

TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG
COUNCIL MEETING

6:00 pm

November 2, 2016

The Council Meeting of the Lopatcong Township Council was called to order by Mayor McKay. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building located at 232 S. Third St., Phillipsburg, New Jersey 08865.

Motion to come out of Executive Session by Councilwoman Reitemeyer, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. All in favor.

Mayor McKay stated “adequate notice of this meeting has been provided indicating the time and place of the meeting in accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975 by advertising a Notice in The Star Gazette and The Express-Times and by posting a copy on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.”

Prayer followed by Oath of Allegiance

Present: Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Councilwoman McCabe, Council President Pryor, Mayor McKay. Also present Attorney Campbell and Engineer Sterbenz.

Resolution No. 16-133 - was passed to hold an Executive Session. Attorney Campbell stated Council was in Executive Session for 1 hour and 40 minutes; the topics of discussion were Litigation – Degan v. Lopatcong, Litigation – COAH, Attorney/Client Privilege – OPUS, Contractual – PHS BOE Interlocal Agreement, Contractual – CFO position and Contract – LAA

Resolution No. 16-146 - CFO Position – Motion by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilwoman Reitemeyer to hire CFO.

R 16-146

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING HIRE OF BERNARD RE AS CERTIFIED
MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby approve the hire of Bernard Re as CMFO; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Re has expressed his desire to assist the Township for Fourteen months or until December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Re requires the following terms to his condition of employment:

1. Salary - \$80.00 per hour with estimated 21 hours (3 days) per week
2. Vacation - 5 weeks from starting date (available Thursday Nov. 3rd) prorated
3. Holidays - prorated by 21 hrs over 35 hrs. = 8 paid holidays
4. Seminars – Township would pay to maintain Municipal CFO License

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby approve the hire of Mr. Bernard Re as CMFO for the term and conditions as noted in this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at the Reorganization Meeting held on Wednesday, November 2, 2016.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor, Mayor McKay.

NAYS: None

Public Comment – Motion by Councilwoman Reitemeyer, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. No comments. Motion to close the Public Comment by Councilwoman Reitemeyer, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. All in favor.

Special Presentation – Delaware Crossing residents – donation presented by Ms. Roemersma and Mr. Taylor \$670.00 for the Police Department.

Special Presentation – Lopatcong Emergency Squad – purchase of ambulance

Special Presentation – Lopatcong Fire Company – Firefighter’s Assistance Grant in the amount of \$120,000.00 of which the Township would be responsible for 5%.

R 16-135

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR 2016 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT AFG FEMA AND THE UNITED STATES FIRE ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, the Assistance to Firefighting Grant AFG FEMA and the United States Fire Administration is offering a Competitive grant program that will fund 310 Million dollars in grants this year; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 the Township was successful in receiving an AFG grant for turnout gear, SCBA and other safety equipment; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 we submitted a grant for LDH supply hose and unfortunately the Township was unsuccessful; and

WHEREAS, the Townships match for this grant is 5%. Assuming that total cost for the project is \$120,000.00, the Township would be responsible for \$6,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey authorize and support the application to the 2016 Assistance to Firefighters Grant AFG FEMA and the United States Fire Administration for approximately \$120,000.00.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at the Reorganization Meeting held on Wednesday, November 2, 2016.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Motion to adopt by Councilwoman Reitemeyer, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Councilwoman McCabe, Council President Pryor, Mayor McKay.

NAYS: None

Special Award Announcement – Phillipsburg High School Roadway Improvement Project.

Old Business:

Minutes - September 7 and 19, 2016 Regular and Executive Session Minutes. Motion by Councilwoman Reitemeyer, seconded by Council President Pryor. Roll call vote:
AYES: Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Councilwoman McCabe, Council President Pryor, Mayor McKay.
NAYS: None

Resolution No. 16-134 – Authorizing NJ Transit to add courtesy bus stops.

R16-134

LOPATCONG TOWNSHIP
WARREN COUNTY
NEW JERSEY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, State of New Jersey.

The following described locations are added as courtesy bus stops with no NJTRANSITS signs or poles installed at the behest of Superintendent Rainie Roncoroni of the Lopatcong School District. The limited service to be provided at these locations is intended to enhance the safety and security of students traveling to and from the Regional High School.

