

May 14, 2026

A Regular Meeting of the Piscataway Township Council was held on May 14, 2026 at the Piscataway Municipal Building, 455 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Council President Lombardi at 6:45 p.m.

Council President Lombardi made the following Statement, in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act: Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as required under Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, specifying the time, date, location, login, or dial-in information, and, to the extent known, the agenda by posting a copy of the notice on the Municipal Building, Municipal Court, and the two Municipal Library Bulletin Boards, Municipal Website, providing a copy to the official newspaper 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 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 Carmichael, Espinosa, Leibowitz, Rashid, Uhrin, & Lombardi.

Council President Lombardi led the salute to the flag.

Council President Lombardi read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, the members of the Piscataway Police Department faithfully serve and protect the public through their dedication to public safety, law enforcement and community service; and

WHEREAS, police officers work diligently to preserve peace, respond to emergencies, prevent crime and safeguard the lives and property of all residents, businesses and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Piscataway Police Department demonstrate professionalism, integrity, compassion and courage in carrying out their duties, often under difficult and dangerous circumstances; and

WHEREAS, National Police Week is observed each year to honor the service and sacrifice of law enforcement personnel throughout the nation, including those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to recognize the commitment of the police officers, dispatchers, civilian staff and families of the Piscataway Police Department and to express gratitude for their dedicated service to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brian C. Wahler, Mayor of the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, do hereby recognize May 10-16, 2026 as
NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

and encourage all residents to join in recognizing and honoring the dedicated members of the Piscataway Police Department for their service, sacrifice and steadfast commitment to protecting our community.

Council President Lombardi opened the meeting to members of the Administration and the Council regarding the adjournment of any agenda items.

Councilmember Leibowitz asked for more clarification regarding Consent Agenda item m.

Business Administrator Paula Cozzarelli provided the relevant information.

Due to unforeseen technical difficulties, Council President Lombardi was unable to open the meeting to the remote attendees for comments regarding the Consent Agenda items.

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

One resident asked for clarification on item f.

Mayor Wahler responded.

Pratik Patel, 29 Red Bud Rd, asked about item n.

Mayor Wahler also responded.

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 III, POLICE REGULATIONS, SECTION 29, NUISANCES.

Councilmember Rashid asked for additional context.

Township Attorney Raj Goomer provided the relevant information.

Mayor Wahler encouraged the entire Council to pass this ordinance.

RESOLUTION offered by Councilmember Espinosa, 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 III, POLICE REGULATIONS, SECTION 29, NUISANCES

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 6:45 p.m., prevailing time at the Piscataway Municipal Building, 455 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, New Jersey on the 11th day of June 2026.

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 Carmichael, Espinosa, Leibowitz, Rashid, Uhrin, & Lombardi answered yes.

RESOLUTION #26-134

RESOLUTION offered by Councilmember Uhrin, seconded by Councilmember Carmichael.

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 14, 2026 Regular Meeting appear to have the unanimous approval of all members of the Township Council:

- a. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Tax Appeal Settlement:
 - Block 5403, Lot 5.07 – Centennial Plaza Phase I LLC – Centennial Avenue.
 - Block 6703 Lot 8 – Piscataway Centennial Developers – 88 Centennial Avenue.
- b. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Return of Escrow:
 - Block 8501, Lot 45.02 – 555 New Durham Road – 24-ZB-05/06V.
 - Block 911, Lot 15 – 245 William Street – 22-ZB-20V.
- c. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Release of Engineering and Inspection Fees:
 - Block 5302, Lot 1.01 – 521 Stelton Road - 20-ZB-09/10V.
 - Block 11901, Lot 27.10 – 1101 River Road – 04-ZB-34/35V.
 - Block 11901, Lot 27.10 – 1101 River Road.
 - Block 341, Lot 1.01 (Middlesex Borough) – 116 Baekeland Avenue.
 - Block 8501, Lot 45.02 – 555 New Durham Road – 24-ZB-05/06V.
- d. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Release of Cash Bond:
 - Off-Site Improvements – Block 11201, Lot 6.01 – 87 Highland Avenue.
- e. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Return of Sterling Village Security Deposit and Pre-Paid Rent – Apt. 219.
- f. RESOLUTION – In Support of the Dunellen Train Station Modernization Project.
- g. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Electronic Tax Sale.

