

TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
6:30 pm Executive Session/7:30 pm Regular Session

March 4, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Lopatcong Township Council was called to order by Mayor Wright. 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 Wright 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 Ledger, The Express-Times LehighValleyLive.com and Township Website – www.lopatcongtp.com and by posting a copy on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building”.

Present: Councilman Marinelli, Councilman McQuade, Council President Palitto, and Mayor Wright. Also, present were Attorney Baldwin and Engineer Wisniewski. Absent: Councilman Belcaro

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

Attorney Baldwin reported items listed on the Executive Session were discussed with the following action to be taken.

Personnel – Docket No. AR-2026-211 – Police Grievance – there was a motion by Mayor Wright and seconded by Councilman Marinelli. Roll call vote: Councilman Marinelli, Councilman McQuade, Council President Palitto, Mayor Wright
NAYS: None

Old Business:

Minutes – Motion to approve Executive and Regular Session Minutes for February 4, 2026 by Councilman Marinelli, seconded by Council President Palitto. Roll call vote:
AYES: Councilman Marinelli, Councilman McQuade, Council President Palitto
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Mayor Wright

Public Comment - Agenda items only.

Robert Bruce – 11 Harwich Road – Asked if Mr. Wisniewski could address the status of the Park Pool Project. He also asked about Affirmative Marking Plan. Attorney Baldwin explained it is a result of the Fourth-Round Affordable Housing Plan.

Ordinance No. 2026-01 – Second reading and public hearing of the CAP Bank Ordinance. Motion to hold a public hearing by Council President Palitto, seconded by Councilman McQuade. All in favor. No public comment. Motion to close public hearing by Council President Palitto, seconded by Mayor Wright. All in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01

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, March 4, 2026 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.

CALENDAR YEAR 2026

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS

AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

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, MMC

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

AYES: Councilman Marinelli, Councilman McQuade, Council President Palitto, Mayor Wright

NAYS: None

Ordinance No. 2026-02 – Second Reading and public hearing to Amend the Code of the Township of Lopatcong, Chapter 67, Affordable Housing and Chapter 243, Zoning and Land Use, Article XX Administration and Enforcement. Motion to hold a public hearing by Councilman Marinelli, seconded by Council President Palitto. All in favor. No public comment. Motion to close public hearing by Councilman McQuade, seconded by Mayor Wright. All in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02

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, March 4, 2026 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG,
CHAPTER 67, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND CHAPTER 243, ZONING AND LAND USE,
ARTICLE XX ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

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, MMC

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

AYES: Councilman Marinelli, Councilman McQuade, Council President Palitto, Mayor Wright

NAYS: None

New Business:

Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan:

Resolution No. 26-57 – Adopting the Affirmative Marketing Plan for the Township.

R-26-57

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE AFFIRMATIVE MARKETING PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the New Jersey Uniform Housing Affordability Controls pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1, *et seq.*, the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, is required to adopt an Affirmative Marketing Plan to ensure that all affordable housing units created, including those created by the rehabilitation of rental housing units within the Township of Lopatcong, are affirmatively marketed to low- and moderate-income households within Housing Region 2, the COAH Housing Region encompassing the Township of Lopatcong.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, State of New Jersey does hereby adopt the attached Affirmative Marketing Plan.

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, do hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Council on Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk
Township of Lopatcong

Resolution No. 26-58 – Adopting the 2026 Township of Lopatcong Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan.