Municipal Roadway

ADDED COURTESY BUS STOPS:

1. Along Red School Lane, southbound, on the westerly side thereof at:

- a. Powder Horn Drive – Near Side
Beginning at the prolongation of the northerly curb line of Powder Horn Drive and extending 105' therefrom.

2. Along Red School Lane, northbound, on the easterly side thereof at:

- a. Powder Horn Drive – Far Side
Beginning at the northerly curb line of Powder Horn Drive and extending 100' northerly therefrom.
- b. Between Canterbury Road and Stonehenge Drive – mid-block
Beginning 50' south at the southerly curb line of Canterbury Road and extending 135' therefrom.

3. Along Charles Road, eastbound, on the southerly side thereof at:

- a. Red School Lane – Near Side
Beginning at the westerly curb line of Red School Lane and extending 105' westerly therefrom.

4. Along Roseberry Street, northbound, on the easterly side thereof at:

- b. Belvidere Road – Near Side
Beginning at the westerly curb line of Belvidere Road and extending 105' westerly therefrom.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, November 3, 2016.

Date:

(Mayor, Manager or Executive)

(Township Clerk, Clerk of the Board, etc.)

Please Notarize

Motion by Councilwoman McCabe, seconded by Council President Pryor to adopt. All in favor.

New Business:

Mayor's Wellness Campaign – Leslie Fronzak explained that there is a 12 week Weight Loss Challenge Program starting January 9, 2016 in conjunction with Shoprite. This would take place at Shoprite. Councilwoman Reitemeyer noted there would be a disclaimer about checking with your doctor before beginning the program as a protection to the Township. There is a grant the committee would like to apply for. Motion to authorize Shoprite work in conjunction with the Township and also authorize Clerk Dilts to send in the grant application. Motion by Councilwoman Reitemeyer, seconded by Council President Pryor. All in favor.

Gypsy Moth – Dave Lance – Property 258/234 Lows Hollow Road – 16.2 acres - Addressed the Council this is the second year of the defoliation of the trees and their canopy. NJ Dept. of Agriculture provided a map of the defoliation in 2015. The sun directly hits the streams when you lose the canopy so the effect is great. He asked the Township for the spray program. Dept. of Agriculture will come in and conduct a group of the egg mass and if it meets certain criteria an aerial spraying will be done and the Township will be reimbursed up to 50%. Clerk Dilts advised that she already asked the Dept. of Agriculture to do the survey. She also indicated that this same survey was done over 10 years ago and the Township did fund it with a refund from the State.

Zuccaro, Inc. – App Change Order No. 3 and Partial Payment to Zuccaro, Inc., for work completed on the Phillipsburg High School Roadway Improvement Project in the amount of \$181,403.29. Motion by Councilwoman Reitemeyer, seconded by Council President Pryor to approve the Change Order. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Councilwoman McCabe, Council President Pryor, Mayor McKay.

NAYS: None

Motion by Council President Pryor to authorize partial payment to Zuccaro, Inc. in the amount of \$181,403.29, seconded by Councilwoman Reitemeyer. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Councilwoman McCabe, Council President Pryor, Mayor McKay.

NAYS: None

KeyTech – Authorize payment to Key Tech in the amount of \$1300.00 for testing services performed on the Phillipsburg High School Roadway Improvement Project. Motion to approve payment by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Councilwoman McCabe, Council President Pryor, Mayor McKay.

NAYS: None

Clean Communities Grant – Invoice from Diana Dove for performance at the Warren County Fair in the amount of \$440.00. Mayor McKay asked for a motion to authorize payment of this invoice. No motion was made.

Strykers Road Detention Basin Sink Hole – Authorize work on sinkhole off of Strykers Road. Engineer Sterbenz discussed the sinkhole with Council. The sinkhole is in proximity from the outfall pipe coming from the basin. The DPW opened the area up to expose the throat, it turned out that a lot of soil was lost and the sinkhole is shaped like an inverted cone and is probably 10

to 15 feet deep and took slice sub-openings around it. An inspector from the geo-technical office of Maser will have to take a look at it. Motion to Council President Pryor to authorize Paul to handle this matter, seconded by Councilwoman Reitemeyer. All in favor.