- h. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Bid – 2026-2027 Milling & Road Surface Preparation for DPW Resurfacing of Various Streets – Discover Construction, LLC – Not to Exceed \$279,300.00.
- i. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Extension of Access Agreement with Middlesex County Utilities Authority.
- j. RESOLUTION – Establishing Fees for Multicultural Festival.
- k. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Contract Amendment No. 1 – Old New Brunswick Road Roadway Improvements – Phase II – T&M Associates – not to Exceed \$5,580.00.
- l. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Chapter 159 – FY2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant -\$11,056.00.
- m. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Contract Amendment for Kroll Responder Endpoint – Kroll LLC – Not to Exceed \$3,355.76.
- n. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Contract for Redevelopment, Affordable Housing & Pilot Financial Advisory Services – NW Financial Group, LLC – Not to Exceed \$25,000.00.
- o. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Professional Services – 2026 Stormwater Permit Annual Reporting – Chapman Inc. – Not to Exceed \$4,000.00.
- p. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Contract Through Sourcewell – One 2026 Swenson Stainless Steel Body, One Swenson V-Box Stainless Steel Spreader, One Swenson Swing Up Spinner Winch, One Swenson Nylon Strap Kit and One Henke Plow & Hitch – Trius Inc. – Not to Exceed \$150,773.00.
- q. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Contract Through Sourcewell – One FT-16 DDI and Two FT-7-1 Trailers – Jesco Inc. – Not to Exceed \$38,322.68.
- r. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Award of Contract Through Sourcewell – One 2026 Versalift Vantel-29-NE – Time Manufacturing Co. – Not to Exceed \$115,379.00.
- s. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Chapter 159 – National Opioids Trust Walgreens - \$3,423.47.
- t. MOTION – Accept Financial Report – March 2026.
- u. MOTION – Accept Report of Clerk’s Account – February & March 2026.

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 14, 2026 Regular meeting and adopted by separate vote.

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

RESOLUTION #26-135

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway and the following property owner has been engaged in litigation on tax appeals which are pending in the Tax Court; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Tax Assessor and Special Counsel for Tax Appeals have recommended the following settlements regarding the assessed value of the properties for the specified years:

Block 5403 Lot 5.07 Qual C0001		Centennial Ave		
Centennial Plaza Phase I LLC				
	2023	2023 Proposed	2024	2024 Proposed
	Assessment	Assessment	Assessment	Assessment
Land	365,000		365,000	
Improvements	1,405,000	WITHDRAW	1,405,000	WITHDRAW
Total	1,770,000		1,770,000	
	2025 Assessment	2025 Proposed Assessment		
Land	365,000	365,000		
Improvements	1,400,000	1,307,000		
Total	1,770,000	1,672,000		

Block 6703 Lot 8		88 Centennial Ave		
Piscataway Centennial Developers				
	2022	2022 Proposed	2023	2023 Proposed
	Assessment	Assessment	Assessment	Assessment

Land	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	4,250,000
Improvements	10,000	10,000	0,000	0,000
Total	5,010,000	5,010,000	\$5,000,000	\$4,250,000

Subdivided Block 6703 Lot 8.01			River Road
	2024 Assessment	2024 Proposed Assessment	
Land	2,900,000	2,500,000	
Improvements	000,000	000,000	
Total	2,900,000	2,500,000	

Subdivided Block 6703 Lot 8.02			88 Centennial
	2024 Assessment	2024 Proposed Assessment	
Land	2,000,000	1,800,000	
Improvements	000,000	000,000	
Total	2,000,000	1,800,000	

WHEREAS, the Special Counsel for Tax Appeals, as well as appraisal consultants retained by the Township, have advised that the proposed settlements fully conform with the public interest; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the settlements of the above Tax Appeals, as recommended by the Municipal Tax Assessor and Special Counsel for Tax Appeals and as specifically set forth above, be and the same is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon notification from the Assessor that the above settlements has been approved by the Tax Court, the Tax Collector and other appropriate officials, the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to issue the refund and/or credit corresponding to the aforementioned assessed value.

