

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Monday, August 23, 2021**  
**Town Hall 7:30pm**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Council President Bromberg called the meeting to order at 7:33pm.

**SALUTE TO FLAG**

Council President Bromberg asked all in attendance to join him in a Salute to the Flag.

**SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT**

Council President Bromberg read the Sunshine Statement into the record, as follows:

*"In accordance with the provisions set forth in the Open Public Meetings Law, notification of this meeting has been sent to all officially appointed Township newspapers and notice is posted at the Municipal Office."*

**ROLL CALL**

Councilman Ben-Yishay, Councilman Donovan, Councilwoman Sieg and Council President Bromberg were present. Councilman Criscuolo was absent

**Also present:** Township Attorney Michael Caufield, Business Administrator/CFO Gennaro Rotella, Township Engineer Christopher Statile and Township Clerk Karen Campanelli.

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**Council Comments**

There were no Council comments this evening.

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**Business Administrator's Report**

Mr. Rotella reported on an added item to this evening's agenda; which came in that late on Friday evening. He explained that it is a refunding Bond Ordinance; in 2011 the Township went out to Bond and after 10 years you are allowed to refinance. He added that because the interest are very low he would like to exercise the option and by doing this the Township will save approximately \$100,000 over the next seven (7) years.

Mr. Rotella next reported on the resolutions to purchase DPW vehicles on the State Contract. He explained that manufacturing and product costs are extremely high right now; therefore, the price of vehicles are extremely high and the delivery times are taking longer.

Mr. Rotella reported the he and the Mayor have been working on the new PBA contract. He explained that over the years they have slowly negotiated items out of the contract. This year two (2) of the big items are first the sick payout. He further explained that the sick payout was 180 days; this has been changed to a flat \$15,000. The second item was medical benefits upon retirement; presently it was at the sole cost of the municipality. Mr. Rotella added that this has been changed to a 35% continued contribution towards their medical benefits.

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**Engineer's Report**

Mr. Statile reported that the Road Program will be starting Thursday or Friday this week. The contractor will first do the drainage repair work on Wittich and Edward where there is a standing water issue. Council President Bromberg asked if there were able to determine what the issue is and how are they going to remedy. Mr. Statile responded that he believes it's just a flat spot and there are water leaks under the road; he added that they will know more once the road is dug up and the drains are put in.

He next reported on the Meskers subdivision; they will be submitting the new Police Department plans to the County for Site Plan approval. Mr. Statile also reported that the new intersection at Edgewood has been

completed by the developer and is setup for signalization if the County deems it necessary. He added that the developer will be adding a flashing pedestrian activated warning device in the crosswalk.

Mr. Statile reported that the County will be replacing the Old Tappan Road Bridge. He will be requesting sidewalks on both sides of the bridge. Council President Bromberg asked that by making the bridge wider will it also allow more water to flow under it. Mr. Statile responded that in New Jersey this can't be done and you can't change the current capacity. He explained that if you opened up the bridge you would flood people's property downstream.

Councilman Ben-Yishay questioned the potential for a traffic light at Piermont and Rivervale Road. Mr. Statile responded that the County wants to see how the new road configuration works before they take the next step.

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### **1<sup>st</sup> Hearing of the Public**

Motion by Councilwoman Sieg; second by Councilman Ben-Yishay to open the meeting to the public.

David Rice—539 Bernita Drive—commented that he has an issue with the communication of important issues in Town specifically the Public Safety building. He stated that Gennaro gave him the articles in the paper regarding the new building. Mr. Rice commented that the building started at \$7 million and is now \$14 million; he also stated that he doesn't know why there's a difference or what was added. He added that he didn't come to the meetings because he didn't know about them.

Mr. Rice reported that he has spoken to people in Town and a lot of his friends don't get newspapers. He stressed that he feels there a real problem with communication; he feels if people knew more about the meetings more people might attend and the \$14 million is a lot of money. Mr. Rice further commented that the ads are small and younger people don't use the newspaper they are online using the internet.