R-26-58

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2026 TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND SPENDING PLAN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2025, the Township of Lopatcong (“Township”) adopted Resolution 2025-46, which established the Township’s Fourth Round present and prospective need obligations pursuant to the amended Fair Housing Act (“FHS”) at N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 *et. seq.*, per P.L. 2024, c.2; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2025, the Township filed a Declaratory Judgment Action (“DJ Action”) in the New Jersey Superior Court captioned In the Matter of the Application of the Township of Lopatcong, WRN-L-000058-25, seeking among other things, compliance certifications; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2025, the Court entered an Order fixing the Township’s Fourth Round present need obligation as zero (0) and prospective need obligation as eighty-one (81); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the Township of Lopatcong (“Planning Board”) held a public hearing and voted to adopt the Township’s Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (“Fourth HEFSP”), addressing the Township’s prior round obligations, Third Round Obligations and Fourth Round obligations as established; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board adopted the Amended Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan dated February 13, 2026; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Amended FHA, a municipality may not spend or commit to spend any affordable housing development fees collected and deposited into the municipal affordable housing trust fund, without first obtaining the approval of the expenditure as part of its compliance certification; and

WHEREAS, the Township now seeks to adopt a Spending Plan outlining how the municipality intends to allocate development fees and other funds, and how the municipality proposes to expend funds for affordability assistance, especially those funds earmarked for very low-income affordability assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 4th day of March 2026, that the by the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, hereby adopts the 2026 Township of Lopatcong Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, do hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Council on Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk
Township of Lopatcong

Resolution No. 26-59 – Endorsing the Amendment to the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan Adopted by the Township.

R-26-59

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ENDORSING THE AMENDMENT TO THE FOURTH ROUND HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG PLANNING BOARD.

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong filed a Declaratory Judgment Complaint, and as a result of participation in the Program, established Fourth Round affordable housing obligations of zero present need and eighty-one (81) units prospective need for the years 2025-2035; and

WHEREAS, the Township filed a Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share plan dated May 16, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Fair Share Housing Center filed a challenge to the Township’s Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong has entered into a settlement agreement with Fair Share Housing Center regarding the Township’s Fourth Round Affordable Housing obligations which requires certain revisions to the Township’s Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the Township of Lopatcong conducted a public hearing regarding the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan amendment to the Master Plan on February 26, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the Township of Lopatcong determined the Amended Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan was reasonable and appropriately addressed the planning for provision of affordable housing within the Township with due regard and consideration of environmental and other factors impacting such development; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the Township of Lopatcong adopted the Amendment to the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan by Resolution 26-07 on February 26, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Lopatcong, that it hereby endorses the Amended Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan dated February 13, 2026, as adopted the Planning Board of the Township of Lopatcong.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, at a meeting held on Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk
Township of Lopatcong

Motion by Councilman McQuade and seconded by Councilman Marinelli to adopt all three resolutions.
AYES: Councilman Marinelli, Councilman McQuade, Council President Palitto, Mayor Wright
NAYS: None

Ordinance No. 2026-03 – Accepting Roadways Known as Mountain View Road and Spring Court.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-03

ORDINANCE OF LOPATCONG TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ACCEPTING ROADWAYS KNOWN AS MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD AND SPRING COURT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, State of New Jersey:

Section 1.

The following streets have been dedicated to the Township of Lopatcong by the making and filing of maps is hereby accepted as a public street:

Mountain View Road and Spring Court as described in the metes and bounds description entitled “Property Description, Public Right of Way Easement, Township of Lopatcong, Warren County, New Jersey,” as prepared by Kenny L. Kennon, P.L.S. Kennon Surveying Services, Inc., dated February 24, 2026 and shown on the Map entitled: “Public Right of Way Exhibit, Scenic Ridge Estates, Jacob Way, Warren County, New Jersey” as prepared by Kennon Surveying Services, Inc., both attached and hereto and incorporated.

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 March 4, 2026 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 April 1, 2026 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, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Motion to adopt this Ordinance on first reading by Council President Palitto, seconded by Mayor Wright.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Councilman Marinelli, Councilman McQuade, Council President Palitto, Mayor Wright

NAYS: None

Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Council President Palitto, seconded by Mayor Wright

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Councilman Marinelli, Councilman McQuade, Council President Palitto, Mayor Wright

NAYS: None

Resolution No. 26-60 – Authorizing Consent Agenda for Council’s Consideration.