RESOLUTION #26-136

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2024, SolareAmerica, Upper Darby, PA, posted an escrow check with the Township of Piscataway in the amount of \$3,500.00 regarding Zoning Board Application # 24-ZB-05/06V for Block 8501, Lot 45.02 (555 New Durham Road); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated April 8, 2026 and a Memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Planning dated April 10, 2026, the Supervisor of Planning and the Finance Department approved the release of the unexpended escrow fees in the amount of \$441.42 to SolareAmerica, Upper Darby, PA; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2022, April 7, 2022, and June 9, 2022, Kay & Jay Rental, LLC, Oaklyn, NJ, posted escrow checks with the Township of Piscataway in the amounts of \$500.00, \$500.00, and \$2,000.00 respectively, regarding Zoning Board Application # 22-ZB-20V for Block 911, Lot 15 (245 William Street); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated March 11, 2026 and a Memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Planning dated April 10, 2026, the Supervisor of Planning and the Finance Department approved the release of the unexpended escrow fees in the amount of \$549.37 to Kay & Jay Rental, LLC, Oaklyn, 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 SolareAmerica, Upper Darby, PA, in the amount of \$441.42, regarding Zoning Board Application # 24-ZB-05/06V for Block 8501, Lot 45.02 (555 New Durham 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 release unexpended escrow fees to Kay & Jay Rental, LLC, Oaklyn, NJ, in the amount of \$549.37, regarding Zoning Board Application # 22-ZB-20V for Block 911, Lot 15 (245 William Street).

RESOLUTION #26-137

WHEREAS, Equity Land Group, LLC, Piscataway, NJ requests the release of Engineering and Inspection Fees in the original total amount of \$28,084.65, which was

posted with the Township of Piscataway on November 19, 2021, regarding improvements for Block 5302, Lot 1.01 (521 Stelton Road) related to Zoning Board Application # 20-ZB-09/10V; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated April 13, 2026 and a memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Engineering dated April 16, 2026, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, said Supervisor of Engineering advised that all inspections have been completed and recommends the release of the remaining Engineering and Inspection Fees in the amount of \$23,121.47; and

WHEREAS, St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Piscataway, NJ requests the release of Engineering and Inspection Fees in the original total amount of \$8,880.30, which was posted with the Township of Piscataway on September 19, 2022, regarding improvements for Block 11901, Lot 23.10 (1101 River Road); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated April 8, 2026 and a memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Engineering dated April 14, 2026, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, said Supervisor of Engineering advised that all inspections have been completed and recommends the release of the remaining Engineering and Inspection Fees in the amount of \$9,141.03; and

WHEREAS, St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Piscataway, NJ requests the release of Engineering and Inspection Fees in the original total amount of \$5,525.50, which was posted with the Township of Piscataway on June 11, 2018, regarding improvements for Block 11901 (Formerly Block 838), Lot(s) 23.02, 23.09 & 25 (1101 River Road) related to Zoning Board Application # 04-ZB-34/35V; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated April 8, 2026 and a memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Engineering dated April 8, 2026, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, said Supervisor of Engineering advised that all inspections have been completed and recommends the release of the remaining Engineering and Inspection Fees in the amount of \$2,934.65; and

WHEREAS, Petillo, LLC, Flanders, NJ requests the release of Engineering and Inspection Fees in the original total amount of \$2,500.00, which was posted with the Township of Piscataway on November 10, 2025, regarding improvements for Block 341, Lot 1.01 (166 Baekeland Avenue); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated April 9, 2026 and a memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Engineering dated April 16, 2026, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, said Supervisor of Engineering advised that all inspections have been completed and recommends the release of the remaining Engineering and Inspection Fees in the amount of \$1,499.36; and