Additionally, Mr. Rice stated that when he checked the website the agenda for the July 26<sup>th</sup> meeting was not available. He also stated that he spoke to Mr. Rotella who said it is not a requirement to post on the website. The Township Attorney responded that the agenda has to be posted at the Township; which it was, and as per the Open Public Meetings Act posted in the local newspaper; and that it's a courtesy to post on the website. Mr. Rice feels this should be a requirement. He commented that the Township sends out email blasts about the Farmers Market and road work so everyone knows about it. Mr. Rice added that the Public Safety Building is important and people need to know about it. The Township Attorney added that if you look in the paper there are several pages of these ads because statutorily is has to be done this way.

Council President Bromberg commented that they will take this under advisement. He added that this issue has been ongoing since Aron Back was Chief and that this a major undertaking that needs to be done. Also, there have been a number of public meetings, presentations by architects and discussions over the past couple of years.

Mr. Rice stated that the key issue is that it went from \$7 million to \$14 million and he doesn't understand why the cost went up. Council President Bromberg added that there will be more meetings regarding this project.

Bernard Barker—595 Sunset Ave.—commented on two concerns. The first being the greenery obstructions on the bike path between Mark Lane and Rivervale Road; by the new construction area. Mr. Barker is also concerned about the new framed construction. He explained that this is the same framed construction that was down the shore where the buildings burned down because there were no fire walls between the buildings. Mr. Barker suggested the Township adopt an ordinance requiring firewalls between units.

Council President Bromberg commented that he sat on the Joint Planning Board during the hearings for this development and assured that everything was approved according to code. Mr. Statile also assured that there is a rated wall between the units; additionally there is a UCC requirement for fire separation between units.

Mr. Statile will notify the developer regarding the greenery obstructions on the bike path.

There being no further questions or comments from the public. Motion by Councilman Donovan; second by Councilwoman Sieg to close the hearing of the public.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

Motion by Councilman Ben-Yishay; second by Councilman Donovan to approve Resolutions #2021-173 through #2021-184 as a Consent Agenda as follows:

**Council Comments**

Councilwoman Sieg introduced and welcomed Delix Alex who will be joining Planning Board. She noted that Councilman Donovan is the liaison to the Planning Board. Councilwoman Sieg added that Delix will bring a wonderful perspective to the Board and she thanked him for donating his time to the Township.

Council President Bromberg commented that the cost of the garbage truck did increase from the time they approved the capital budget to now due to the increase in manufacturing costs. Councilman Donovan concurred that in his business they are running an average of 36% above costs from earlier this year.

**Resolution #2021-173**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES JULY 12, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the July 12, 2021 Regular meeting of the Township Council are hereby approved.

**Resolution #2021-174**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES JULY 26, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the minutes of the July 26, 2021 Regular meeting of the Township Council are hereby approved.

**Resolution #2021-175**

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING CONTRACT WITH APPROVED STATE VENDOR FOR CONTRACTING UNITS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2A (GABRIELLE TRUCK SALES)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of River Vale, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of River Vale has the need on a timely basis to purchase the following equipment for the Department of Public Works utilizing State contracts;

**2021 Kenworth T480 Garbage Truck**

**WHEREAS**, the State Contract price is

**Purchase Price:       \$ 251,293.57**

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available in the Capital Account; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of River Vale intends to enter into a Purchase contract with Gabrielle Truck Sales, 2306 Route 130 North, Dayton, New Jersey (Sourcewell Contract# 060920-KTC New Jersey State Approved Co-Op#65MCECCPS ) through this resolution and properly executed contracts, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current State contracts.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township of River Vale authorizes the Purchasing Agent to purchase the above listed equipment from Gabrielle Truck Sales pursuant to all conditions of the individual State contracts.

