

TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG
COUNCIL MEETING
6:30 pm

June 6, 2018

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

Mayor Mengucci 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.”

A moment of silence was offered followed by the Oath of Allegiance.

Motion to come out of Executive Session by Councilman Belcaro seconded by Council President Pryor. All in favor.

Attorney Campbell reported that an Executive Session was held for approximately one hour and the topics of conversation were all but No. 7, 9 and 10. A second Executive Session will take place at the end of the meeting.

Public Comment – No comments from the public.

Presentation on Energy Aggregation – Tim McDonough, Mayor of Hope Township was present to discuss energy aggregation. He mentioned the program is working in the surrounding towns. It is a BPU sponsored program. When energy was deregulated years ago companies formed to provide energy at a lower cost. JCP&L who provides the power will continue to do what it has always done; there is an energy charge and a charge for the transmission. They will remain the provider of the service. Ms. Stacia Scuduto was present representing Commercial Utility Consultants and Concord Energy Services. They are energy consultants not the electric provider. They are the program managers for this particular community energy program. This is a State run program so they would follow Title 14 regulations. The residents will have the opportunity to get a reduced rate on their electric. The local process involves an auction, select a supplier and set the rate. Anyone who does not want to participate would not have to. Also if a resident does participate and then changes their mind can opt out at any time. Further discussion will take place by Council to fully vet the program.

Old Business:

Minutes – Approve Executive and Regular Session Minutes for May 2 and 24, 2018. Motion by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilman Wright. All in favor.

2018 Budget – Public hearing and adoption. CFO Browne stated the total Budget was \$8,190,796.34 an increase of approximately \$124,000.00 from last year. The anticipated revenues are approximately \$3,231,954.19. This leaves an amount to be raised of \$4,958,842.15; an increase of about two cents which equates to the average household of about \$47.00 annually. The average house value is \$231,000.00. The Open Space levy is \$264,691.00. John Betz of Brakeley Gardens asked about the four million and what that represented. CFO Browne informed him this was the amount to be raised. Motion to hold a public hearing by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Council President Pryor. No comments from the public. Motion to close public hearing by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilman Palitto. Motion to adopt the 2018 Budget by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilman Wright. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci. NAYS: None

Ordinance No. 2018-07 – Second reading and public hearing to establish title and salary for Supervising Lifeguard at a rate of \$15.00/Hr. Motion to hold a public hearing by Councilman

Belcaro, seconded by Councilman Palitto. All in favor. No questions from the public. Motion to close the public hearing by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilman Wright.

Ordinance No. 2018-07

SECOND NOTICE OF AN ORDINANCE

NOTICE is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at the Municipal Building, 232 South Third Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, the following Ordinance was presented and passed on the final reading. The Ordinance was then ordered to be published according to law by title only.

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES, RETAINERS AND WAGE RATES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Said Ordinance may be read and inspected at any time at the Office of the Municipal Clerk, Lopatcong Township Municipal Building, 232 S. Third Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Motion to adopt by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilman Palitto. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci.

NAYS: None

Ordinance No. 18-08 – Second reading and public hearing to Revise, Amend and Supplement Chapter 227 entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, specifically 33 (b) to Revise Language in Zone 2 and 3 on Strykers Road. Motion to hold a public hearing by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilman Palitto. All in favor. Lori Ciesla of 12 Meadowview Drive – She noted that there was talk around town – the Township is tightening the school zone. Engineer Sterbenz indicated the school zone would be extended as it does not encompass the entire length of the school property then go another 250 feet to the south toward Baltimore Street. This is in compliance with the Federal Manual Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Motion to close public hearing by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Council President Pryor. All in favor.

Ordinance No. 2018-08

SECOND NOTICE OF AN ORDINANCE

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ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 227 "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", INCLUDING SECTION 33 "SPEED LIMITS" RELATIVE TO STRYKERS ROAD

Said Ordinance may be read and inspected at any time at the Office of the Municipal Clerk, Lopatcong Township Municipal Building, 232 S. Third Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Motion to adopt this Ordinance by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilman Wright. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci.

NAYS: None

New Business:

Eagle Scout Project – Rebuild and restore bat and bird boxes throughout Lopatcong Park by Dylan Cline. Motion to approve by Councilman Palitto, seconded by Council President Pryor. All in favor.