Ordinance – Council Liaisons and Finance Committee – Council President Pryor explained that the mayor expressed concern that Council President Pryor was the only member of the Finance Committee and the Share Services Negotiations Committee – while the other one is a liaison and that’s the Council’s appointment and noted the Committee is free for appointment of another Finance Committee member and Shared Services. Donna was a member of both and when she resigned, no one was reappointed. He expressed to the Mayor that it says right in the ordinance that the Finance Committee is your appointment. Mayor McKay asked who would like to be on the Finance Committee but not all Council was present to express a desire. Councilwoman McCabe said she would be interested in the Shared Services Negotiation Committee.

Council President Pryor - Stated that he did not negotiate the Chief’s salary but the Mayor and Donna did. He would be glad to do it. There are three principle groups within the Township; Police, DPW, Administrative Section. The Public Works is under a three year contract that is coming up the beginning of the year. The Chief’s contract needs to be negotiated; the Police themselves don’t come up for another year but the Administrative group which hasn’t gotten a raise in several years and it makes sense to look at these globally if we are going to do something. It might make sense to get help. Jersey Professional Management performed a study back when the DPW was organized. They look both vertically and horizontally and compare with other towns and look at management hierarchy within the town and make sure that makes sense and look at it across the three principle cost centers and even if we are not going to do the Police this year, they would look at the chief and the supervisory positions. His suggestion is the get a proposal from them to consider. Council was in favor.

Block 115, Lot 1.01 – Mayor McKay stated this is a 4 ½ acre property behind Clymer Village. Clymer Village is intending to come in next year and renegotiate their pilot program. He said they want to refinance their debt to do rehabilitation on their building. There are environmental issues, possible easements and right-of-way restrictions on this property Attorney Campbell noted. She also indicated that the Local Land and Buildings Law sets forth regulations as well. There could be COAH credits available. Mayor McKay felt this should be explored. Council President Pryor said this was HUD funded project that brings constraints along with it. He thought it was a piece of property that there are no plans for and it is appropriate to look at it. Attorney Campbell will pull the deed.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilwoman Reitemeyer. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Councilwoman McCabe, Council President Pryor, Mayor McKay.

NAYS: None

Resolution No. 16 –136 - Authorize refund of duplicate tax payment for year 2016 on Block 129, Lot 12 in the amount of \$5817.70.

R 16-136

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING TO REFUND DUPLICATE TAX PAYMENTS FOR TAX YEAR 2016

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that warrants be drawn to the property owners listed below in the designated amounts representing duplicate tax payments as follows for the tax year 2016.

| <u>Block & Lot</u> | <u>Name of Payee</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Block 129, Lot 12 | Mortgage Svs. Ctr. | \$5817.70 |

95 Methodist Hill Road Ste. 400
Rochester, NY 14623

RE: Loan #0023250954/Saggese

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey have approved the refunds made rather than applying these payments to the 2016 property taxes due.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing is the true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, November 2, 2016.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 16-137- Authorizing redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2014-027 and Premium on Block 91, Lot 6 in the amount of \$18,613.39.

R -137

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONIES TO
OUTSIDE LIENHOLDER ON BLOCK 91, LOT 6

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on June 25, 2014, a lien was sold on Block 91, Lot 6 also known as 30 Reservoir Road for 2013 delinquent taxes; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2014-027 was sold to US Bank Cust for PC4 First Trust Bank for a Premium of \$6,100.00; and

WHEREAS, the property owners have satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2014-027 in the amount of \$12,513.39.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 2nd day of November 2016 that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$18,613.39 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2014-027 and Premium to:

US Bank for PC4 & Crdtrs.
50 S. 16th St., Suite 2050
Philadelphia, PA 19102

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing is the true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, November 2, 2016.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 16-138 - Authorizing redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2015-003 and Premium on Block 2, Lot 39 in the amount of \$27,103.21.

