

TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG
Regular Meeting Minutes
7:00 pm

April 15, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Lopatcong Township Council was called to order by Mayor Mengucci. The meeting took place by joining Zoom Meeting at <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/563675925>.

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 Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci. Also present were Attorney Wenner and Engineer Sterbenz.

Public Comment:

Business:

2020 Budget – Public hearing and adoption. Councilman Belcaro stated that he wanted to table moving forward with the budget that would call for a two-cent increase. Auditor Mooney noted budget introduction date set by the State is April 28th. This would call for an amendment to the introduced budget, re-advertise the date for the budget hearing, and cuts would have to equal \$195,000.00 to the operating side of the budget. Council President Pryor noted that there was no surplus and old debt when he came on. He agreed with Councilman Belcaro and stated it was going to be a bad year for a lot of folks. He also said he would not be surprised about an increase in tax appeals. Councilman Pryor said this is late in the game but he could propose something on the sewer side. Council and CFO Browne discussed cuts could include the part-time person in the Tax Collector’s Office, pool operation and so on. Auditor Mooney said you would use surplus money and then by resolution cancel line items in the budget that would then go back to surplus totaling \$190,000.00. Council President Pryor said that the County is staying flat this year and felt the town should also be flat but there had to be a commitment to the cuts from the budget in order for this to work. Auditor Mooney said the cuts would be made after the introduced budget is adopted. Motion to hold the public hearing by Councilman Wright, seconded by Councilman Belcaro. All in favor.

Lori Ciesla indicated that there could be cuts to her Recreation Budget. Police Chief Garcia indicated he would look at his budget.

Motion to close the hearing by Councilman Wright, seconded by Council President Pryor. Clerk Dilts read aloud the Resolution to amend the budget.

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RESOLUTION TO AMEND INTRODUCED BUDGET

WHEREAS, the local budget for the year 2020 was approved on the 18th day of March, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Township of Lopatcong of the County of Warren that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2020 made:

Record Vote
(insert last name)

AYES {
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REVENUE		
1. Surplus Anticipated	1,175,000.00	1,365,000.00
6. Amount to be Raised by Municipal Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget	5,540,284.03	5,350,294.03

RESOLUTION TO AMEND INTRODUCED BUDGET

Be it further resolved that three certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the office of the Director of Local Government Services for certification of the local municipal budget so amended.

It is hereby certified that this is a true copy of the resolution amending the budget adopted by the governing body on the 15th day of April 2020.

Certified by me: Margaret B. DiltS
Municipal Clerk

Motion to adopt the Resolution by Mayor Mengucci, seconded by Councilman Belcaro. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci.
NAYES: None

Motion to adopt the 2020 Budget by Councilman Wright, seconded by Mayor Mengucci. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci.
NAYES: None

Ordinance No. 20-04 – First reading of Bond Ordinance providing an appropriation of \$295,000.00 for various capital improvements and authorizing \$280,250 Bonds or notes for financing part of the appropriation.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-04

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$295,000 FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$280,250 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

The improvement described in Section 3 of this Bond Ordinance (the "Improvement") is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Lopatcong, in the County of Warren, New Jersey (the "Township") as a general improvement. For the said Improvement there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$295,000, such sum includes \$14,750 as the down payment (the "Down Payment") required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law"). The Down Payment is now available by virtue of provision in one or more previously adopted budgets for down payments or capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2:

In order to finance the additional cost of the Improvement not covered by application of the Down Payment, negotiable bonds of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$280,250 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bonds"). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said Improvement or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding \$280,250 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bond Anticipation Notes" or "Notes").

SECTION 3:

(a) The Improvements authorized and the purposes for which obligations are to be issued are as follows:

Improvements	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes	Period of Useful Life
Acquisition of vehicles and equipment for the Fire Department, including but not limited to command vehicles, and building renovations for the Fire Department, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications thereon on file in the office of the Clerk and hereby approved.	100,000	95,000	7 Years
Acquisition of audio-visual equipment for patrol vehicles for the Police Department, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications thereon on file in the office of the Clerk and hereby approved.	17,000	16,150	5 Years
Improvements and acquisitions for various municipal properties, including but not limited to acquisition of a generator, improvements to Department of Public Works bathrooms and acquisition of a pump for swimming pool, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications thereon on file in the office of the Clerk and hereby approved.	178,000	169,100	15 Years
TOTAL ALL PURPOSES	\$295,000	\$280,250	

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvement is \$280,250.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvement is \$295,000 which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the Township.

SECTION 4:

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the municipal finance officer of the Township (the "Chief Financial Officer"); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year from its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the Township Council of the Township at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5:

The capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this Ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 6:

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The Improvement described in Section 3 of this Bond Ordinance is not a current expense, and is a capital improvement or property that the Township may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the Improvement, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, taking into consideration the respective amounts of all obligations authorized for such purpose, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this Bond Ordinance, is 11.71 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Township Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this Bond Ordinance by \$280,250 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$50,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

SECTION 7:

Any funds or grant monies received for the purpose described in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvement by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvement or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the Township authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvement shall, be held and applied by the Township as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the Township authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 8:

The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 9:

The Chief Financial Officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the

requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

SECTION 10:

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. The Township reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvement prior to the date that Township incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The Township reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Township under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the cost of the Improvement is \$280,250.

