

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
DECEMBER 7, 2023 COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807 & via Live Online Broadcast.

Council President Kirsh read the following announcement:

Notice of Meeting

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT OF NEW JERSEY, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS PROVIDED ON JANUARY 10 2023, WITH WRITTEN NOTICE AND ELECTRONIC NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE COURIER NEWS AND THE BREEZE POSTING ON THE WEBSITE AND THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND FILING WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK. A SUBSEQUENT NOTICE WITH REVISED LIVESTREAM INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED ON AUGUST 15, 2023.

On call of the roll, the following Council members were present:

Councilman Allen Kurdyla
Councilman Howard V. Norgalis
Councilman Filipe Pedroso
Councilman Timothy Ring (Absent)
Council President Michael Kirsh

Also Present: Matthew C. Moench, Mayor
Michael Pappas, Township Administrator
Christopher Corsini, Township Attorney
Grace Njuguna, Deputy Township Clerk

Councilman Norgalis led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

OCTOBER 5, 2023 AND NOVEMBER 9, 2023 - REGULAR SESSION

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the October 5, 2023 regular session minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously on a voice call vote.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the November 9, 2023 regular session minutes were moved for approval and passed on a voice call note. Councilman Pedroso recused himself.

Council Reports

Councilman Kurdyla:

- Attended the Tree Lighting ceremony on November 29, 2023. He

commended township employees, Lynne Hurley and Suzanne Maeder, on their commitment and dedication to the event and the joy they brought during their interaction with the children.

Councilman Norgalis:

- With great sadness, Councilman Norgalis reported the passing of Subash Amin husband of Pushpa Amin. Subash was a 50-year resident of Bridgewater where he and Pushpa participated in the life of our town in many ways.
- Attended the annual League of Municipalities meeting where there were vendors and training forums available to elected officials and professionals across a wide range of topics.
- Councilman Norgalis wished the Jewish community a Happy Hanukkah.
- The Festival of Lights began tonight at sundown. It is celebrated for eight days with the lighting of the Menorah.
- Attended several Hindu Diwali celebrations, one at the Bridgewater Senior Center, and two at the Temple on Route 202/206. The Temple governing board has made substantial contributions to the Police Department and the Fire and Rescue volunteer organization serving their location.
- Attended the gathering to recognize the retirement of long-term Township Clerk, Linda Doyle. He wished her well.
- Councilman Norgalis attended the gathering to recognize the long service of Scarlett Doyle, who retires after several decades of service to our town as a Professional Planner. She will be dearly missed.
- Attended the Bridgewater Raritan Municipal Alliance monthly meeting chaired by Lynne Hurley. There was an extensive discussion on the issue of the relationship of mental illness to drug addiction. Serena Collado, Director of Community Health at RWJ Somerset Hospital, joined their meeting and is hopeful she will agree to become a member in 2024.

Councilman Pedroso:

- Congratulated the graduates of the Citizen's Police Academy. He acknowledged the efforts of the Bridgewater Police Department in running the Bridgewater SHIELDS Program.

- Recognized Linda Doyle's retirement as the Township Clerk. He stated that she ran the Clerk's Office impeccably and provided phenomenal service to the residents of Bridgewater.
- Acknowledged the passing of Subash Amin. He will be greatly missed.
- Wished everyone a Happy Hanukkah and a blessed holiday.

Council President Kirsh

- Attended "Skate for the Paws" which he described as being a great event.
- Attended the League of Municipalities where he joined two meetings, one regarding Health Insurance Fund and the other with legislative leaders to discuss their plans for the remainder of this year.
- Council President Kirsh visited the JCC where CNN Senior Legal Analyst, Elie Honig, assessed what is occurring in the Middle East.
- Attended the Health Camp of New Jersey's "Silver Jubilee" fundraiser which is an important initiative affiliated with the Hindu Temple and Cultural Society. The Health Camp of New Jersey's mission is to bring healthcare to those who do not have access to it.
- Attended the funeral of Subash Amin.
- On November 21st, he had the opportunity to visit and volunteer for the Food Bank Network of Somerset County.
- Council President Kirsh attended the Community Thanksgiving Inter-Faith service, which has been a long-standing tradition in the community, involving the Bridgewater United Methodist Church, The Garden State Sikh Association, and Temple Sholom.
- Attended a gathering to recognize the retirement of Township Clerk Linda Doyle.
- Council President Kirsh added to the accolades from Councilman Kurdyla regarding the Tree Lighting and the township employees who made this a memorable event.
- On December 4, 2023, Council President Kirsh attended the Senior Center holiday lunch where he acknowledged the important participation and contribution from the seniors in the community.