WHEREAS, SolareAmerica, LLC, Upper Darby, PA requests the release of Engineering and Inspection Fees in the original total amount of \$2,500.00, which was posted with the Township of Piscataway on April 22, 2025, regarding improvements for Block 8501, Lot 45.02 (555 New Durham Road) related to Zoning Board Application # 24-ZB-05/06V; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated April 7, 2026 and a memorandum from the Township Supervisor of Engineering dated April 16, 2026, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, said Supervisor of Engineering advised that all inspections have been completed and recommends the release of the remaining Engineering and Inspection Fees in the amount of \$1,878.52; 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 \$23,121.47 to Equity Land Group, LLC, Piscataway, NJ regarding improvements for Block 5302, Lot 1.01 (521 Stelton Road) related to Zoning Board Application # 20-ZB-09/10V; 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 \$9,141.03 to St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Piscataway, NJ regarding improvements for Block 11901, Lot 27.10 (1101 River Road); 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 \$2,934.65 to St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Piscataway, NJ regarding

improvements for Block 11901, Lot 27.10 (1101 River Road) related to Zoning Board Application # 04-ZB-34/35V; 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 \$1,499.36 to Petillo, LLC, Flanders, NJ regarding improvements for Block 341, Lot 1.01 (166 Baekland Avenue).

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 \$1,878.52 to SolareAmerica, LLC, Upper Darby, PA regarding improvements for Block 8501, Lot 45.02 (555 New Durham Road) related to Zoning Board Application # 24-ZB-05/06V.

RESOLUTION #26-138

WHEREAS, HBR Properties, LLC, Westfield, NJ requests the release of an Off-Site Improvements Cash Bond in the original amount of \$8,208.00, posted with the Township of Piscataway on December 16, 2024, for improvements on Block 11201, Lot 6.01 (Former Lots 6 & 7) (87 Highland Avenue); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Release of Funds dated March 26, 2026 and a letter from the Township Supervisor of Engineering dated April 15, 2026, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, the said Supervisor of Engineering advised that all improvements required and covered have been satisfactorily installed, and recommends the release of the Cash Bond to HBR Properties, LLC, Westfield, NJ, conditioned upon HBR Properties, LLC, posting of a two (2) year Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$1,231.20; 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 an Off-Site Improvements Cash Bond in the amount of \$8,208.00 to HBR Properties, LLC, Westfield, NJ, for improvements to Block 11201, Lot 6.01 (87 Highland Avenue), upon HBR Properties, LLC posting a two (2) year Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$1,231.20.

RESOLUTION #26-139

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") is in possession of a Security Deposit being held on behalf of Robert Wolfe, in the amount of \$1,223.14 posted with the Township for Apartment 219 at Sterling Village; and

WHEREAS, the Township Finance Department recommends the release of said Security Deposit, in the amount of \$1,223.14 and the release of Pre-Paid Rent, in the amount of \$694.40, to Robert Wolfe; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to release said Security Deposit in the amount of \$1,223.14 and Pre-Paid Rent in the amount of \$694.40, for a total amount of \$1,917.54 to Robert Wolfe in regard to Apartment 219 at Sterling Village.

RESOLUTION #26-140

WHEREAS, the Dunellen Train Station serves as a critical transportation hub along the Raritan Valley Line, providing daily access to employment, education, and essential destinations for hundreds of commuters from the Borough of Dunellen, Middlesex County, and the broader surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, Piscataway Township is a large and diverse municipality home to major employers, residential communities, and Rutgers University, and many Piscataway residents rely upon the Dunellen Train Station as a convenient and essential point of access to regional rail, further increasing ridership demand and reinforcing the station's role as a key transit asset serving the broader region; and

WHEREAS, the current station is in urgent need of modernization, and long-overdue improvements are necessary to enhance safety, reliability, and accessibility for all users, including full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which is both a legal obligation and a fundamental commitment to ensuring that public transportation is accessible to every member of our community regardless of ability; and

WHEREAS, the Dunellen Train Station Modernization Project represents a significant opportunity to support local businesses, encourage economic growth, and make Dunellen, Piscataway, and the surrounding region a more welcoming and accessible place to live, work, and visit; and