SECTION 11:

This Bond Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

**TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Township of Lopatcong, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, on April 15, 2020. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Municipal Building, 232 South 3rd Street, in the Township of Lopatcong, on May 6, 2020 at 7:30 o'clock PM. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: Bond Ordinance Providing An Appropriation Of \$295,000 For Various Capital Improvements In And By The Township Of Lopatcong, In The County Of Warren, New Jersey And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$280,250 Bonds Or Notes Of The Township For Financing Part Of The Appropriation

Purpose(s): Acquisition of vehicles and equipment for the Fire Department, including but not limited to command vehicles, and building renovations for the Fire Department; Acquisition of audio visual equipment for patrol vehicles for the Police Department; and Improvements and acquisitions for various municipal properties, including but not limited to acquisition of a generator, improvements to Department of Public Works bathrooms and acquisition of a pump for swimming pool.

Appropriation: \$295,000

Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$280,250

Grants (if any) Appropriated: N/A

Section 20 Costs: \$50,000

Useful Life: 11.71 Years

M. Beth Dilts, Clerk

This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17.

Motion to approve this Bond Ordinance on first reading by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilman Wright. Roll call vote:

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

Ordinance No. 20-05 – First reading of Bond Ordinance providing an appropriation of \$1,160,000 for various capital improvements in and authorizing issuance of \$663,100 bonds or notes for financing part of the appropriation.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-05

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,160,000 FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$663,100 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 12:

The improvement described in Section 3 of this Bond Ordinance (the “Improvement”) is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Lopatcong, in the County of Warren, New Jersey (the “Township”) as a general improvement. For the said Improvement there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$1,160,000. Such sum includes (a) \$140,000 expected to be received as a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation in connection with the improvement described in Section 3(a)(i); (b) \$322,000 expected to be received as a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation in connection with the improvement described in Section 3(a)(iii) and (c) \$34,900 as the down payment (the “Down Payment”) required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the “Local Bond Law”). The Down Payment is now available by virtue of provision in one or more previously adopted budgets for down payments or capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 13:

In order to finance the additional cost of the Improvement not covered by application of the Down Payment, negotiable bonds of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$663,100 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the “Bonds”). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said Improvement or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding \$663,100 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the “Bond Anticipation Notes” or “Notes”).

SECTION 14:

(a) The Improvements authorized and the purposes for which obligations are to be issued are as follows:

Improvements	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes	Period of Useful Life
(i) Red School Lane road improvement project, including traffic stripping, curbing, milling and paving and including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file in the office of the Clerk and hereby approved.	360,000	209,000	20 Years
(ii) Various road improvements, including but not limited to Plaza Place, Plaza Road, James Avenue, Albert Avenue, Fox Farm Road and Low's Hollow Road, including traffic stripping, curbing, milling and paving and including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file in the office of the Clerk and hereby approved.	300,000	285,000	20 Years
(iii) Various sidewalk improvements, including but not limited to Upper Belvidere Road - Willdew Avenue to North First Street, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications thereon on file in the office of the Clerk and hereby approved.	500,000	169,100	10 Years
TOTAL ALL PURPOSES	\$1,160,000	\$663,100	

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvement is \$663,100.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvement is \$1,160,000 which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the Township.

SECTION 15:

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the municipal finance officer of the Township (the "Chief Financial Officer"); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year from its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is

directed to report in writing to the Township Council of the Township at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 16:

The capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this Ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 17:

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The Improvement described in Section 3 of this Bond Ordinance is not a current expense, and is a capital improvement or property that the Township may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the Improvement, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, taking into consideration the respective amounts of all obligations authorized for such purpose, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this Bond Ordinance, is 17.44 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Township Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this Bond Ordinance by \$663,100 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$350,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

SECTION 18:

Any funds or grant monies received for the purpose described in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvement by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvement or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the Township authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvement shall, be held and applied by the Township as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the Township authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 19:

The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 9:

The Chief Financial Officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate

undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Rule”) for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

SECTION 20:

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. The Township reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvement prior to the date that Township incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The Township reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Township under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the cost of the Improvement is \$663,100.

SECTION 21:

This Bond Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

**TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE

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Title: Bond Ordinance Providing An Appropriation Of \$1,160,000 For Various Capital Improvements In And By The Township Of Lopatcong, In The County Of Warren, New Jersey And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$663,100 Bonds Or Notes Of The Township For Financing Part Of The Appropriation

Purpose(s): Red School Lane road improvement project, including traffic stripping, curbing, milling and paving; Various road improvements, including but not limited to Plaza Place, Plaza Road, James Avenue, Albert Avenue, Fox Farm Road and Low's Hollow Road, including traffic stripping, curbing, milling and paving; and Various sidewalk improvements, including but not limited to Upper Belvidere Road - Willdew Avenue to North First Street.

Appropriation: \$1,160,000

Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$663,100

Grants (if any) Appropriated: \$140,000 expected to be received as a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation and \$322,000 expected to be received as a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

Section 20 Costs: \$350,000

Useful Life: 17.44 Years

M. Beth Dilts, Clerk

This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17.

