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

RESOLUTION #25-243

WHEREAS, Fireworks by Grucci, has applied to the Township of Piscataway for a permit to discharge fireworks on July 4, 2025 with a rain date of July 5, 2025 for an Independence Day Celebration taking place on the grounds of Green Acres Field Located on Sidney Rd. Piscataway NJ, 08854; and

WHEREAS, Fireworks by Grucci has provided proof of insurance to the Township of Piscataway for the purpose of conducting a fireworks display; and

WHEREAS, under N.J.S.A. 21:3-3, the Chief of Police, and the Fire Marshal having reviewed the application for the firework display, have determined that the discharge of fireworks does not pose a hazard to anyone's property and/or person(s); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, in the County of Middlesex, and State of New Jersey, as follows the Township Council does hereby grant permission for Fireworks by Grucci to conduct fireworks display on the evening of July 4, 2025, with a rain date of July 5, 2025 at approximately 9:30 p.m. on the grounds of Green Acres Field located on Sidney Rd. Piscataway NJ, 08854 in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7 (a)(5)(iii); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fire Marshal shall not issue the fireworks permit until:

- 1) A permit fee in the amount of \$452.00 is made payable to the Township of Piscataway pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.9 (c)(3); and
- 2) Fireworks by Grucci posts a bond and or proof of insurance of not less than \$2,500.00 conditioned for the payment of potential damages pursuant to N.J.S.A. 21:3-5; and
- 3) Fireworks by Grucci post an escrow in the amount of \$500.00 for legal review of fireworks application and expenses associated with drafting a resolution authorizing the Township Council to issue any such fireworks permit; and
- 4) A fire engine is on standby at the shoot site prior, during, and after the show until the post shell inspection has been conducted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fire Marshal and or the Chief of the Fire Department shall have full enforcement and over sight powers to ensure that all aspects of the fireworks display are handled in accordance with the requirement of law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Township Clerk of Piscataway Township is directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to Fireworks by Grucci, the Fire Marshal's Office, and Division of Police.

RESOLUTION #25-244

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") is in need of Professional Appraisal Services (the "Services") for 1682 West 7th Street, Block 401, Lot 8.01; and

WHEREAS, Sockler Realty Services Group, Inc., Hightstown, NJ, has submitted a proposal (the "Proposal") dated June 23, 2025, for Professional Appraisal Services related to said Improvements, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of hereof, with a cost not to exceed \$2,950.00; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Recommendation to Award, dated June 26, 2025, the Township Administrator recommends awarding a contract for the Services to Sockler Realty Services Group, Inc., Hightstown, NJ, in the amount not to exceed \$2,950.00; and

WHEREAS, Sockler Realty Services Group, Inc., Hightstown, NJ, was previously qualified under the Fair and Open Process to provide professional services for Professional Appraisal Services – Various Projects by the Township of Piscataway for 2025; and

WHEREAS, there is funding available pursuant to certification # R-2025-0050;

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 to Sockler Realty Services Group, Inc., Hightstown, NJ, to provide Professional Appraisal Services for 1682 West 7th Street, Block 401, Lot 8.01, at the rates set forth in said Proposal, with such services not to exceed \$2,950.00 in cost.

RESOLUTION #25-245

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

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway has received notice of an award of \$7,015.30 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury and wishes to amend its Calendar Year 2025 Budget to include this amount as revenue, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year Calendar Year 2025:

Amount Received for

2025 Alcohol Education Rehabilitation & Enforcement Fund \$7,015.30

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$ \$7,015.30 is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

2025 Alcohol Education Rehabilitation & Enforcement Fund \$7,015.30

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance forward a certified copy of this resolution electronically to the Director of Local Government Services.

RESOLUTION #25-246

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

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway has received notice of an award of \$12,891.59 from the National Opioid Settlement Trust Fund and wishes to amend its Calendar Year 2025 Budget to include this amount as revenue, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year Calendar Year 2025:

Amount Received for

National Opioid Settlement- Janssen \$12,891.59

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$ \$12,891.59 is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

National Opioid Settlement- Janssen \$12,891.59

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance forward a certified copy of this resolution electronically to the Director of Local Government Services.

RESOLUTION #25-247

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway requires Professional Engineering Services in regard to the Old New Brunswick Road Improvements Phase I (Stormwater Update) Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, T&M Associates, Middletown, NJ, has submitted a proposal dated June 11, 2025, for Professional Services related to said Project, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof ("Proposal"), with a cost not to exceed \$49,488.00; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Recommendation to Award, dated June 27, 2025, the Township Assistant Director of Engineering recommends awarding a contract for the Project to T&M Associates, Middletown, NJ, in the amount not to exceed \$49,488.00; and

WHEREAS, T&M Associates, 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, there is funding available pursuant to certification # R-2025-0051;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway that the Township Council does hereby authorize T&M Associates, Middletown, NJ, to provide Professional Services in regard to the

Engineering Services for the Old New Brunswick Road Improvements Phase I (Stormwater Update) Project, at the rates set forth in said Proposal, with such services not to exceed \$49,488.00 in cost.