Fox Farm Road – A discussion was held over the condition of Fox Farm Road. Engineer Sterbenz will meet with DPW Superintendent Brian Weeks in the field to see what can be done.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Council President Pryor. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci.

NAYS: None

Family Pool Pass Donation – Approve donation of a Family Pool Pass to the LAA for a fundraiser.

Resolution No. 18-144 - Renew liquor licenses for 2018/19 term for Brass Rail, Inc., Strykers Golf and Santram Liquors.

R 18-144

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF CERTAIN LIQUOR LICENSES

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey have received the following applications for liquor license renewal:

Strykers Golf, LLC License No. 2115-33-003-007

Brass Rail, Inc., License No. 2115-33-004-005

Santram Liquors, License No. – 2115

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that the applications for renewal of the above named liquor license holders be approved pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12-26 from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

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, June 6, 2018.

Margaret B. Dilts

Phoenix Advisors, LLC – Renew Agreement for Continuing Disclosure and Independent Registered Municipal Advisors Services.

Phillipsburg School District – Approve request to use the exit near the Lopatcong Field House for cars to exit after Commencement exercises on June 13, 2018.

Zucarro, Inc. – Approve payment for work completed on the sinkhole around the traffic signal pole at Belvidere Road and Roseberry Street in regard to the Phillipsburg Roadway Improvement Project amounting to \$12,980.37.

Resolution No. 18-119 – Correct Tax Account for Block 85, Lot 2.04.

R 18-119

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO CORRECT THE TAX ACCOUNT FOR BLOCK 85, LOT 2.04

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong has been provided with a receipt for a tax payment for Block 85, Lot 2.04 which was not applied to the taxpayer's account; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to apply this payment to the account and cancel any interest associated with the failure to timely post this payment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, hereby authorizes the Township Tax Office to apply the following payments to Block 85, Lot 2.04:

1/11/2016

\$2,279.15

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, June 6, 2018.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 18-120 – Correct Tax Account for Block 103, Lot 8.

R 18-120

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO CORRECT THE TAX ACCOUNT FOR BLOCK 103, LOT 8

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong has been provided with a receipt for a tax payment for Block 103, Lot 8 which was not applied to the taxpayer's account; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to apply this payment to the account and cancel any interest associated with the failure to timely post this payment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong hereby authorizes the Township Tax Office to apply the following payment to Block 103, Lot 8:

1/15/2016

\$1,629.35

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lopatcong Township Tax Office shall cancel any and all interest resulting from the failure to timely post this payment.

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, June 6, 2018.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 18-121 – Correct Sewer Account for Block 132, Lot 12.

R18-121

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO CORRECT THE SEWER ACCOUNT FOR BLOCK 132, LOT 12

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong has been provided with a receipt for a payment to the sewer account for Block 132, Lot 12 which was not applied to the taxpayer's account; and

WHEREAS, the Township is currently working with the taxpayer to confirm that any delinquencies are listed correctly on his/her account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 6th day of June 2018 that the Tax Collector's Office staff is hereby authorized to cancel this municipal lien (UTL) on Block 46, Lot 14.

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, June 6, 2018.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 18-126 – Cancel Municipal Lien for Block 107, Lot 9.

R 18-126

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF MUNICIPAL LIEN
ON BLOCK 107, LOT 9

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that a municipal lien was placed on Block 107, Lot 9 on December 5, 2017 was done so in error and must be cancelled; and

WHEREAS, this property was not listed on the 2017 Tax Sale notice advertised on December 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Township was not permitted to include this property on its 2017 tax sale because it was not advertised in accordance with state statute; and

WHEREAS, the Township is currently working with the taxpayer to confirm that any delinquencies are listed correctly on his/her account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 6th day of June 2018 that the Tax Collector's Office staff is hereby authorized to cancel all municipal lien (UTL) on Block 107, Lot 9.

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, June 6, 2018.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 18-127 – Cancel Municipal Lien on Block 32, Lot 18.