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

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

NAYS: None

Resolution No. 20-66 - Correct Tax Account on Block 120, Lot 5.

R 20-66

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO CORRECT THE TAX ACCOUNT FOR BLOCK 120, LOT 5

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong has been provided with an affidavit and supporting evidence from the owner of Block 120, Lot 5 that he made his 2nd quarter 2015 tax payment in cash but it was not properly posted in his account; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong hereby authorizes the Township Tax Office, upon receipt of a signed affidavit from the taxpayer, to apply the following payment to Block 120, Lot 5:

May 1, 2015

\$894.02

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

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 their meeting held on Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Motion to adopt the Resolution by Mayor Mengucci, seconded by Councilman Belcaro. Roll call vote:

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

NAYES: None

Resolution – Implore the Governors of New Jersey and Pennsylvania as well as the Board of Trustees of St. Luke’s University Health Network and the Lehigh Valley Health Network, to promulgate updated protocols regarding obstetrical labor, delivery and visitation. Council President Pryor stated he would not support this resolution but instead a letter on the Mayor’s letterhead asking to revisit this policy and made this his motion, seconded by Mayor Mengucci.

Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

Resolution No. 20-68 – Request the State and Federal Governments to immediately allocate critically needed emergency and economic funding to the County of Warren for the COVID-19 Pandemic.

R 20-68

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS TO IMMEDIATELY ALLOCATE CRITICALLY NEEDED EMERGENCY AND ECONOMIC FUNDING TO THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, in response to the deadly COVID-19 (“Corona Virus”) pandemic the Federal Government recently enacted several pieces of legislation aimed at reducing the economic impact and protecting public health; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (the “CARES Act”) is largest emergency aid package in United States History and provides for over two trillion dollars (\$2,000,000,000,000) in emergency and economic aid and allocates billions of dollars of relief to individuals, businesses, the health care system and state, county and local governments; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, the United States Senators for the State of New Jersey, Robert Menendez and Cory Booker, announced the release of the first wave of Federal funding pursuant to the CARES Act under which New Jersey would receive a combined total in excess of eighty-two million dollars (\$82,000,000) in State and local funding and of which fifteen million seven-hundred thousand dollars (\$15,700,000) in discretionary funding was allocated directly to the State Government; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding that Northern New Jersey has one of the highest concentrations of confirmed cases in the entire world and is currently considered to be at the epicenter of the national and global emergency caused by the deadly Corona Virus, the County of Warren is only one (1) of four (4) New Jersey Counties not to receive any federal funding; and

WHEREAS, while several other counties within the State with significantly less Corona Virus cases received federal aid, the taxpayers and residents of Warren County and a few other counties have been marginalized, ignored and left to carry the heavy burden and cost of responding to the most significant national emergency that has faced this Country since World War 2 alone and without the benefit of critically needed federal and state assistance; and

WHEREAS, unlike in other parts of the State where testing centers have been opened with the help of State or Federal assistance, Warren County, with the assistance of St. Luke’s Hospital and local municipalities, took action to open a testing center on its own initiative and funded solely by the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby support the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, by imploring Federal and State Government to take notice of the significant impact on residents and taxpayers of Warren County caused by the Corona Virus epidemic and to take immediate action to correct and address the inequities caused by the current allocation of State and Federal and provide the necessary funding and resources to the County of Warren and municipalities within the County to protect the health and safety of the public.

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, April 15, 2020.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Motion to adopt this Resolution 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

Resolution No. 20-69 – Safe and Secure Grant.

DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM
2020-69
RESOLUTION OF PARTICIPATION

A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY
FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL
JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong wishes to apply for funding of approximately \$30,000.00 with a match of \$137,060.30 for an approximate project total cost of \$167,060.30 for a project under the State of New Jersey Safe and Secure Communities Grant Program, 20-2115 (Period 1/9/2020 – 1/8/2021); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has reviewed the accompanying application and has approved said request; and

WHEREAS, the project is a joint effort between the Department of Law and Public Safety and the Township of Lopatcong Police Department for the purpose described in the application.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Lopatcong, Mayor and Council that

1. As a matter of public policy Township of Lopatcong wishes to participate to the fullest extent possible with the Department of Law and Public Safety.
2. The Attorney General will receive funds on behalf of the applicant.
3. The Division of Criminal Justice shall be responsible for the receipt and review of the applications for said funds.
4. The Division of Criminal Justice shall initiate allocations to each applicant as authorized.

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, April 15, 2020.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Motion in support by Mayor Mengucci, seconded by Councilman Wright. Roll call vote:
AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci.
NAYS: None

Audience Participation:

No questions or comments from the public.

Motion to pass Resolution to go into Executive Session by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilman Wright. All in favor.

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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

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, April 15, 2020.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Upon motion by Council President and Second by Councilman Belcaro, and unanimous vote thereon, Regular Session was resumed.

Upon motion by Council President and Second by Councilman Belcaro, and unanimous vote thereon, the meeting was adjourned at 2135.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC
Clerk/Administrator

James E. Mengucci
Mayor