WHEREAS, earlier estimates from the Fiscal Year 2022 All Stations Accessibility Program placed the total project cost at approximately \$53 million, including approximately \$37 million in federal funding, and due to inflation and rising construction costs that figure will likely increase, underscoring the need for a strong and timely State commitment to keep the project viable; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Dunellen has requested that the State of New Jersey allocate at least \$37 million for the Dunellen Train Station Modernization Project through the Fiscal Year 2026 New Jersey State Budget, and the Piscataway Township Council recognizes that this investment will deliver direct and lasting benefits to Piscataway residents and the entire Middlesex County region; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Township Council hereby expresses its strong support for the Dunellen Train Station Modernization Project and urges the State of New Jersey to allocate no less than \$37 million for this project in the Fiscal Year 2026 New Jersey State Budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council calls upon the members of the New Jersey Legislature, including Senator Jon M. Bramnick, Assemblyman Andrew Macurdy, and Assemblyman Vincent Kearney of the 21st Legislative District, to advocate for and support full State funding for the Dunellen Train Station Modernization Project as part of the Fiscal Year 2026 New Jersey State Budget process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council directs the Township Clerk to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Governor Mikie Sherril, Senate President Nicholas Scutari, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Senator Jon M. Bramnick, Assemblyman Andrew Macurdy, Assemblyman Vincent Kearney, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Dunellen, and NJ Transit.

RESOLUTION #26-141

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 #26-142

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2026, the Township of Piscataway (the “Township”) received five (5) bids for the 2026-2027 Milling and Road Surface Preparation for Department of Public Works Resurfacing of Various Streets (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Recommendation to Award dated May 4, 2026, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, said Supervisor of Engineering recommends awarding a contract for the Project to Discover Construction, LLC, Dayton, NJ, the lowest qualified bidder, in the amount not to exceed \$279,300.00; and

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4 is attached hereto and made a part hereof; 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 award a contract for the 2026-2027 Milling and Road Surface Preparation for Department of Public Works Resurfacing of Various Streets to Discover Construction, LLC, Dayton, NJ, in the amount not to exceed \$279,300.00 subject to all bid specifications and contract documents.

RESOLUTION #26-143

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Township of Piscataway (“Township”) entered into a Site Access Agreement (“Agreement”) with the Middlesex County Utilities Authority (“MCUA”) to provide the MCUA access to Township property in the vicinity of the Raritan River

adjacent to the Green Brook located in Middlesex Borough to rehabilitate a main trunk sanitary sewer line ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, the MCUA was unable to conduct the Project within the Agreement period, but anticipates initiating the Project within the next twelve (12) months; and

WHEREAS, the MCUA has requested a three (3) year extension of the term of the Agreement, to expire on April 21, 2029; and

WHEREAS, it is in the Township's and the residents best interest to help facilitate repairs to sanitary sewers that service the Township and surrounding areas; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Township Council hereby approves the extension of the Agreement to April 21, 2029 and authorize the appropriate Township officials to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate same.

RESOLUTION #26-144

WHEREAS, the Civil Rights Advisory Commission is organizing a Multicultural Festival on October 10, 2026 and wishes to invite vendors to participate and sell diverse foods and products to Township residents; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to make participation affordable and accessible for vendors to incentivize more participation in the festival; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to limit fees to \$100 for food vendors, which will include a temporary health license, \$50 for any for-profit non-food vendor, and no fee for any non-profit vendor; and

WHEREAS, vendors shall be responsible for any additional fees necessary pursuant to the Township Code, including but not limited to the fire prevention fee; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, that the Township Council hereby approves the following fees for vendors at the Multicultural Festival on October 10, 2026:

- 1) \$100 for food vendors, which fee shall include a temporary health license; and
- 2) \$50 for for-profit non-food vendors; and
- 3) No fee for non-profit vendors

RESOLUTION #26-145

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") awarded a contract to T & M Associates, for the Old New Brunswick Road Roadway Improvements Phase II Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the Township to amend said contract to provide an increase in the appropriation for said Project; and

WHEREAS, the original contract amount for said services was not to exceed \$222,356.00, and the need for additional services requires an amendment to increase the total contract by an amount not to exceed \$5,580.00 for a final total amount not to exceed \$227,936.00; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.6 authorizes the Township to approve changes within scope for professional services for a project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a request from the Township Supervisor of Engineering, said Supervisor recommends approving the contract amendment in the amount of \$5,580.00 for a new contract sum of \$227,936.00; and

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4 is attached hereto and made a part hereof; 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 amend the total contract amount with T & M Associates for Old New Brunswick Road Roadway Improvements Phase II Project to a final total not to exceed \$227,936.00 and execute the contract amendment request in the amount of \$5,580.00.