R 18-127

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF A MUNICIPAL
LIEN ON BLOCK 32, LOT 18

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that a municipal lien was placed on Block 32, Lot 18 on December 5, 2017 was done so in error and must be cancelled; and

WHEREAS, this property was not listed on the 2017 Tax Sale notice advertised on December 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Township was not permitted to include this property on its 2017 tax sale because it was not advertised in accordance with state statute; and

WHEREAS, the Township is currently working with the taxpayer to confirm that any delinquencies are listed correctly on his/her account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 6th day of June 2018 that the Tax Collector's Office staff is hereby authorized to cancel this municipal lien (UTL) on Block 32, Lot 18.

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, June 6, 2018.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 18-128 – Correct Tax Sale Account on Block 12, Lot 1.

R 18-128

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO CORRECT THE TAX ACCOUNT FOR BLOCK 12, LOT 1

WHEREAS, the Township received a credit card payment in the amount of \$926.17 for the payment of 2017 second quarter taxes; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayer made two tax payments in the 3rd quarter to replace the 2nd payment that was not applied correctly; and

WHEREAS, the credit card payment for 2nd quarter should be applied and the duplicate payment made in the 3rd quarter should be refunded back to the taxpayer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong hereby authorizes the Township Tax Office to apply the following payment to Block 12, Lot 1:

2Q 2017	\$926.76
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following refund should be issued:

Name of Payee	Amount
Judith Burns	\$950.76
76 North First Street	
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 to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 18-129 – Correct Tax Account for Block 95, Lot 19.

R 18-129

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO CORRECT THE TAX ACCOUNT FOR BLOCK 95, LOT 19

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong has been provided with a receipt for a tax payment for Block 95, Lot 19 which was not applied to the taxpayer's account; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to apply this payment to the account and cancel any interest associated with the failure to timely post this payment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong hereby authorizes the Township Tax Office to apply the following payments to Block 95, Lot 19:

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, June 6, 2018.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 18-130 – Correct Tax Account on Block 138, Lot 2.

R 18-130

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO CORRECT THE TAX ACCOUNT FOR BLOCK 138, LOT 2

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong has been provided with a receipt for a tax payment for Block 138, Lot 2 which was not applied to the taxpayer's account; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to apply this payment to the account and cancel any interest associated with the failure to timely post this payment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong hereby authorizes the Township Tax Office staff to apply the following payment to Block 138. Lot 2:

1Q	\$2,499.61
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lopatcong Township Tax Office shall cancel any and all interest resulting from the failure to timely post this payment.

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, June 6, 2018.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 18-131 – Correct Tax Account for Block 116.13, Lot 4 C0028.

R 18-131

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO CORRECT THE TAX ACCOUNT FOR BLOCKS 116.13, LOT 4, C0028

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong has been provided with a receipt for a tax payment for Block 116.13, Lot 4, C0028 which was not applied to the taxpayer's account; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to apply this payment to the account and cancel any interest associated with the failure to timely post this payment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong hereby authorizes the Township Tax Office to apply the following payment to Block 116.13, Lot 4, and C0028:

1Q 2017	\$1,296.63
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lopatcong Township Tax Office shall cancel any and all interest resulting from the failure to timely post this payment.

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, June 6, 2018.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 18-134 – Authorize redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2014-030 in the amount of \$1257.87.

R 18-134

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE
NO. 2014-030 ON BLOCK 99, LOT 40, C0240

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on June 25, 2014, a lien was sold on Block 99, Lot 40, C0240 also known as 240 Bald Eagle Drive for 2013 delinquent sewer taxes; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2014-030 was sold to Arthur Frustaci; and

WHEREAS, Fortune Title, mortgage company for property owners has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2016-007 in the amount of \$1257.87.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 6th day of June 2018 that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1257.87 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2014-030 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 to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 18-143 – Authorize Disabled Veteran Exemption apply to Block 99, Lot 40 C0240.

R 18-143

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING VETERAN MICHAEL CUMMINGS PROPERTY
OWNER OF BLOCK 138, LOT 22 EXEMPT FROM PROPERTY TAXES

WHEREAS, an application for exempt status was filed by Michael Cummings a disabled Veteran; and

WHEREAS, Tax Assessor Robert Sweeney reviewed a letter from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs dated December 7, 2017 with a determination of 100% service connected disability; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey acknowledge 100% disabled Veteran Michael Cummings as of March 20, 2018 when he purchased the property.