R 26-60

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING CONSENT AGENDA FOR COUNCIL’S
CONSIDERATION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby approve and authorize a Consent Agenda to move routine items of business requiring no discussion; and

WHEREAS, there are listed Items one through nineteen on the Consent Agenda.

1. Resolution to Memorialize changes to employment for Ralph Price, Fire Subcode Official.
2. Resolution to Memorialize changes to employment for Joe Briganti, Plumbing/Mechanical Subcode Official.
3. Resolution to Memorialize hire of Kyle Smith as Building Subcode Official.
4. Resolution - Appoint Patty Segeda as Keyboarding Clerk 2 per Civil Service Certified List of Eligibles – PM3737G.
5. Authorize Payment to Wallkill Group for work completed on the Sally Port in the amount of \$172,696.97.

6. Authorize Final Payment to Samson Concrete for work completed on the Public Works Garage Improvements Project in the amount of \$6,798.50 as recommend by Engineer Wisniewski's Report dated February 24, 2026 with conditions.
7. Authorize Final Payment to Top Line Construction Corp., for work completed on TAP Project in the amount of \$43,036.32.
8. Resolution – Approve Bid Award on Case Lopat-2506 to A-Plus Construction, Inc., for Block 103, Lot 18 in the amount of \$26,300.00 as part of the Rehabilitation Program administered by CGP&H.
9. Resolution to Authorize the submission of a Strategic Plan for the South Warren Regional Municipal Alliance Grant for 2027.
10. Resolution to Renew Subscription with Granicus for one year in the amount of \$6,437.93 to host and maintain the Township Website.
11. Resolution Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 25-00014 on Block 129 Lot 20 in the amount of \$851.39, Premium \$1,400.00.
12. Resolution Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 25-00012 on Block 117 Lot 1 in the amount of \$1,550.83, Premium \$1,700.00.
13. Resolution Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 25-00005 on Block 85.02 Lot 33 in the amount of \$372.64, Premium \$1,200.00.
14. Resolution Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 25-00013 on Block 119 Lot 4 in the amount of \$2,544.02, Premium \$1,500.00.
15. Resolution Authorizing Safe and Secure Grant for 2026 in the amount of \$22,575.00 for the Police Department.
16. Resolution reappointing Randy Piazza as Municipal Housing Liaison.
17. Reject Pool/Park Improvements bids submitted on February 25th.
18. Approve Delaware Park Engine Co., No. 1 Wet Down Celebration of the new ladder truck on Saturday, May 30th from 1:00 to 5:00 pm to include parking signage, partial road closures and other safety measures.
19. Approve application for Raffle License for Lopatcong Township PTA.

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, March 4, 2026.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Resolution No. 26-61 – Memorialize changes to employment for Ralph Price, Fire Subcode Official.

R 26-61

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY MEMORIALIZING APPROVAL OF AN \$8,000.00 SALARY FOR RALPH PRICE PART-TIME FIRE SUBCODE OFFICIAL

WHEREAS, Ralph Price is currently employed as a part-time Fire Subcode Official for the Township of Lopatcong; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Price requested to be paid a Salary of \$8,000 from the Township of Lopatcong; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer will begin this Salary through payroll beginning February 16, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Price holds Licenses as Construction Official, Building Subcode HHS, Electrical Subcode HHS, Plumbing Subcode HHS, Fire Subcode HHS and Mechanical IMS; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Price shall work up to 3 hours per week; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Price will uphold the policies within the Lopatcong Township Employee Handbook.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that Ralph Price, part-time Fire Subcode Official shall be paid \$8,000 per year for up to 3 hours per week.

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, March 4, 2026.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Resolution No. 26-62 – Memorializing Approval of a \$16,000.00 Salary for Guiseppe Briganti, Part-Time Plumbing Subcode and Mechanical Subcode Official.

