

TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG

REGULAR MEETING

6:30 pm

September 4, 2019

The Regular 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.

A Prayer was offered followed by the Oath of Allegiance.

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.”

Present – Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci. Also present were Attorney Campbell and Engineer Sterbenz.

**Public Comment:** None

**Old Business:**

**Minutes** – Approve Executive and Regular Sessions for August 7, 2019 on motion by Councilman Wright, seconded by Council President Pryor. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci.  
NAYS: None

**Ordinance No. 2019-13** – Second reading and public hearing to fix Salaries, Retainers and Wage Rates of Certain Employees. Motion to hold a hearing by Councilman Wright, seconded by Councilman Palitto. No comments from the public. Motion to close the hearing by Councilman Wright, seconded by Council President Pryor.

Ordinance No. 2019-13

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, September 4, 2019 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 this Ordinance on second reading by Councilman Palitto, seconded by Council President Pryor. Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

**Ordinance No. 2019-14** – First reading to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 227 “Stop Intersections” Relative to the Intersection Plaza Road and James Avenue.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-14

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 24 "STOP INTERSECTIONS" RELATIVE TO THE INTERSECTION OF JAMES AVENUE AND PLAZA ROAD

WHEREAS, Chapter 227 "Vehicles and Traffic" of the Code of the Township of Lopatcong contains various parking and traffic regulations; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend provisions relative to stop intersections to include provisions for a stop sign at the intersection of James Avenue and Plaza Road; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that Chapter 227 "Stop Intersections", Section 24 be amended, revised and supplemented as follows:

**SECTION 1**

The portion of 227-24 relative to stop intersections shall be amended to add the following provision:

<u>Intersection</u>	<u>Stop Signs On</u>
James Avenue and Plaza Road	Plaza Road

**SECTION 2**

Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**SECTION 3**

Repealer. Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

**SECTION 4**

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

**NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Lopatcong held on September 4, 2019 and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Council to be held on October 2,

2019 at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the Township Council may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 232 South Third Street, Phillipsburg, NJ at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Motion to adopt on first reading by Councilman Wright, seconded by Council President Pryor.  
AYES: Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci.  
NAYS: None

**New Business:**

**Plaza Road/Plaza Place** – Discussion regarding the road conditions.

**Resolution No. 19-256** – Establish pay rates for Police Department employees.

R 19-256

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PAY RATES FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES FOR THE  
YEAR 2019

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey shall set a two percent 2% raise for the job titles as listed below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following pay rates will be used during 2019 to compensate municipal employees:

Dean Berrigan	Patrolman	\$64,358.71
Scott Bisci	Lieutenant	\$105,160.91
Scott Cox	Patrolman	\$93,227.76
Greg Dana	Patrolman	\$70,906.92
Jonathan Eriksen	Sergeant	\$101,711.49
Stephen Gabos	Patrolman	\$86,486.02
Louis LaFord	Sergeant	\$101,711.49
Brian Nixon	Detective	\$93,227.76
Michael Patricia	Sergeant	\$101,711.49
Christopher Petrella	Patrolman	\$77,455.10
Tyler Plesnarski	Patrolman	\$55,486.19
Travis Smith	Patrolman	\$93,227.76
Robert Stefano	Detective	\$93,227.76
Andrew Wayne	Sergeant	\$101,711.49
Kaleb Wisner	Patrolman	\$64,358.71

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, approve a two percent increase for employees as listed above.

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, September 4, 2019.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Motion to adopt this Resolution by Councilman Wright, seconded by Councilman Palitto.  
AYES: Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci.  
NAYS: None

**Resolution No. 19-257** - Amend Financial Agreement with I-78 Logistics Park Lopatcong Urban Renewal, LLC.

R 19-257

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE FINANCIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG AND I-78 LOGISTICS PARK LOPATCONG URBAN RENEWAL, LLC WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 101, LOTS 1 AND 1.01 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, in 2018, pursuant to Ordinance 18-12, the Township of Lopatcong entered into a financial agreement with I-78 Logistics Park Lopatcong Urban Renewal, LLC for Block 101, Lots 1 and 1.01; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 18-12 allows the Mayor and Township Council to make amendments to the financial agreement, if necessary; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the parties' attention that the financial agreement as written seems to not allow the owner of the property to lease the property to individual users; and

WHEREAS, it was always the parties' intent that the owner of the property would lease the building to a third party (parties) for their ultimate use without any prior approval from the Township of Lopatcong; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to amend the financial agreement to make it clear that the owner of the property is permitted to lease the property to a third-party user and also that any such third-party user is not required to be an urban renewal entity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lopatcong Township Council that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an amended financial agreement, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A.