RESOLUTION #25-248

WHEREAS, Alibaba Bubble Tea & Pastry, Party Rental Express Foods, Beastro Cuisine, Maglione's Italian Ice, and Lemonade Blends and Funnel Cake (the "Food Vendors"), participated in the Armed Forces Day Celebration (the "Celebration") on May 17, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Piscataway Public Relations Advisory Commission erroneously collected payments from the Food Vendors for the Celebration; and

WHEREAS, the Township Finance Department requests that the Food Vendors be refunded for the Celebration; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to return a refund in the amount of \$125.00 each to Alibaba Bubble Tea & Pastry, Beastro Cuisine, Maglione's Italian Ice, and Lemonade Blends and Funnel Cake for the Armed Forces Day Celebration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to return a refund in the amount of \$100.00 to Party Rental Express Foods for the Armed Forces Day Celebration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMENTS FROM OFFICIALS:

- Councilmember Cahill wished all residents a happy and safe 4th of July. She reminds residents that school is out for the summer and more kids are present, so please be extra careful when driving around town.
- Councilmember Carmichael echoed Councilmember Cahill's comments.
- Councilmember Leibowitz expressed her disappointment regarding the passage of the United States budget. She also wished all residents a happy and safe 4th of July.
- Councilmember Lombardi reminded residents of the various 4th of July events happening around town, including the event at East Jersey Old Town Village and fireworks at the high school.
- Councilmember Rashid reflected on her first six (6) months as a Councilmember. She echoed the comments regarding the 4th of July as well.
- Councilmember Uhrin wished all residents a happy and safe 4th of July.
- Mayor Wahler updated residents on the ongoing property maintenance issues at 1 Centennial Ave.
- Business Administrator Paula Cozzarelli announced that the Township will be receiving a \$2.9 million grant for remediation of the ecological park.
- Township Attorney Raj Goomer did not have any comments.
- Council President Espinosa reminded residents of the 4th of July parade in the Lake Nelson section of town.

The Council considered the matters on the Agenda for July 22, 2025:

- ORDINANCE – FIRST READING – Amending Various Chapters of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Piscataway – RESOLUTION Adopting Ordinance

OPEN TO PUBLIC – REMOTE ATTENDEES:

Nancy Salgado-Cowan, 124 Stanton Ave, asked about videos recently uploaded to the Township's social media pages and whether the Township has reached out to the Board of Education regarding the ongoing tax increase issue.

Mayor Wahler stated that the videos are for transparency purposes and that he sent two (2) letters to the Board of Education President, but never heard back.

Councilmember Cahill reiterated the fact that the Mayor did reach out. She also stated that the Board of Education does not livestream their meetings in a way that allows the public to interact or call-in.

Councilmember Lombardi commented on the videos stating that they are educational and meant to help the public understand their tax increase.

Township Attorney Raj Goomer also added that the Board of Education could have applied to the State DCA to withdraw funds from their capital account to make up for the loss of funding from the State.

Brian Rak, 1247 Brookside Rd, stated that the Board of Education does publish their videos online.

Councilmember Cahill repeated that she was talking about residents being able to interact with the meetings remotely, which the Board of Education does not make available.

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

OPEN TO PUBLIC – IN PERSON ATTENDEES:

Gina Register, 78 Riverview Ave, thanked the Council and Administration for opening the cooling centers around town. She asked that the Council also consider the following: open more cooling centers in different parts of town, put temperature threshold procedures in place, and consider how to get the word out to residents more effectively.

Councilmember Lombardi thanks Ms. Register for her comments and adds that the rising costs of utilities such as air conditioning is why the Council is so upset about the tax increase implemented by the Board of Education.

Costas Efthymious, 58 Curtis Ave, discussed his ongoing issue with property maintenance.

Mayor Wahler responds by saying that the Township has addressed Mr. Efthymious' concerns and that many times, the issues he brings forward are not legitimate or completely nonexistent.

Council President Espinosa also states that Mr. Efthymious does not even wait to hear what the Council or Administration has to say because he leaves as soon as he is done speaking.

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

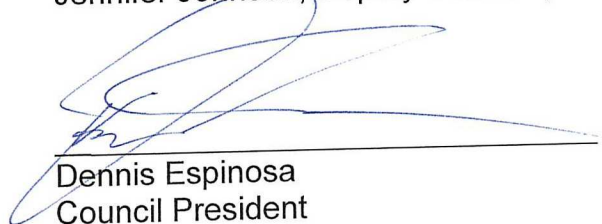
There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm. Motion by Councilmember Lombardi, seconded by Councilmember Cahill, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Johnson, Deputy Township Clerk

Accepted: JULY 22, 2025



Dennis Espinosa
Council President