R 26-62

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY MEMORIALIZING APPROVAL OF AN \$16,000.00 SALARY FOR GUISEPPE BRIGANTI, PART-TIME PLUMBING SUBCODE AND MECHANICAL SUBCODE OFFICIAL

WHEREAS, Guiseppe Briganti (Joe) is currently employed as a part-time Plumbing Subcode Official for the Township of Lopatcong; and

WHEREAS, Joe Brigati requested to be paid a Salary of \$16,000 from the Township of Lopatcong; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer will begin this Salary through payroll beginning February 16, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Joe Briganti holds Licenses Plumbing Subcode HHS, and Mechanical IMS; and

WHEREAS, Joe Briganti will work up to 6 hours per week; and

WHEREAS, Joe Briganti will uphold the policies within the Lopatcong Township Employee Handbook.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that Joe Briganti, part-time Plumbing and Mechanical Subcode Official shall be paid \$16,000 per year for up to 6 hours per week.

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, March 4, 2026.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Resolution No. 26-63 – Memorializing hire of Kyle Smith, Part-Time as Building Subcode Official.

R 26-63

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY MEMORIALIZING HIRE OF KYLE SMITH, PART-TIME
AS BUILDING SUBCODE OFFICIAL

WHEREAS, there is a need for a Building Subcode Official in the Construction Office of Township of Lopatcong; and

WHEREAS, Kyle Smith, Building Subcode Official has accepted the offer of part-time employment for this position; and

WHEREAS, Kyle Smith shall be paid \$50.00 per hour and shall work 2 days per work at 2 hours; and

WHEREAS Kyle Smith holds the License for Construction Official and Subcode Building HHS, and Mechanical INS and Plumbing ICS; and

WHEREAS, Kyle Smith will uphold the policies within the Lopatcong Township Employee Handbook.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey approve the hire of Kyle Smith as part-time employee in the Construction Office at a rate of \$50.00 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 a meeting held on Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Resolution No. 26-64 – Appointing Patricia Segeda to Civil Service Title Keyboarding Clerk 2 Per Certification of Eligibles No. PM3737G.

R 26-64

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPOINTING PATRICIA SEGEDA TO CIVIL SERVICE TITLE
KEYBOARDING CLERK 2 PER CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLES NO. PM3737G

WHEREAS, Patricia Segeda has been employed with the Township of Lopatcong part-time since 2021 as Secretary to the Zoning Board of Adjustment; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Segeda was hired as Keyboarding Clerk 1 to work in the Clerk's Office full time in July 2024; and

WHEREAS, the title Keyboarding Clerk 2 is authorized through a promotion after one year in service in present title; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Segeda applied for the promotion and was approved effective 2/26/2026 under Symbol PM 3737G.

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 authorize the promotion of Patricia Segeda to Keyboarding Clerk 2 through Civil Service procedures.

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, March 4, 2026.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Sally Port Project – Authorize payment to Wallkill Group for work completed on the Sally Port in the amount of \$172,696.97 as recommended by Engineer Wisniewski.

Public Works Garage Improvement Project – Authorize Final Payment to Samson Concrete for work completed on the Public Works Garage Improvements Project in the amount of \$6,798.50 as recommended by Engineer Wisniewski's Report dated February 24, 2026 with conditions.

TAP Project – Authorize Final Payment to Top Line Construction Corporation for work completed on TAP Project in the amount of \$43,036.32.

Resolution No. 26-65 – Approve Bid Award Case Lopat-2506 under the Township's Home Improvement Program Administered by CGP&H to A-Plus Construction, Inc.

R 26-65

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO APPROVE BID AWARD CASE LOPAT-2506 UNDER THE TOWNSHIP'S HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY CGP & H TO A-PLUS CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,300.00 FOR PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 103, LOT 18

WHEREAS, the Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey established a Home Improvement Program using funds from the Affordable Housing Trust to improve qualified homes located within the Township; and

WHEREAS, CGP & H administers this program for the Township of Lopatcong and has approved A-Plus Construction Inc., to perform the improvements to 13 Ethan Place also known as Block 103, Lot 18 in the amount of \$26,300.00; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Township of Lopatcong has approved the bid award for case LOPAT-2506, located at 13 Ethan Place – Block 103, Lot 18 as required by CGP & H.