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 the Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, September 4, 2019.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Motion to adopt this Resolution by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilman Wright.  
Roll call vote:  
AYES: Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci.  
NAYS: None

**Ordinance No. 2019-15** – Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 115, “Fees” for Credit Card Payments.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-15**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 115,  
“FEES,” ARTICLE VI, “PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD” OF THE CODE OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG TO THE FEE FOR CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS.**

WHEREAS, the Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, has determined that Chapter 115, “Fees,” Article VI of the Code of the Township of Lopatcong shall be amended, revised and supplemented to amend the fee for payment by credit card.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that Chapter 115, “Fees,” Article VI, Section 14, “Fees for Payment by Credit Card,” of the Code of the Township of Lopatcong shall be amended, revised and supplemented as followings:

Section 1:

**ARTCILE VI**

**PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD**

**§115-14 Fees for Payment by Credit Card.**

The Township of Lopatcong will not charge a fee for payment by credit card. The payee shall pay a fee directly to the credit card company. The specific fee is set by each individual credit card company.

Section 2:

Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder off this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3:

Repealer. Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

Section 4:

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

**NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Lopatcong held on September 4, 2019, and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Council to be held on October 2, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the Township Council may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 232 S. Third Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Motion to adopt this Ordinance on first reading by Councilman Palitto, seconded by Council President Pryor. Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Councilman Wright, seconded by Councilman Palitto  
Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

**Resolution No. 19-247** – Correct tax account for Block 133, Lot 5.

R 19-247

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO CORRECT THE TAX ACCOUNT FOR BLOCK 133, LOT 5

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong has been provided with receipts for tax payments for Block 133, Lot 5 which were not applied to the taxpayer's account; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to apply these payments to the account and cancel any interest associated with the failure to timely post these payments; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayer had a payment posted to its account that was not made by the taxpayer and should be removed.

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 133, Lot 5:

3Q2014	\$1,966.11
1Q2015	\$586.56
3Q2015	\$2,329.93
1Q2016	\$2,320.72

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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lopatcong Township Tax Office shall remove the following payment from the tax account for Block 133, Lot 5 as it was not made by the taxpayer:

7/31/2016	\$1,164.24
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the taxpayers' account should have a zero balance as of September 4, 2019. The Tax Collector is authorized to make any necessary additional adjustments to ensure the taxpayers account has a zero balance as of September 4, 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 the Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, September 4, 2019.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

**Resolution No. 19-248** – Cancel municipal lien on Block 133, Lot 5.

R 19-248

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF MUNICIPAL LIEN  
ON BLOCK 133, LOT 5

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that a municipal lien placed on Block 133, Lot 5 on December 5, 2017, was done so in error and must be cancelled; and

WHEREAS, Block 133, Lot 5 was not listed on the Tax Sale notice advertised on December 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Township was not permitted to include this property on its December 6, 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 account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019 that the Tax Collector's Office staff is hereby authorized to cancel the municipal lien (UTL) on Block 133, Lot 5 in the amount of \$1,134.06.

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 the Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, September 4, 2019.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

**Resolution No. 19-249** – Refund redemption monies to outside lienholder on Block 99, Lot 263, C1224 in the amount of \$784.41.

R 19-249

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONIES TO  
OUTSIDE LIENHOLDER

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 6, 2017, a lien was sold on Block 99, Lot 263, C1224 also known as 1224 Fairview Circle for 2016 delinquent sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-052 was sold to US Bank Cust BV002 Trst & Crdtrs for \$523.30; and

WHEREAS, the property owner or lender for the property owner satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2017-052 in the amount of \$677.68 on 10/4/2018; however, the redemption was not processed by the Interim Tax Collector and therefore, additional interest accrued after the redemption; and

WHEREAS, the lienholder is entitled to the redemption of \$677.68 plus additional interest of \$106.73 for a total of \$784.41; and

WHEREAS, the Township shall not be responsible for the payment of the additional interest (\$106.73) that accrued after the lien was redeemed but before it was processed by the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019 that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$784.41 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-052 to:

US BANK Cust BV002 Trust & Crdtrs  
50 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 2050  
Philadelphia, PA 191-2-2513

#### 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 the Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, September 4, 2019.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

**Resolution No. 19-250** – Refund tax overpayment for Block 134, Lot 5 in the amount of \$4,877.67.

#### R 19-250

#### RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPACONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ISSUE A REFUND FOR A TAX OVERPAYMENT FOR BLOCK 134, LOT 5

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 19-229 was adopted on August 7, 2019 issuing a refund in the amount of \$4,877.67 to Nationstar Mortgage d/b/a Mr. Cooper for Block 134, Lot 5 more commonly known as 51 Byron Drive owed by Scott and Carissa Lazier; and

WHEREAS, the refund check was mailed by the Township staff to Nationstar d/b/a Mr. Cooper shortly after the August 7, 2019 meeting; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2019 Nationstar Mortgage d/b/a/ Mr. Cooper transferred the Lazier's loan to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC; however, the Lazier's and the Township was not notified until August 13, 2019; and

WHEREAS, to date, the Township's check number 9468 to Nationstar Mortgage d/b/a Mr. Cooper and re-issue the check to Bayview Loan Servicing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a stop payment on check number 9468 in the amount of \$4,877.67 to Nationstar Mortgage d/b/a Mr. Cooper.



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong hereby authorizes the refund of \$4,877.67 to:

Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC  
4425 Ponce de Leon Blvd., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Coral Gables, FL 33146

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 the Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, September 4, 2019.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

**Resolution No. 19-251** – Cancel municipal finance balances on outstanding checks from developer’s escrow trust fund accounts.

R 19-251

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO CANCEL MUNICIPAL FINANCE BALANCES

WHEREAS, there appears on the records of the Municipal Finance Office old outstanding checks; and

WHEREAS, the following outstanding checks have been investigated and should be cancelled.

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 following outstanding checks be and hereby cancelled

DEVELOPER’S ESCROW TRUST FUND ACCOUNT CHECK NO.

5262 dated April 2019	\$37.22
5264 dated April 2019	\$271.30
5271 dated April 2019	\$6737.40
5272 dated April 2019	\$2,232.54
5273 dated April 2019	\$193.21

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 the Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, September 4, 2019.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

**Resolution No. 19-252** – Correct sewer account for Block 134, Lot 10.

R19-252

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO CORRECT THE SEWER ACCOUNT FOR BLOCK 134, LOT  
10

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong has been provided with receipts for payments to the sewer account for Block 134, Lot 10 which were not applied to the taxpayer's account; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to apply these payments to the account and credit interest associated with the failure to timely post these payments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED that the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong hereby authorizes the Township Tax Office to apply a credit of \$441.42 to the sewer account for Block 134, Lot 10.

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 the Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, September 4, 2019.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

**Resolution No. 19-253** – Authorize redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-078 on Block 116.02, Lot 6 in the amount of \$1,178.73.

R 19-253

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE  
CERTIFICATION NO. 2017-078 ON BLOCK 116.02, LOT 6

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 6, 2017, a lien was sold on Block 116.02, Lot 6 also known as 31 Hope Street for delinquent sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-078 was sold to US Bank Cust BV002 Trst & Crdtrs; and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2019, mortgage company for the property owner, has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2017-078 in the amount of \$1,178.73.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019, that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1,178.73 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-078 to:

US Bank Cust BV002 Trst & Crdtrs  
50 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 2050  
Philadelphia, PA 19102-2513

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 the Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, September 4, 2019.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

**Resolution No. 19-254** – Authorize redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-104 on Block 139, Lot 53 in the amount of \$6,006.40 and Premium \$300.00.

R 19-254

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE  
NO. 2017-104 ON BLOCK 139, LOT 63

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Tax Sale held on December 6, 2017, a lien was sold on Block 139, Lot 63 also known as 2 Jade Lane for delinquent sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-104 was sold to Light Properties, LLC; and

WHEREAS, on August 9, 2019 mortgage company for the property owner, has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2017-104 in the amount of \$6,006.40, Premium \$300.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019, that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$6,006.40, Premium \$300.00 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-104 to:

Light Properties, LLC  
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 to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, September 4, 2019.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

**Resolution No. 19-255** – Close account established for the South Warren Regional Police Commission.

R 19-255

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING OF THE SOUTH WARREN  
REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION BANK ACCOUNT NO. 3503

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that the South Warren Regional Police Commission bank account be closed; and

WHEREAS, said balance in the account be transferred to the Current bank account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the South Warren Regional Police Commission bank account is hereby cancelled.