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, June 6, 2018.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 18-133 – Establish Sewer Cash Change Fund in the amount of \$200.00.

R 18-133

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING CHANGE FUND FOR SEWER UTILITY

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey want to make available a small quantity of currency for the Sewer Utility; and

WHEREAS, these funds are to be carried on the municipality's balance sheet as an asset and checks are to be written on the general checking amount.

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 this Change Fund in the amount of \$200.00 for the Sewer Utility.

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, June 6, 2018.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Wastewater Collection System – Authorize bid for Operation and Maintenance of Wastewater Collection System.

Fine Arts Grant Agreement – Authorize execution of 2018 Fine Arts Agreement to receive grant monies for “Music in the Park”.

Maser Consulting Proposal – Baltimore Street - Approve proposal submitted for the Baltimore Street Improvement Project in the amount of \$37,500 by Maser Consulting. This is in conjunction with grant received from the Transportation Trust Fund in the amount of \$180,000.00.

Resolution No. 18-135 – Authorize redemption of Tax Sale Certificate on Block 49, Lot 9 in the amount of \$118,474.07.

R 18-135

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONIES TO OUTSIDE LIENHOLDER ON BLOCK 49, LOT 9

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on October 11, 2016, a lien was sold on Block 49, Lot 9 also known as 212 Brakeley Avenue in Lopatcong Township for 2015 delinquent taxes or sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2016-009 was sold to FWDSL & Associates at 18% interest; and

WHEREAS, the owner has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2016-009 in the amount of \$18,474.07.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 6 day of June, 2018 that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$18,474.07 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-010 and Premium to:

FWDSL & ASSOCIATES
17 W. Cliff St.
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 to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 18-136 – Authorize redemption of Tax Sale Certificate on Block 23, Lot 13 in the amount of \$1685.25.

R18-136

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONIES TO
OUTSIDE LIENHOLDER ON BLOCK 23, LOT 13

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 6, 2017, a lien was sold on Block 23, Lot 13 also known as 583 Belvidere Rd. in Lopatcong Township 2016 delinquent taxes or sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-010 was sold to US Bank Cust BV002 TRST & CRDT at 18% interest; and

WHEREAS, Corelogic Mortgage Company for the owner, has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2017-010 in the amount of \$1685.25.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 6 day of June 2018, Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1685.25 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-010 and Premium to:

US Bank Cust BV002 TRST & CRDT

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 to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 18-137 – Authorize redemption of Tax Sale Certificate on Block 86, Lot 78 in the amount of \$415.94.

R 18-137

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONIES TO
OUTSIDE LIENHOLDER ON BLOCK 86, LOT 78

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 6, 2017, a lien was sold on Block 86, Lot 78 also known as 7 Autumn Ridge Lane in Lopatcong Township for 2016 delinquent taxes on sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-032 was sold to US Bank Cust BV002 TRST & CRDT at 18% interest; and

WHEREAS, Corelogic Mortgage Company for the owner, has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2017-080 in the amount of \$415.94.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 6th day of June 2018, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$415.94 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-032 and Premium to:

US Bank Cust BV002 TRST & CRDT

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 to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 18-138 - Authorize redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-056 on Block 99, Lot 340 C1123 in the amount of \$1016.06.

R 18-138

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONIES TO
OUTSIDE LIENHOLDER ON BLOCK 99, LOT 340 C1123

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 6, 2017, a lien was sold on Block 99, Lot 340 Qual. C1123, also known as 1123 Highland Court in Lopatcong Township for 2016 delinquent taxes; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-056 was sold to US Bank CUST BV002 TRST & CRDT for a premium of \$300.00; and

WHEREAS, Keystone Premier Title has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2017-056 in the amount of \$716.06.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 6th day of June 2018, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1016.06 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-056 and Premium to:

US Bank CUST BV002 TRST & CRDT
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 to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 18-139 – Authorize redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-034 on Block 99, Lot 50 Q0260 in the amount of \$313.72.