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 bid award to A-Plus Construction, Inc., for \$36,300.00 for work to be completed at 13 Ethan Place, Block 103, Lot 18 is hereby approved.

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 as a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at their meeting held on Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Resolution No. 26-66 – Governor’s Council on Substance Use Disorder (GCSUD) Alliance to Prevent Substance Use Disorder.

R 26-66

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER (GCSUD) ALLIANCE TO PREVENT SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Substance Use Disorder (GCSUD) established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Substance Use Disorder in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent substance use disorder in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, State of New Jersey recognizes that substance use disorder is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore, has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent substance use disorder in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Substance Use Disorder through the County of Warren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Lopatcong; County of Warren of State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the South Warren Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2027 in the amount of:

GCSUD Grant	\$2,567.00
Cash Match	\$ 641.75
In-Kind	\$1,925.25

2. The Township Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Approved: Mayor William Wright

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, March 4, 2026.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Resolution No. 26-67 – Renew Subscription with Granicus for one year in the amount of \$6,437.93 to host and maintain the Township Website.

R 26-67

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO EXTEND CONTRACT WITH GRANICUS FOR ONE YEAR

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey entered into a contract with Granicus, LLC to provide website design and maintenance for a period of five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, extensions to the contract can be provided in one-year increments; and

WHEREAS, an extension to continue a one-year term beginning June 9, 2026 through June 8, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey authorize a one-year extension at a cost of \$6,437.93

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, March 4, 2026.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Resolution No. 26-68 – Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 25-00014 on Block 129 Lot 20 in the amount of \$851.39, Premium \$1,400.00.

R 26-68

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE NO. 25-00014 ON BLOCK 129 LOT 20

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 9, 2025 a lien was sold on Block 129 Lot 20 also known as 36 Kyle Drive for delinquent sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 25-00014 was sold to TAX LIEN FUND LP; and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2026 the Certificate No. 25-00014 has been satisfied in the amount of \$851.39, Premium \$1,400.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 4th day of March, 2026 that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$851.39, Premium \$1,400.00 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 25-00014 to:

TAX LIEN FUND LP
PO BOX 132
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104

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, March 4, 2026.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Resolution No. 26-69 – Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 25-00012 on Block 117 Lot 1 in the amount of \$1,550.83, Premium \$1,700.00.

R 26-69

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE
NO. 25-00012 ON BLOCK 117 LOT 1

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 9, 2025, a lien was sold on Block 117 Lot 1 also known as 124 Pudding Stone Way for delinquent sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 25-00012 was sold to TAX LIEN FUND LP; and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2026 the Certificate No. 25-00012 has been satisfied in the amount of \$1,550.83, Premium \$1,700.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 4th day of March, 2026 that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1,550.83, Premium \$1,700.00 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 25-00012 to:

TAX LIEN FUND LP
PO BOX 132
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104

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, March 4, 2026.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Resolution No. 26-70 – Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 25-00005 on Block 85.02 Lot 33 in the amount of \$372.64, Premium \$1,200.00.

R 26-70

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE
NO. 25-00005 ON BLOCK 85.02 LOT 33

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 9, 2025 a lien was sold on Block 85.02 Lot 33 also known as 555 Edward Street for delinquent sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 25-00005 was sold to PRO CAP 8 FBO FIRSTRUST BANK; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2026 the Certificate No. 25-00005 has been satisfied in the amount of \$372.64, Premium \$1,200.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 4th day of March, 2026 that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$372.64, Premium \$1,200.00 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 25-00005 to:

PRO CAP 8 FBO FIRSTRUST BANK
PO BOX 774
FORT WAYNE, PA 19034-0774

CERTIFICATION

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Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Resolution No. 26-71 – Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 25-00013 on Block 119 Lot 4 in the amount of \$2,544.02, Premium \$1,500.00.