- Council President Kirsh extended his congratulations to the following graduates of the Citizen’s Police Academy: Cesar Abella, Lucila Abella, James Alaimo, Brij Bhushan, Jenna Lin Boni, Sheila Chugani, Joseph Cusumano II, Robin Cusumano, Geraldine Freeman, Chuan Gu, Michael Harvis, Brian Horn, John Hommes, Mitulkumar Makavana, Dawn Marinelli, Permaul Pillai, Jennifer Roberto, Joseph Roberto, Jason Sherrard, Tatanisha Towns, and Daniel Zelinski.
- December 11th is the community Hanukkah celebration in the Courtyard for the Menorah Lighting.
- The Re-Organization Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 6 pm in the Court Room.

Mayor’s Reports

Mayor Matthew C. Moench

Mayor Moench asked Township Administrator Pappas to go over information regarding the 2022 Audit with the council and the public.

Michael Pappas, Township Administrator:

Each year, Bridgewater, like all municipalities, is required to undergo an independent auditing process which helps to ensure that we are current and compliant with all of the statutes and regulations that surround municipal finance. The auditing firm has recently completed the 2022 audit indicating the Township’s widespread compliance throughout the report. The review has identified three instances where further action will be needed.

After receiving these comments, the Finance Office put together a corrective action plan and is already far along in its implementation. Between the firm, the Township contracted with to perform the CFO duties for the audit year in question and the new, full-time, CFO all have indicated to him that they, along with their staff, will have these three areas resolved by the end of this calendar year.

Administrator Pappas briefly read the identified issues along with the corrective action plan and timeline for each.

- Finding #1: There were significant discrepancies in the general ledgers.

Corrective Action: The Township is in the process of bringing the Finance Department up to proper staffing levels, which should provide the resources to ensure that all general ledgers are accurately maintained continuously.

- Finding #2: There were inter-fund balances that were not liquidated at year-end.

Corrective Action: The Chief Financial Officer will review all inter-fund balances prior to year-end and liquidate them

- Finding #3: There was an over-expenditure of funds related to LOSAP, Debt Services, and accumulated absences.

Corrective Action: The Township's budget line items will be continuously monitored and presented for review to the Administrator by the Chief Financial Officer.

The Administration takes every audit seriously and this one is no exception. They are confident that under the leadership of the new CFO, the audits will continue to prove that Bridgewater Township holds the highest standards of fiscal accountability and that we will fine-tune our process to come as close to perfection as possible. Additionally, to avoid any misunderstanding or misrepresentations, he unequivocally informed the residents that these are all correctable and that the auditor stated very clearly that the "cash proved" which means all funds are accounted for.

Proclamation SCARLETT DOYLE

Matthew C. Moench, Mayor read the following proclamation:

Honoring the Service of Bridgewater Township Municipal Planner Scarlett Doyle

WHEREAS, the Township of Bridgewater acknowledges and celebrates the distinguished career of Scarlett Doyle, who has faithfully served as the Bridgewater Township Municipal Planner for over a decade; and

WHEREAS, Scarlett Doyle has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to the Township, exhibiting unparalleled attention to detail, an extensive understanding of Bridgewater and the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law, and a remarkable aptitude for collaborative efforts; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure, Scarlett Doyle has played an integral role in guiding the growth of Bridgewater, leaving an indelible mark on the landscape of our community through her foresight and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Scarlett Doyle's unparalleled knowledge and professionalism have

greatly contributed to the successful navigation of complex planning processes, ensuring that Bridgewater evolves in a manner that aligns with the best interests of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Scarlett Doyle's excellence in collaboration has fostered positive relationships among various stakeholders, governmental bodies, and community members, promoting unity and cooperation for the betterment of our Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Township of Bridgewater expresses its deepest gratitude to Scarlett Doyle for her exceptional service, unwavering commitment, and significant contributions to the excellence and prosperity of our community.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that, in recognition of Scarlett Doyle's exceptional tenure and heartfelt dedication to the Township of Bridgewater, the Mayor and Council proudly present her with the "Key to the Township" as a token of appreciation. This key serves as a tangible expression of gratitude to Scarlett Doyle's outstanding service, and the Mayor and Council's warmest wishes for a well-deserved and fulfilling retirement.

Presented and adopted this day, December 7th, 2023, in sincere appreciation and recognition of Scarlett Doyle's remarkable career and profound commitment to the Township of Bridgewater.

Council acknowledged Ms. Doyle for her hard work and dedication to Bridgewater Township. Members of the Land Use Boards also expressed their appreciation for Ms. Doyle's 20+ years of service.

Presentation

CAPITAL ROADS PROGRESS / USDA UPDATES

Thomas Genova, Director of Municipal Services & William Burr, Township Engineer

Mr. Genova reported the completion of two very important projects undertaken by the Engineering Division.