R 16-138

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONIES TO
OUTSIDE LIENHOLDER ON BLOCK 2, LOT 39

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on September 23, 2015, a lien was sold on Block 2, Lot 39 also known as 6 Grandview Avenue for 2014 delinquencies; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2015-003 was sold to FWDSL & Associates for a Premium of \$13,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Swick & Swick attorneys for property owners, has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2015-003 in the amount of \$14,103.21.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 2nd day of November 2016 that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$27,103.21 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2015-003 and Premium to:

FWDSL & Associates LP
17 W. Cliff Street
Somerville, NJ 08876

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing is the true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, November 2, 2016.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 16-139 - Authorizing refund of sewer overpayments for tax year 2016 on Block 99, Lot 178 C0688 in the amount of \$299.68.

R 16-139

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING TO REFUND SEWER OVERPAYMENTS FOR TAX YEAR 2016

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey warrants be drawn to the property owners listed below in the designated amounts representing overpayments on sewer as follows for the tax year 2016.

| <u>Block & Lot</u> | <u>Name of Payee</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------------------|--|---------------|
| Block 99, Lot 178 C0688 | Wells Fargo Home Mortgage P.O. Box 10368 Tax Dept. Des Moines, IA 50306-0368 RE: Loan #0363850975/Johnson | \$299.68 |

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing is the true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, November 2, 2016.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 16-140 - Authorize redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2014-060 on Block 116.09, Lot 6 C0146 in the amount of \$711.18.

R 16-140

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REFUND OF REDEMPTION OF MONIES TO
OUTSIDE LIENHOLDER ON BLOCK 146, LOT 6 C0146

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on June 25, 2014, a lien was sold on Block 116.09, Lot 6 C0146 also known as 146 Limerick Lane for 2013 delinquent sewer taxes; and

WHEREAS, the property owners have satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2014-060 in the amount of \$711.18.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 2nd day of November 2016, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$711.18 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2014-060 to:

Arthur Frustaci
712 Rugby Road
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing is the true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, November 2, 2016.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 16-141 - Authorizing Block 130, Lot 14 as exempt property and refund \$785.16 on tax year 2016.

R 16-141

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING TAX BILLING FOR TAX YEAR 2016 BE
CHANGED TO EXEMPT PROPERTY AS OF CLOSING

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that the property owners listed below in the designated amounts representing an overpayment of 2016 taxes that should be exempt property as follows for the tax year 2016.

| <u>Block & Lot</u> | <u>Name of Payee</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Block 130, Lot 14 | William & Debbie Clax, Jr. | \$785.16 |

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey have approved the exempt status of resident from documentation provided to the Assessor's Office and ask that Tax Collector remove 2016 billing to this property as of 6/3/16 date of closing.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, November 2, 2016.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 16-142 - Authorizing refund of overpayment of sewer tax on Block 122, Lot 7 in the amount of \$612.05.

R 16-142

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING TO REFUND SEWER OVERPAYMENTS FOR
TAX YEAR 2016

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that warrants be drawn to the property owners listed below in the designated amounts representing overpayments on sewer as follows for the tax year 2016.

| <u>Block & Lot</u> | <u>Name of Payee</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|------------------------|---|---------------|
| Block 122, Lot 7 | Wells Fargo Home Mortgage P.O. Box 10368 Tax Dept. Des Moines, IA 50306-0368 RE: Loan #0107161648/Torres | \$612.05 |

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey have approved the refunds made rather than applying these payments to the 2016 sewer taxes due.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, November 2, 2016.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 16-143 - Authorize refund of tax duplicate payment on Block 99, Lot 22 C0204 in the amount of \$2930.59.

R 16-143

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING TO REFUND DUPLICATE TAX PAYMENTS
FOR TAX YEAR 2016

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that warrants be drawn to the property owners listed below in the designated amounts representing tax payments as follows for the tax year 2016.

| <u>Block & Lot</u> | <u>Name of Payee</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|------------------------|---|---------------|
| Block 99, Lot 22 C0204 | Ditech/Corelogic 95 Methodist Hill Road Ste. 400 | \$2930.59 |

Rochester, NY 14623
RE: Loan/Baltadonis, Michael

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey have approved the refunds made rather than applying these payments to the 2016 property taxes due.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, November 2, 2016.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 16-144 - Authorize Chapter 159 to include Body Armor Grant in 2016 Budget in the amount of \$1,678.72.