R 26-71

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE
NO. 25-00013 ON BLOCK 119 LOT 4

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 9, 2025 a lien was sold on Block 119 Lot 4 also known as 29 Peddlers Lane for delinquent sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 25-00013 was sold to BALA PARTNERS LLC; and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2026 the Certificate No. 25-00013 has been satisfied in the amount of \$2,544.02, Premium \$1,500.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 4th day of March, 2026 that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$2,544.02, Premium \$1,500.00 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 25-00013 to:

BALA PARTNERS LLC
PO BOX 303
POTTERSVILLE, NJ 07979

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, March 4, 2026.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Resolution No. 26-72 – Authorizing Safe and Secure Grant for 2026 in the amount of \$22,575.00 for the Police Report.

R 26-72

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM 2026-2115
RESOLUTION OF PARTICIPATION

A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong wishes to apply for funding of approximately \$22,575.00 with a match of \$200,819.40 for an approximate project total cost of \$223,394.40 for a project under the State of New Jersey and Secure Communities Grant Program, 26-2115 (Period 1/9/2026 – 1/8/2027); 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, the Township of Lopatcong wishes to participate to the fullest extent possible with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of Attorney General.
2. The Attorney General will receive funds on behalf of the applicant.
3. The New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of Attorney General shall initiate allocations to each applicant as authorized.
4. The Township of Lopatcong, Non-Profit Organization, is authorized to accept and/or does accept the Subaward.

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, March 4, 2026.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Resolution No. 26-73 – Reappointing Randy Piazza as Municipal Housing Liaison.

R 26-73

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, WARREN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPOINTING RANDY PIAZZA AS THE DESIGNATED MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON FOR THE YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, under authorization of the New Jersey Fair Housing Act (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301, et seq.) (“FHA”), the Township of Lopatcong is implementing a program to provide affordable housing units to low-and moderate-income households within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Affordable Housing Ordinance sets forth the duties of the Municipal Housing Liaison that requires a Municipal Housing Liaison to oversee the Township of Lopatcong's Affordable Housing Program in accordance with the requirements of the FHA, N.J.A.C. 5:99-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq. (Uniform Housing Affordability Controls or "UHAC"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:93-1 et seq. and UHAC, the Township of Lopatcong is required to appoint a Municipal Housing Liaison for administration of the Township's Affordable Housing Program to enforce the requirements of N.J.A.C 5:93-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the Township of Lopatcong hereby appoints Randy Piazza as the Municipal Housing Liaison for the administration of the affordability controls of the Township's housing program for the year 2026.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, at a meeting held on Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk
Township of Lopatcong

Park and Pool Improvements Project - Reject Pool/Park Improvement bids submitted on February 25, 2026.

Delaware Park Engine Co., No. 1 - Approve Delaware Park Engine Co., No. 1 - Wet Down Celebration of the new Ladder Truck on Saturday, May 30, 2026 from 1:00 – 5:00 pm to include parking signage, partial road closures, and other safety measures.

Raffle Licensing - Approving application for Raffle License for Lopatcong Township PTA.

Council Reports:

Councilman McQuade – Reported that he and Councilman Belcaro attended Phillipsburg's Sewer meeting on February 10, 2026, as representatives of Lopatcong Township; the town being one of four sending municipalities. He noted there have been a lot of questions throughout these months about the sewer. He expressed that he wanted to provide a quick synopsis of the meeting indicating that the Town of Phillipsburg has had only one rate increase adjustment for the sending districts over all the past 20 years. Based on previous litigation settlement agreement with Lopatcong and Greenwich, no rate increase was permitted until 2025. A recent rate study completed by Phoenix Advisors provided a proposed rate increase based upon the rate on methodology for shared cost allocations. This methodology used by Phoenix Advisors was in accord with their negotiated cost allocations as part of the previous litigation with Lopatcong and Greenwich. The current rate of 000.54% equates to \$5.40 per 1,000 gallons. The Town of Phillipsburg approved a sewer rate increase, as recommended by Phoenix Advisors, of 000.66% increase which would equate to \$6.60 per 1,000 per gallon for the four sending districts. This represents an increase of 22% that will become effective for 2026 second quarter billing.