**Resolution #2021-176**

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING CONTRACT WITH APPROVED STATE VENDOR FOR CONTRACTING UNITS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2A (DEERE & COMPANY)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of River Vale, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of River Vale has the need on a timely basis to purchase the following equipment for the Department of Public Works utilizing State contracts;

**2022 JOHN DEERE GATOR**

**WHEREAS**, the State Contract price is

**Purchase Price:       \$ 25,319.54**

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available in the Capital Account; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of River Vale intends to enter into a Purchase contract with Deere & Company, 2000 John Deere Run, Cary, NC (New Jersey Approved Co-Op #65MCESCCPS) through this resolution and properly executed contracts, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current State contracts.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township of River Vale authorizes the Purchasing Agent to purchase the above listed equipment from Deere & Company pursuant to all conditions of the individual State contracts.

**Resolution #2021-177**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY REPAIRS**

**WHEREAS**, an emergency situation developed, which could not have been reasonably foreseen, with respect to the need to repair of lower grove amphitheater which has deteriorated creating a public safety concern; and

**WHEREAS**, the block walls and paver walkways became in disrepair causing an unstable condition and potential hazard, thereafter the disassembling of the current amphitheater and re-stabilization of the retaining walls was repaired immediately for public safety reasons; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Administration has discussed the potential solutions from various vendors, regarding the emergency procurement of services in connection with the necessary repair work; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A.40A:11-6, a contract may be awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding when an emergency affecting the public health, safety or welfare requires the immediate performance of the services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township is satisfied that, for the reasons articulated above, attached hereto and made a part hereof, the proposed emergency procurement is justified and meets the requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A.40A:11 -6, and regulations promulgated thereto. N.J.A.C.5:34-6.1.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Township declares that an emergency exists with respect to the immediate need to repair the amphitheater, which emergency required the immediate emergency procurement of services in order to protect public health, safety and welfare.
- 2.The Township is authorized and directed to make payment without public bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:11-6 and NJ.AC.5:34-6.1, to Watch Us Grow Landscaping Design, LLC in the amount of \$148,800.00 for the provision of emergency services as necessary for the repair work.
3. This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

**Resolution #2021-178**

**CONFIRM MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE JOINT PLANNING BOARD  
(UNEXPIRED TERMS)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayoral appointments of the following individuals to the Joint Planning Board and their corresponding terms are hereby confirmed:

- **Matthew Ross - (4) year unexpired term ending December 31, 2023 (Class IV)**
- **Delix Alex - (4) year unexpired term ending December 31, 2022 (Class IV)**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that a Certified Copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Joint Planning Board.

**Resolution #2021-179**

**RESOLUTION**

(Escrow Refund)

**WHEREAS**, the homeowner of 602 Florence Road (Block 1803, Lot 6) had posted escrow for a soil moving permit for backyard improvements which included a retaining wall and pool barrier fence; and

**WHEREAS**, both the Township Engineer and Construction Code Official have inspected this project and deemed the project complete therefore the escrow balance may be released.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the remaining Escrow Deposit be released.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Treasurer is hereby directed to issue a municipal check as follows:

**Payable to:**

**"Jessica Ely"**

**Mailing Address**

602 Florence Road  
River Vale, New Jersey 07675

**Refund Amount: \$ 150.00**

**Resolution #2021-180**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 2020 POPLAR ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT - PHASE 2 (INCREASE)**

**WHEREAS**, on July 13, 2020 the Township of River Vale awarded the 2020 Poplar Road Safety Improvements Project - Phase 2 contract to DLS Contracting, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, there was a change during this project which is detailed in a statement prepared by the Township Engineer and on file in the Clerk's Office; and

**WHEREAS**, this change order results in an increase to the contract sum.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Change Order No. 1 for the above mentioned project be approved as follows:

Original Contract Sum	\$ 273,655.20
Change Order #1 Decrease	+ 14,042.85
<b><u>New Contract Sum</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 287,698.05</u></b>

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds in the Capital Account (C-04-55-919-024).