The First Project is the NRCS Funding Assistance Program. Hurricane Ida caused tremendous damage to Township waterways. The US Department of Agriculture sent the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) team to Bridgewater Township to evaluate Federal Funded Project Possibilities. The NRCS Engineers determined 4 project sites meet the eligibility requirements for Federal Funding. All four projects are completed. Mr. Genova presented to the Council a PowerPoint depiction of the before and after pictures of the Blossom Drive Project.

Mr. Genova stated that he just completed year 3 of the 5-year Capital Road Project. Of the approximate 667 Township Roads, 200 have been completed since 2020. 30% of the Township Roads have been repaved in the last 4 calendar years. This is an exceptional accomplishment that the Administration and the Engineering Division are extremely proud of. A project of this size requires countless hours of planning, organizing, budgeting, coordinating, and directing. In that regard, Mr. Genova thanked Bill Burr, Township Engineer, for leading these projects, as well as Tony Gallo, Assistant Township Engineer. Both Bill and Tony have managed all aspects of the subcontractors and consultants from design through completion.

Mr. Genova & Township Engineer Burr explained we have successfully used a data-driven approach to maximize miles of roads remediated. The earlier in the calendar year we can budget and begin, the more roads we can complete. We are currently working on the 2024 Capital Road Project and look forward to continuing this success.

Following the presentation, Mr. Genova and Mr. Burr fielded questions from the governing body.

**Public
Comment**

Members of the public wishing to address the Council on any matter will be allowed two minutes to speak unless there are unusual circumstances.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Pedroso, the meeting was opened to the public for comment.

Karolina Li, 56 Walter's Brook Drive - Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Ms. Li asked for the governing body to support the passing of a bill regarding staffing standards for nurses.

Camille McLawrence, 4 Stella Drive - Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Ms. McLawrence asked for the governing body to support the passing of a bill regarding staffing standards for nurses. She also asked if the township was considering having a dog park in Bridgewater.

Lynn McCabe, 24 Berkeley Place - Cranford, NJ 07016

Ms. McCabe asked for the governing body to support the passing of a bill regarding staffing standards for nurses.

Ryan Siegel, 43 Rath Lane - East Brunswick, NJ 08816

Mr. Siegel asked for the governing body to support the passing of a bill regarding staffing standards for nurses.

Jane Gandolfe, 2000 Washington Valley Road - Martinsville, NJ 08836

Congratulated Councilmen Kirsh and Ring on their re-election and noted she is looking forward to discussions concerning historical preservation in Bridgewater. She expressed her hope for Camp Cromwell opening in the near future.

Cathy Franco, 766 Weemac Road - Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Ms. Franco acknowledged and thanked Scarlett Doyle for her dedication to the township. She also thanked the Police Department for their prompt and efficient responses to Bridgewater residents.

Ms. Franco stated she is looking forward to a response from the Council concerning the two-minute public hearing limit, as well as the posting of the 2022 Audit.

Ms. Franco congratulated the Mayor and Councilmen Kirsh and Ring on their re-election.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the public comment portion was closed.

Resolutions

AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$272.476.08 IN THE CURRENT FUND

Councilman Pedroso inquired to confirm with Mr. Pappas that this resolution simply allows the Administration to reallocate funds to different accounts within the budget.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Councilman Ring	Absent
Council President Kirsh	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-12-07-280](#) is appended to the official minutes

CERTIFICATION OF THE 2022 MUNICIPAL AUDIT

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Councilman Ring	Absent
Council President Kirsh	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-12-07-281](#) is appended to the official minutes

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE 2022 MUNICIPAL AUDIT

Councilman Norgalis made the following statement:

“In reviewing the Audit correction action plan I want to choose my words very carefully. I find that after many years of “no recommendations” we find ourselves faced with three, for the year 2022. This is disturbing.

Of the three items in the Audit Recommendation, the Interfund transfer issue was, I am sure, simply an oversight and quickly and easily corrected. In point of fact, if identified before the close of the 2022 books it would not have made the list.

The Journal / General Ledger imbalance identifies a more basic flaw that requires strict attention to fixing the 2022 issue but also raises the issue of whether or not the same issue will dog us into the 2023 book close just 24 days from today.

The third recommendation states “That sufficient balances be available prior to the commitment or payment of funds”. That is a very polite way of saying we overspent our budget. As a township, we need to do a better job of tracking budget vs actuals for both revenue and expense.

For several years we have contracted out the accounting functions of the CFO job. That issue has recently been addressed and we now have hired a veteran CFO who will shepherd our finances from here on. A critical review of the headcount assigned to that department will be performed and addressed within the coming weeks. I will vote YES on the action plan but will look for Council oversight on the townships results on literally a month by month basis in the earnest hope of a “No Recommendations” in future reports.”

Councilman Kurdyla echoed Councilman Norgalis' remarks.

Councilman Pedroso emphasized that the issues raised by the audit were a very important matter, and was pleased with the quickness that the Administration took corrective action; he stated that he continued to be confident in the Administration's ability to properly manage the budget, but that these audit issues should not happen again.