R 18-139

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONIES TO
OUTSIDE LIENHOLDER ON BLOCK 99, LOT 50 QUAL. C0260

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 6, 2017, a lien was sold on Block 99, Lot 50 Qual. C0260 also known as 26 Bald Eagle Drive in Lopatcong Township for 2016 delinquent taxes or sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-043 was sold to US Bank CUST BV002 TRST & CRDT at 18% interest; and

WHEREAS, Corelogic Mortgage Company for the owner has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2017-043 in the amount of \$313.72.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 6th day of June 2017, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$313.72 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-056 and Premium to:

US Bank CUST BV002 TRST & CRDT
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 to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 18-140 – Authorize redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2016-027 on Block 99, Lot 203C0842 in the amount of \$1177.36.

R 18-140

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE
NO. 2016-027 ON BLOCK 99, LOT 203 C0842

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on October 11, 2016, a lien was sold on Block 99, Lot 203 C0842 also known as 842 Honeybrook Circle for 2015 delinquent sewer taxes; and

WHEREAS, this lien was known as Tax Sale Certificate no. 2016-027 was sold to US Bank CUST for PRO CAP 4 & CRDTS for a Premium of \$500.00; and

WHEREAS, ConserveReo Svcs, management company for property owner, has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2016-027 in the amount of \$677.36.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 6th day of June, 2018 that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1177.36 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2014-030 to:

US Bank CUST for PRO CAP 4 & CRDTS
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 to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 18-141 – Authorize redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-080 on Block 116.10, Lot 8 C0138 in the amount of \$457.75.

R 18-141

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONIESTO
OUTSIDE LIENHOLDER ON BLOCK 116.10, LOT 8 C0138

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 6, 2017, a lien was sold on Block 116.10, Lot C0138 also known as 138 Limerick Lane in Lopatcong Township for 2016 delinquent taxes or sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-080 was sold to US Bank CUST BV002 TRST & CRDT at 0% interest; and

WHEREAS, Corelogic, mortgage company for the owner, has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2017-080 in the amount of \$457.75.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 6th day of June 2017, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$457.75 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-080 and Premium to:

US Bank CUST BV002 TRST & CRDT
50 S. 16 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 to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 18-142 – Authorize redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-087 on Block 121, Lot 5 in the amount of \$595.50.

R 18-142

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONIES TO
OUTSIDE LIENHOLDER ON BLOCK 121, LOT 5

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 6, 2017, a lien was sold on Block 121, Lot 5 also known as 89 Peddlers Lane in Lopatcong Township for 2016 delinquent taxes and sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-087 was sold to US Bank CUST BV002 TRST & CRDT at 0% interest; and

WHEREAS, Corelogic, mortgage company for the owner, has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2017-087 in the amount of \$595.50.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 6th day of June 2018, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$595.50 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-087 and Premium to:

US Bank CUST BV002 TRST & CRDT
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 to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018.

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Council Reports:

Councilman Palitto – Looking to expand EDAC not just to businesses in Lopatcong but also to volunteer organizations to help them grow financially. He had Emergency Squad volunteers at the last meeting to brainstorm ideas. One idea would restart the town wide garage sale possibly in August. The LAA had concerns with regard to pavilion rentals and using the fields and also the Alcohol Policy. Clerk Dilts indicated that a special certificate of insurance if alcohol will be served.

Councilman Belcaro – The NJDEP addressed an infiltration issue with Chapman our Wastewater Contractor in order to minimize the problem. There will be a report generated that will have to be addressed.

Councilman Wright – He met with Brian Weeks on S. 7th Street, wherein some residents were complaining about the new road constructed for Coordinated Health Care. Residents said the macadam was not placed to the curb; tripping hazard. Engineer Sterbenz said this is on the punch list and will be addressed.

Police Chief Garcia was given a generous donation by Trans-Bridge Lines in the amount of \$1,666.92 which will be used to purchase 12 gun mounted lights for their weapons. This equipment will be used on a daily basis. Thank you to Trans-Bridge for their generous donation to the PD.

Council President Pryor – Reported that the Chairman of the Planning Board and he met with representative of Trout Unlimited and they have funds available to do work along Lopatcong Creek. Most of it is along County owned land; stream clearing, habitat enhancement and bio-stabilization of the banks. The portion that affects Lopatcong is a portion along the Ingersoll project. The schedule for this is next summer so there is plenty of time to coordinate.