**Resolution #2021-181**

**REFUND**

**(Camp Have Some Fun Registration Fees)**

**WHEREAS**, due to rising casing of COVID-19 among the summer camp attendees the Township cancelled the last week of the Camp Have Some Fun summer camp program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Administration has decided to refund the Camp Have Some Fun registration fees to all registrants for the cancelled week of July 26th through July 30th; and

**WHEREAS**, the Treasurer has certified the availability of funds in the Recreation Account.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that said refunds are approved and the Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue municipal checks to all eligible Camp Have Some Fun registrants.

**Resolution #2021-182**

**REFUND**

**(RVCC JUNIOR GOLF SPRING CLINIC REGISTRATION FEE)**

**WHEREAS**, the following resident has requested a refund of their RVCC Junior Golf Spring Clinic registration fee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Treasurer has certified the availability of funds in the Recreation Account.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that said refund is approved and the Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a municipal check payable as follows:

**Payable to:**

Jacqueline Tovar  
215 Highland Avenue  
River Vale, NJ 07675  
**Refund Amount:** \$ 125.00

**Resolution #2021-183**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN LOCAL 206 PBA AGREEMENT**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Agreement with the New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association Inc., Pascack Valley Local No. 206 River Vale Unit.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the term of this contract shall be for four (4) years effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township Attorney has reviewed and approved said contract.

**Resolution #2021-184**

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale

that the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to pay the following claims:

CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of: \$ 283,729.08

RESERVE CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	10,157.89
GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	73,511.73
RESERVE GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$	135.14
FEDERAL/STATE GRANT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
ANIMAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	15,753.88
PRIVATE DUTY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	97,722.55
UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
HOUSING TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
GOLF COURSE UTILITY CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	2,164.80
PLANNING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	120.00
SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	11,182.50
ZONING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	1,875.00
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS TO BE PAID</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>496,352.57</b>

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that the following claims have been paid by the Business Administrator prior to the Bill List Resolution in the following amounts:

CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	5,815,290.81
RESERVE CURRENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	7,187.75
GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	303,680.80
RESERVE GOLF COURSE UTILITY OPERATING ACCT claims in the amount of:		
TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
ANIMAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
GRANT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	42,991.60
PAYROLL AGENCY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	8,457.41
PRIVATE DUTY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
TAX SALE REDEMPTION TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
TAX SALE PREMIUM TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:	\$	27.16
UNEMPLOYMENT ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
CAPITAL ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
BUILDERS ESCROW ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
PLANNING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		
ZONING BOARD TRUST ACCOUNT claims in the amount of:		

<b>TOTAL CLAIMS PAID</b>	<b>\$ 6,177,635.53</b>
<b>TOTAL BILL LIST RESOLUTION</b>	<b>\$ 6,673,988.10</b>

**MANUAL DISBURSEMENTS  
BILL LIST FOR August 23, 2021**

7/30/2021 Transfer Payroll	\$ 298,556.44
8/13/2021 Transfer Payroll	\$ 305,386.00

**TOTAL STATUTORY ACCOUNT DISTRIBUTIONS** **\$ 603,942.44**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Councilman Ben-Yishay, Councilman Donovan, Councilwoman Sieg and Council President Bromberg voted yes. Councilman Criscuolo was absent.

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**Ordinances for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**Ordinance #387-2021**

**Motion to Introduce:** Councilman Donovan

**Second:** Councilwoman Sieg

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 33 OF THE CODE ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT" SECTION 8 "PROMOTIONS"**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of River Vale that Chapter 90 of the Township Code Section 33-8 entitled "Promotions" is hereby amended as follows:

**§ 33-8. Promotions.**

**Add New Section**

**K. Review of Process.**

1. Within ten (10) days of the publishing of the promotional list, a candidate may file a written letter requesting a review of that candidate's file related to that specific promotional process. Said letter must contain the reason(s) or justification(s) for the request and must be submitted to the Mayor and the Chief of Police. The Mayor will review the request. The review request may include:
  - a. Review and re-tabulation of the scored elements of the promotional process related to the requesting candidate.
  - b. Review of any evaluation, or internal document that was used in the promotional process related to the requesting candidate.
2. If the review warrants a change to the results of the promotional ranking, which determination shall be within the Mayor's sole discretion, the candidate ranking shall be re-evaluated.