Council President Kirsh expressed he is desirous that the audit be completed earlier in the future.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Councilman Ring	Absent
Council President Kirsh	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-12-07-282](#) is appended to the official minutes

ESTABLISHING THE BID THRESHOLD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(A) TO \$44,000 AND APPOINTING WILLIAM PANDOS AS THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP'S QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT (QPA)

Councilman Kurdyla expressed concern over having the CFO perform the duties of a Qualified Purchasing Agent. Township Administrator Pappas explained that this was a temporary appointment and that a full-time QPA will be starting employment on December 18, 2023.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Councilman Ring	Absent
Council President Kirsh	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-12-07-283](#) is appended to the official minutes

APPOINTMENT OF QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT, WILLIAM PANDOS AS 2023 PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER (PACO)

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Councilman Ring	Absent
Council President Kirsh	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-12-07-284](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,712.79 TO DELTA DENTAL OF NEW JERSEY TO PROVIDE DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE TO THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER FOR A TOTAL ANNUAL PREMIUM OF \$339,912.79

Township Administrator Pappas explained that the increase is necessary due to additional enrollees.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Councilman Ring	Absent
Council President Kirsh	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-12-07-285](#) is appended to the official minutes

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 23-02-02-057 (AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES - MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER TO SCOTT MITZNER) TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$6,000.00 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$26,000.00

Township Administrator Pappas stated that the public defender was needed more than was originally anticipated. This increase reflects the amount in which the public defender is due for his services.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Councilman Ring	Absent
Council President Kirsh	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-12-07-286](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS FOR ROAD SALT FOR THE 2023-2024 WINTER SEASON TO THE SOMERSET COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE DIVISION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000.00

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Councilman Ring	Absent
Council President Kirsh	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-12-07-287](#) is appended to the official minutes

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$789,654.96 FOR THE VAN VEGHTEN DRIVE, SOUTH AVENUE AND CENTRAL AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UNDER THE NJDOT LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FUND GRANT APPLICATION

Township Administrator Pappas stated that this grant will assist in the funding of the roads, which are in significant disrepair.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Councilman Ring	Absent

Council President Kirsh Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-12-07-288](#) is appended to the official minutes

RESOLUTION FOR MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM (FORMERLY NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE) LOCATED AT 202 12TH STREET, P.O. BOX 219, STAPLES, MN 56479, AT NO COST TO THE TOWNSHIP

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Councilman Ring	Absent
Council President Kirsh	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-12-07-289](#) is appended to the official minutes

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER TO ACCEPT A SUBGRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 FOR THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2023 OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT - EMPG/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE -EMAA.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Councilman Ring	Absent
Council President Kirsh	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-12-07-290](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER TO EXECUTE A SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT AGREEMENT AND A BIO-RETENTION BASIN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH COTTAGES AT MARTINSVILLE, LLC FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 802, LOT 131 FORMERLY KNOWN AS 802 CHIMNEY ROCK RD (ZBA APP. NO. 21-031-ZB)

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Councilman Ring	Absent
Council President Kirsh	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-12-07-291](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$105,600.00, POSTED IN CASH, ACCEPTANCE OF THE SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,200.00 FOR FRONTIER ROAD PROPERTY, LLC, BLOCK 711, LOT 12, 999 FRONTIER ROAD

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Councilman Ring	Absent
Council President Kirsh	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#23-12-07-292](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE FROM \$1,158,834.90 TO \$1,133,193.94 A DECREASE OF 2.21% OR \$25,641.05, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT, RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND, ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP. (22 FIFTH STREET, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876) FOR THE 2023-2 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES THE BASE BID FOR THE ENTIRE LENGTHS OF BEEKMAN ROAD, DUVAL STREET, GALWAY LANE, HANCOCK AVENUE, SARGENT STREET, SHANNON ROAD, AND WEST SUMMIT STREET AND ALTERNATE BID FOR THE ENTIRE LENGTHS OF MCBRIDE WAY AND STUDDIFORD WAY, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2023 CAPITAL ROAD FUND

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1/FINAL CHANGE ORDER INCREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE FROM \$598,100.00 TO \$619,130.00 AN INCREASE OF 3.52% OR \$21,030.00, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT, RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND, ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO EARTHWORKS, INC. (13 MORELLO COURT, FARMINGDALE, NJ 07727) FOR THE 2022 CAMP CROMWELL TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, FUNDED THROUGH OPEN SPACE GRANT AGREEMENT AND OPEN SPACE FUND

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Councilman Ring	Absent
Council President Kirsh	Aye

THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED.

A copy of resolutions [#23-12-07-293 thru #23-12-07-294](#) is appended to the official minutes

Adjournment

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Grace Njuguna, RMC
Deputy Township Clerk

Michael Kirsh
Council President