Mayor Mengucci – Thanked Council President Pryor for handling quite a bit of Township business and his dedication is second to none. He also thanked the rest of Council for their dedication as well. He indicated that there was a problem in one of the office in the municipal building and also thanked Kim, Jenny, Beth and Phyllis for all they have done to step up and take care of your concerns. They are taking the beating but everyone is dealing with it the best they can. There are good people in place and once again stated “Lopatcong being a people helping people community” and that’s what we’re here for to move the Township forward. He is interested in putting some stability back. The July Council meeting will be held on the 5th this year. There will be a special meeting on July 12th as well to discuss the project on the Ingersoll Rand Property.

Report of Engineer: Reported all the mapping and survey work is done for the two sidewalk projects on Belvidere Road. A budget has been submitted for the 2018 roadway resurfacing program which will address six streets. The DEP is auditing our Stormwater Program that is typically done every two to three years.

Approve Dept. Reports: Motion by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilman Wright. All in favor.

Payment of Bills: Council President Pryor made a motion to pay bills with his abstention from bills submitted by JMT, seconded by Councilman Wright. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci.

NAYS: None

Audience Participation:

Robert Pfeiffer – 37 Kyle Drive – Was present to complain about his neighbor at 39 Kyle Drive. Has not cut his grass in the back for two years. Concerns are Asian Ticks, rodents. Told Council he has been here several times. Zoning gave notice to the owner last year. Clerk Dilts will have our Zoning Officer address the issue again. Mr. Tony Perlingero said it is pretty bad; he lives across the street. This destroys the whole neighborhood he said. He is concerned from a pest control standpoint.

John Betz – Discussed the energy aggregation and his concerns.

Lori Ciesla – Requested a trust fund be set up for Recreation. She has received donations and other monies. EDAC will assist in raising money for Music at the Park and Movies at the Pool. Community Day also addressed donations and what they would be used for.

Brian Weeks – Informed the public about the street sweeper and the radios are interfering with the sweeper's operating system.

Motion to go into Executive Session by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilman Wright. All in favor.

R 18-118A

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, there are presently pending matters to be considered in Executive Session concerning possible matters listed:

Personnel Matter, Contract – LAA, Attorney/Client Privilege – Planning Board Issues

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and the State of New Jersey that the Council is authorized to hold an Executive Session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Lopatcong will make said matters public within approximately 30 days of said meeting or until such a time as confidentiality of the matters is no longer required.

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, June 6, 2018.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Motion to resume Regular Session by Councilman Palitto, seconded by Council President Pryor. All in favor.

Motion to hire Interim Court Administrator Kristin Glinko by Councilman Wright, seconded by Council President Pryor. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci.

NAYS: None

R 18-132

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING HIRE OF INTERIM MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR KRISTIN GLINKO FOR NOT TO EXCEED ONE YEAR

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby authorize the hire of Kristin Glinko as Interim Municipal Court Administrator; and

WHEREAS, Kristin Glinko is currently considered an Interim Municipal Court Administrator pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:12-11 (e) and does not hold a Municipal Court Administrator Certificate; and

WHEREAS, the statute allows the governing body to appoint a person as Municipal Court Administrator that is not a certified Court Administrator on an interim basis for a period not to exceed one (1) year commencing on this date; and

WHEREAS, the statute further states “Any appointment may in conjunction with the judge of the municipal court, be re-appointed as a Municipal Court Administrator, on an interim basis, for two (2) subsequent one-year terms. The Municipal Court Administrator, appointed on an interim basis, may be reappointed for a fourth and if necessary, a fifth additional one-year term provided the Municipal Court Administrator is currently enrolled in the certification program and needs additional time to complete that program”.

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 appoint Kristin Glinko as Interim Municipal Court Administrator for a one-year term commencing this date at a pay rate of \$29.00 per hour and upon certification shall be paid a rate of \$31.00 per hour.

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, June 6, 2018.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Motion to authorize Attorney Campbell to send letter discussed in Executive Session by Councilman Palitto, seconded by Councilman Wright.

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci.

NAYS: None

Motion to approve the amendment to the contract with LAA – Motion by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilman Wright.

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci.

NAYS: None

Motion to authorize a hire for the Violations Clerks – Motion by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilman Wright.

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci.

NAYS: None

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilman Wright, seconded by Councilman Palitto. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC
Clerk/Administrator

James E. Mengucci
Mayor