RESOLUTION #26-146

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 \$11,056.00 from the U.S Department of Justice and wishes to amend its Calendar Year 2026 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 2026:

Amount Received for

FY 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant \$11,056.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$ \$11,056.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

FY 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant \$11,056.00

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 #26-147

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway (the "Township") awarded a contract to Kroll LLC, New York, NY, for Kroll Responder Endpoint (the "Services"); and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the Township to amend said contract to provide an increase in the appropriation for said Services; and

WHEREAS, the original contract amount for said Services was not to exceed \$80,538.34, and the need for additional services requires an amendment to increase the total contract by an amount not to exceed \$3,355.76 for a final total amount not to exceed \$83,894.10, a 4.17% increase; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.3 authorizes a municipality to approve change orders up to twenty (20) percent to the originally contracted amount; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a request from the IT Department, said Supervisor recommends approving the contract amendment in the amount of \$3,355.76 for a new contract sum of \$83,894.10; and

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4 is attached hereto and made a part hereof; 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 amend the total contract amount with Kroll LLC, New York, NY, for Kroll Responder Endpoint Services to a final total not to exceed \$83,894.10 and execute the contract amendment request in the amount of \$3,355.76.

RESOLUTION #26-148

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway is in need of professional Redevelopment, Affordable Housing & Pilot Financial Services (the "Services"); and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. (the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law) and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. (the New Jersey Pay-to-Play Law) permit a contracting unit to award a contract for professional services through a "fair and open" competitive process, provided that such process satisfies the requirements set forth therein, including, without limitation, public notice of the opportunity to submit qualifications or proposals, publicly disclosed criteria for evaluation, and public award of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Township did publicly advertise a Request for Proposals (the "RFP") for the Services, and posted the RFP on the Township's official website, thereby providing adequate and timely public notice of the availability of the RFP and the opportunity for interested firms to submit proposals; and

WHEREAS, the RFP set forth publicly disclosed criteria for the evaluation and ranking of proposals, including qualifications and experience of the firm, the qualifications of personnel to be assigned to the engagement, the proposed scope of services, and the proposed fee structure, all in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received and evaluated by Township officials in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP, and NW Financial Group, LLC was

determined to be the most advantageous proposer to the Township based upon its qualifications, experience, and proposed fee; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to award a contract to NW Financial Group, LLC for the Services is in the amount not to exceed \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4 is attached hereto and made a part hereof; 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 enter into a contract with NW Financial Group, LLC, Bloomfield, NJ, for the Redevelopment, Affordable Housing & Pilot Financial Services, in the amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, subject to all request for proposal specifications and submission documents.

RESOLUTION #26-149

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway requires Professional Services for the 2026 Stormwater Permit Annual Reporting (the “Services”); and

WHEREAS, Chapman, Inc., Lewisburg, TN, has submitted a Proposal for Professional Engineering Services related to said Project, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof (“Proposal”), with a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Chapman, Inc., Lewisburg, TN, 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 2026; and

WHEREAS, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4 is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway that the Township Council does hereby authorize Chapman, Inc., Lewisburg, TN, to provide Professional Services for the 2026 Stormwater Permit Annual Reporting, at the rates set forth in said Proposal, with such services not to exceed \$4,000.00.