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 the Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, September 4, 2019.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

**Delaware Park Engine Co. No. 1 Membership** – Approve membership application for Colton Shandor as recommended by Fire Chief Stires.

**Church of the Annunciation** – Approve Raffle application for the Church of the Annunciation for October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Architects Golf Club.

**Resolution No. 19-258 - Civil Service Keyboarding Clerk 3** – Approve appointment for Eileen Apple to Keyboarding Clerk 3 per Certification of Eligibles PL191126.

R 19-258

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF EILEEN APPLE TO KEYBOARDING CLERK 3 PER CIVIL SERVICE CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLES NO. PL191126

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby appoint Eileen Apple to the title of Keyboarding Clerk 3 pursuant to Civil Service Certification of Eligibles No. PL191126.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby appoint Eileen Apple to the title of Keyboarding Clerk 3 and authorized by 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, September 4, 2019.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

#### **Council Reports:**

Councilman Palitto – Town Wide Yard Sale is September 14<sup>th</sup> – good responses. LAA – would like a letter from the Township advising them of the alternatives to the pool dances that were discussed. Mayor Mengucci noted that Council agreed to Fire No. 2. Clerk Dilts will send a letter to the LAA.

Councilman Wright – Noted that a couple of residents from Fox Farm Road called regarding the freezing of the road around the curb once winter sets in. There is no answer until the Township gets to the road for reconstruction stated Mayor Mengucci.

Council President Pryor – Reported that Community Day was very successful; opened at 2 pm with free rides and other attractions for kids. Music was playing throughout the day and finished with fireworks which were paid for by donations. Thanked the Rec Committee chaired by Lori Chiesla along with Robin Wodzisz, Matt Herzer, Sarah Lutz and Kelly LaFord.

Mayor Mengucci – Reported that there is a need to hire additional help in the Tax Collector’s Office and would like to extend an offer to an individual. Attorney Campbell noted that the motion would include the person and salary discussed in Executive and then if person accepts the offer, we will have a formal resolution at the next meeting. Motion by Councilman Wright, seconded by Council President Pryor. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Councilman Palitto

Engineer Sterbenz – Reported that the final payment was authorized at the last meeting for the Baltimore Street Improvement Project. A final inspection was performed by the Dept. of Transportation with one comment that several of the stop signs at the South First Intersection were too low. This has been coordinated with Brian and this has been addressed. The paperwork was completed and submitted to the Dept. of Transportation so the \$45,000.00 can be disbursed to the Township.

The Bid documents for all the sanitary sewer and storm sewer repairs was advertised and out to bid. The bids will be opened on the 12<sup>th</sup> next week. The roadway improvements and striping has been submitted to the Dept. of Transportation to be reviewed and approved by that department. The work will be completed as long as the weather and Tilcon’s scheduling doesn’t interfere with completing Red School Lane in 2019. The flashing school sign has been completed on Strykers Road as well as County Route 646 and are operational at this point. The Sally Port plans and bid documents are substantially completed and will seek authorization to bid at the October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Council President Pryor – Asked if there was an update on Bridge’s improvements on 22 as far as the schedule.

Engineer Sterbenz – noted that they advanced the project. The curbing has been installed and the DOT work is advancing and plans are being followed. The DOT took a long time to issue the permits.

Council President Pryor asked Chief Garcia if there are interlocks on the doors or anything like that.

Chief Garcia – Said right now they have magnetic locks operated from both sides.

**Department Reports:** Motion to approve by Councilman Wright, seconded by Councilman Palitto. All in favor.

**Payment of Bills:** Motion by Councilman Palitto, seconded by Councilman Wright. Council President Pryor recused himself from the JMT bills. Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

**Audience Participation:**

Frank Victor – Curious regarding a resolution to clear up his tax account. Attorney Campbell indicated that this would be done next meeting.

Brian Weeks – Asked about the handicap spot in Park Square. Paul said there is no property frontage that would allow for that. The alley is narrow as well. No solution at this point.

Resident – Chickens – Attorney Campbell indicated that she is still looking into this but as of now this is still being abated.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilman Wright, seconded by Council President Pryor.  
All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC  
Clerk/Administrator

James E. Mengucci  
Mayor