R 16-144

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND
APPROPRIATION NJSA 40A:4-87

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Div. 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 amounts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of 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 2016 in the sum of \$1,678.72 from a Body Armor Grant from the Division of Criminal Justice which is now available from the State of New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of funds from the State of New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice in the amount of \$1,678.72.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, November 2, 2016.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 16-145 - Appoint Valentine DeSanto as Plumbing Subcode Official as per Civil Service Certification of Eligibles No. OL161153.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF VALENTINE DESANTO AS PLUMBING SUBCODE OFFICIAL PURSUANT TO CERTIFIED LIST FROM CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey hereby authorize the appointment of Valentine DeSanto as Plumbing Subcode Official pursuant to Certified List of Eligibles from the Civil Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, Valentine DeSanto will be paid a salary according to the Salary Resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that Valentine DeSanto is hereby appointed Plumbing Subcode Official pursuant to a Certified List of Eligibles No. OL161153 from the Civil Service Commission.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, November 2, 2016.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Department Reports:

Chief Garcia – Summed up the Police activities for October.

Engineer Sterbenz – Wrote two letters to the County for school speedway limits for reduction as directed at the last Council meeting. The Transportation Alternative Grant Program shall be submitted in the next few days – the amount of funding is \$400,000.00.

Council Reports:

Councilwoman Reitemeyer – Reported on the Mayor’s Wellness Committee earlier so there was no other report.

Council President Pryor – Distributed more information on the economics for a shared service agreement with White Township. He did also convey an offer but has not heard back yet. In conjunction with going through the refinancing of the bonds a new rating was produced and he noted a lot of work was done by the financial advisor, the auditor and Beth to be able to get a new rating. There was a phone conference with the rating agency where he participated to wrap everything up and a rating was assigned through Standard and Poors (S & P Global) and it’s not just a “AA” rating but Lopatcong has been listed as stable and this is a two position upgrade from what the Township had. Back in 2012 Moody’s downgraded the Township to an “A-1” rating which is an upper medium grade. S & P gave the Township an “AA” which is really two steps up and that is the middle of a high grade which will allow for a better interest rate. He noted the Township will be getting pricing on the bonds next week. This will reduce the debt service.

Councilwoman McCabe – The DPW is still picking up leaves. The LAA is starting a new sport called Speed and Agility Training and not sure if the Township needs to authorize it. Clerk Dilts said the Township needs to sanction the sport as they have all the others. Motion by Councilwoman McCabe to sanction the new sport as one of the LAA programs offered, seconded by Councilwoman Reitemeyer. All in favor.

Councilwoman McCabe noted that the medicare open enrollment period is October 15 through December 7th and for review of existing coverage you can contact the Warren County Division of Aging and Disability. Flu vaccines are being offered by all the local pharmacies but Warren County is offering it out of Oxford at a fee of \$20. All information is on the website.

Department Reports – Motion by Councilwoman McCabe to approve, seconded by Council President Pryor. All in favor.

Payment of Bills - \$3,670.046.25 – Councilwoman Reitemeyer asked on Page 2 - \$5699.75 if that is what she would have to abstain from. Also the Verizon bills she would abstain from also. Council President Pryor noted he would abstain from JMT bills. Motion to approve by Councilwoman Reitemeyer, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:
AYES: Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor, Mayor McKay.
NAYS: None

Audience Participation: Motion by Councilwoman Reitemeyer, seconded by Council President Pryor. All in favor.

John Betz – Brakeley Garden Tenants Association. He thanked Council for placing information on the website. He made a statement about the tenants that the rents support the landlord through which supports taxes, sewer and water are paid to the Township.

Olschewski – Highlands Way – Commented on the refunding bond rating. Asked what we are doing with CFO position. Program Diana Dove – did she get authorization in the past? Asked about the leaf collecting process.

Clerk Dilts asked Mayor McKay to confirm he returned the arrows he removed from the Clerk's Office to the Boy Scouts. He confirmed he returned them.

Eric Johnson – 361 Stonehenge Drive – Followed up on the conversation of speed issues on Stonehenge Drive.

Motion to close public comment by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilwoman Reitemeyer. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilwoman Reitemeyer. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Thomas M. McKay