RESOLUTION #26-150

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway is in need of 2026 Model Year One (1) Swenson Stainless Steel body, One (1) Swenson V-box Stainless Steel Spreader, One (1) Swenson Swing up Spinner Winch, One (1) Swenson Nylon Strap Kit & One (1) Henke Plow & Hitch (the “Supplies”); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway Assistant Director of Public Works-Sewers recommends awarding a contract for the Supplies through Sourcewell Contract #062222-AEB to Trius, Inc., Farmingdale, NJ, in an amount not to exceed \$150,773.00; 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, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4 is attached hereto and made a part hereof; 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 enter into a contract with Trius, Inc., Farmingdale, NJ, for the 2026 Model Year One (1) Swenson Stainless Steel body, One (1) Swenson V-box Stainless Steel Spreader, One (1) Swenson Swing up Spinner Winch, One (1) Swenson Nylon Strap Kit & One (1) Henke Plow & Hitch in the amount not to exceed \$150,773.00 through Sourcewell Contract #062222-AEB.

RESOLUTION #26-151

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway is in need of One (1) FT-16 DDI and Two (2) FT-7-1 Trailers (the “Supplies”); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway Assistant Director of Public Works-Sewers recommends awarding a contract for the Supplies through Sourcewell Contract #092922FTS to Jesco Inc., South Plainfield, NJ, in an amount not to exceed \$38,322.68; 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, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4 is attached hereto and made a part hereof; 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 enter into a contract with Jesco Inc., South Plainfield, NJ, for One (1) FT-16 DDI and Two (2) FT-7-1 Trailers, in the amount not to exceed \$38,322.68 through Sourcwell Contract #092922FTS.

RESOLUTION #26-152

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway is in need of 2026 Versalift Vantel-29-NE (the "Supplies"); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway Assistant Director of Public Works-Sewers recommends awarding a contract for the Supplies through Sourcwell Contract #110421-TIM to Time Manufacturing Co., Waco, TX, in an amount not to exceed \$115,379.00; 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, a certification affirming the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4 is attached hereto and made a part hereof; 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 enter into a contract with Time Manufacturing Co., Waco, TX, for a 2026 Versalift Vantel-29-NE, in the amount not to exceed \$115,379.00 through Sourcwell Contract #110421-TIM.

RESOLUTION #26-153

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 \$3,423.47 from the NATIONAL OPIOIDS TRUST SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT and wishes to amend its Calendar Year 2026 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 2026:

Amount Received for

NATIONAL OPIOIDS TRUST WALGREENS \$3,423.47

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$ \$3,423.47 is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

NATIONAL OPIOIDS TRUST WALGREENS \$3,423.47

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

Council President Lombardi read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, the Office of the Municipal Clerk continues to serve as a vital foundation of municipal government; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Clerks carry out numerous responsibilities essential to the effective operation of local government including maintaining official records, coordinating public meetings, administering elections and processing licenses and permits; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the knowledge and professionalism demonstrated by Municipal Clerks in providing dependable and efficient service to elected officials, staff and the community; and

WHEREAS, through their commitment to public service, Municipal Clerks play an important role in supporting the daily functions and operations of the Township.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Brian C. Wahler, Mayor of the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, acknowledge that the week of May 3 – May 9, 2026 was Municipal Clerks Week, and further acknowledge our Municipal Clerk Melissa Seader, Deputy Clerk Jennifer Johnson and Senior Office Assistant Bunty Sood for the essential services they provide to Piscataway Township.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMENTS FROM OFFICIALS:

- Councilmember Carmichael clarified information that was discussed at the previous Council meeting regarding the contamination of Riverside Park.
- Councilmember Espinosa reminded residents of the upcoming Bike Rodeo happening on Saturday, May 30th at the Little League Complex.
- Councilmember Leibowitz thanked the Council for passing a proclamation on Jewish Heritage Month. She also made a motion for the ICE resolution brought forth to the Council in February to be considered.
 - Councilmember Rashid seconded the motion.
 - Township Attorney Raj Goomer recommended that the Council not pass this resolution since legal counsel has not recently reviewed it, or reviewed it at all. Councilmember Leibowitz said she would share it with him.
 - Council President Lombardi asked the Council to please table this resolution, per the advice of the Township Attorney. Motion made by Councilmember Carmichael, seconded by Councilmember Espinosa.
 - On roll call vote: Councilmembers Carmichael, Espinosa, Leibowitz, Uhrin, & Lombardi answered yes. Councilmember Rashid answered no. The resolution was tabled.
- Councilmember Rashid discussed EMS week and says she hopes the Mayor will have a proclamation for that. She also reminded residents about Eid happening on May 27th as well as the Jazz Under the Stars concert on May 21st at Piscataway High School.
- Councilmember Uhrin had no comments.
- Mayor Wahler clarified comments made by Councilmembers Leibowitz and Rashid.
- Business Administrator Paula Cozzarelli gave some context regarding Consent Agenda item I, an update on the Ecological Park, an update on the solar project, and thanked all Township employees for their hard work as it was public service week earlier this month. She also wished everyone a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend.
 - Councilmember Leibowitz had a follow up question regarding Consent Agenda item I.
 - Business Administrator Paula Cozzarelli and Mayor Wahler responded with the relevant information.
- Council President Lombardi thanked Program Coordinator Doreen Pustizzi for her help in organizing this year's Community Clean Up Day and reminded residents of the Firemen's Memorial service happening on May 21st.

AGENDA SESSION FOR JUNE 11, 2026:

- ORDINANCE – SECOND READING – Amending Chapter 3, Police Regulations, Section 29, Nuisances – OPEN TO PUBLIC – RESOLUTION Adopting Ordinance.
- RESOLUTION – Authorizing Renewal of Liquor Licenses for 2026-2027 License Term.
- RESOLUTION – Authorizing Re-Award of Contract for 2026 Street Tree Replacements – Sunset Creations, Inc. – Not to Exceed \$175,640.00.
- RESOLUTION – Authorizing Refund of Picnic Fees – Renee McMillan.
- MOTION – Accept Council Meeting Minutes – March 12 & April 14, 2026.

Due to the ongoing unforeseen technical difficulties, Council President Lombardi was unable to open the meeting to the remote attendees for any comments.

OPEN TO PUBLIC – IN PERSON ATTENDEES

- Costas Efthymious, 58 Curtis Ave, discussed his ongoing issues with property maintenance.
- The following residents stated that they are against the proposed 83-unit development on the Macedonia property for various reasons including parking, safety of the children attending nearby schools, etc.:
 - Syed Ahmed, 399 Highland Ave
 - Elizabeth, corner of Rivercrest and Witherspoon St
 - Andrew, 410 Highland Ave
 - Tammy Jackson, Park Ave
 - Loretta Gray, Rivercrest Dr
 - Jeff Williams, 155 Park Ave
 - Resident at 58 Lincoln Ave
- Jessica Kratovil, 1247 Brookside Rd, claimed that the Township was running the meeting illegally because of the technical difficulties. She also brought up comments made by Councilmember Cahill at previous meetings.
 - Township Attorney Raj Goomer responded that the Township is making a good faith effort to fix the unforeseen issues and that we are still complying with the ordinance.
 - Council President Lombardi and Councilmember Espinosa responded regarding Councilmember Cahill's comments.
- Pratik Patel, 29 Red Bud Rd, discussed an issue he has with property maintenance and code violations.
 - Township Attorney Raj Goomer responded.
- Curtis Grubbs, 1750 W 3rd St, brought up some issues he is having in his neighborhood, particularly on Hazelwood Ave.
 - Township Attorney Raj Goomer responded.

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

Councilmember Carmichael addressed the residents opposing the Macedonia project stating that she understands the concerns and calls upon the Township to work together with them to come up with a plan that works for everyone.

Mayor Wahler gave an update on Hazelwood Ave and Old New Brunswick Road. He also clarified that the reason the Township has to consider housing projects such as the one on the Macedonia property is because the Township is getting sued by housing developers and high-density housing advocates. He urged the residents who came out tonight to contact Edgewood Properties and the judge who made the decision.

Councilmember Espinosa addressed the Board of Ethics complaint made against him and said that he is going to continue keeping the residents informed, especially when it comes to issues of public safety.

Township Attorney Raj Goomer explained the procedure for ethics complaints.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned by Council President Lombardi at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Johnson

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Deputy Township Clerk

Accepted:

Michele Lombardi

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Council President