This Ordinance shall take effect following adoption and approval in a time and manner prescribed by law.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Councilman Ben-Yishay, Councilman Donovan, Councilwoman Sieg and Council President Bromberg voted yes. Councilman Criscuolo was absent.

**Council Comments**

Councilman Donovan asked for clarification that the net savings would be about \$100,000 over seven (7) years. Mr. Rotella confirmed.

**Ordinance #388-2021**

**Motion to Introduce:** Councilwoman Sieg

**Second:** Councilman Ben-Yishay

**REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF CERTAIN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2011, OF THE TOWNSHIP AND APPROPRIATING AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$2,130,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,130,000 REFUNDING BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF**

**THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY,**

**DO ORDAIN** (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) **AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The Township of River Vale, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Township"), is hereby authorized to refund all or a part of the Township's General Improvement Bonds, Series 2011, dated June 20, 2007, maturing on August 15 in the years 2022 to 2027, both inclusive, in the aggregate principal amount of \$2,035,000, such General Improvement Bonds being subject to redemption in whole or in part on any date on or after August 15, 2021, at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount redeemed, plus accrued interest to the redemption date.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the purpose described in Section 1 hereof, negotiable refunding bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not to exceed \$2,130,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. An aggregate amount not exceeding \$100,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-51(b) has been included in the aggregate principal amount of refunding bonds authorized herein.

Section 4. The purpose of the refunding is to provide for savings in the debt service payable by the Township with respect to its outstanding obligations.

Section 5. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this refunding bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem

taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 6. This refunding bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Councilman Ben-Yishay, Councilman Donovan, Councilwoman Sieg and Council President Bromberg voted yes. Councilman Criscuolo was absent.

**Ordinances for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Public Hearing**

There were no ordinances for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading or public hearing.

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Hearing of the Public**

Motion by Councilwoman Sieg; second by Councilman Donovan to open the meeting to the public.

David Rice—539 Bernita Drive—questioned if you could refinance the golf course bond. Mr. Rotella responded that by law he has to wait ten years. Mr. Rice questioned why we need a garbage truck and do we have one now. Mr. Rotella responded that they have three (3) garbage trucks that are used for leaves and recycling.

Mr. Rice also noticed that for the DPW equipment we don't go out to bid and the items are purchased on State contract. Mr. Rotella responded that the Township does do bidding; however, if you utilize a State contract there will be a savings.

Councilwoman Sieg added that their Budget meetings are open to the public and they always encourage the residents to be a part of the process.

Councilman Donovan commented that Mr. Rice did a tremendous amount of service with the Town while serving on the Board. He also agreed with Mr. Rice that they should look into being more tech savvy with regard to how we communicate information. Councilman Donovan also noted that they are aware that the number for the Police Department increased; however, they are still in the process of seeing the bottom line and they've created the budget based what our professionals recommended. Councilman Donovan is hoping they can find a way to build the project less but at least they have the financing in place. He also is glad to see Mr. Rice back asking questions because he feels it's important and they are doing the best they can for everyone.

Bernard Barker—595 Sunset Ave.—Mr. Barker commented on an association he belongs to that was taking down their website and going to Facebook. Mr. Barker questioned this and said it could be easily hacked; he also stressed that Zoom meeting can also be hacked

There being no further questions or comments from the public. Motion by Councilman Donovan; second by Councilwoman Sieg to close the hearing of the public.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilwoman Sieg; second by Councilman Ben-Yishay to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm.

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ATTEST:  
*Karen Campanelli, Township Clerk*

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Council President Mark Bromberg