Councilman Marinelli – No Report.

Council President Palitto – Reported that he would like to thank the DPW, Police and Fire Departments for all of their help with the storms. The Recreation Committee is planning the Easter

Egg Hunt which is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2026, with a rain date of Saturday, April 4, 2026.

Engineer's Report – Engineer Wisniewski reported on the Park Improvement Plans; that project is going to be rebid, as bids received were not favorable. Three bids were received on February 25th and exceeded the budget. Originally, the bid went out late last year and only one bid was received. The project engineers from Collier's are preparing the plans by reducing the scope and removing some of the outer buildings. So, the park will now be rebid focusing around the pool area, the pool bathhouse area, a specific parking and utility and other improvements necessary to put the pool back into operation. Those plans are currently almost prepared, essentially, ready or close to being ready for advertising. Once the process begins with the pool and pool bathhouse, we can start the bidding for the rest of the park project. The Sally Port Project construction for the Police Department is 50% complete. We're hopeful that in the next month or two, the project will be completed. The Stonehenge Drive Improvement Project was substantially completed before winter set in but has been on hold for the winter. The contractor is eager to get it completed and will be done as soon as the plants start to reopen. The next project that we have lined up is Strykers Road. That will be our next locally funded project for this year and we will have to get both the design and the DOT approval with the hope that we can award a contract by the end of this year, essentially, mid-November.

Police Report – Chief Garcia reported on the Traffic Report for February had 381 motor vehicle stops with 68% of drivers stopped were issued citations and 18% went to commercial motor vehicles. He also commended the fire department for a job well done for a structure fire at Brakeley Gardens Apartments as well as the surrounding fire departments and my officers that responded.

DPW Report – No Report.

Fire Chief Report – Chief Marinelli indicated that in February 13 calls were answered, including one building fire, which was the maintenance garage at Brakeley Gardens Apartments. They also had a cover assignment in the City of Easton for six and a half hours and answered seven calls; 36 calls of the year so far. The Ladder Truck will be arriving sometime next week. A scheduled training with the truck which will be March 13th, March 14th, and March 15th. Chief Marinelli updated everyone that the 2004 Ladder Truck was purchased by Middletown Fire EMS right outside of Middletown, Kentucky.

EMS Report – No report.

Shade Tree Report – No report.

Lopatcong School District - Pam Thomas – stated she was representing the Lopatcong School District and gave an update on what the students are learning. They celebrated the 100th day of school on February 10th. She invited the Council members to come into the school and read to the students. She also mentioned the students would be putting on a play, Finding Nemo, on March 20th at 7 pm and March 21st at 12:00 pm and 6 pm.

Approve Department Reports: Approve Department Reports on motion by Council President Palitto, seconded by Councilman Marinelli. All in favor.

Payment of Bills: Approve payment of bills on motion by Councilman McQuade, seconded by Council President Palitto. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Marinelli, Councilman McQuade, Council President Palitto, and Mayor Wright.

NAYS: None

Public Comment:

Robert Bruce – 11 Harwich Road – Thanked Engineer Wisniewski for the update on the park and pool project. He also thanked Councilman McQuade and Councilman Belcaro for their efforts on behalf of the township for the sewer.

John Ketcherson – 38 Jade Lane – Thanked Councilman McQuade for the sewer breakdown update. He asked Engineer Wisniewski some questions about the bids for the park and pool project.

Tracey and Tom Adelbock – 48 Reservoir Road – Concerned about the appearance and safety of Reservoir Road. She believes the last time it was paved was around 1988 or 1989. They wanted to know if they could get the road repaved and improve the storm drains.

Adjournment – Motion by Councilman McQuade, seconded by Mayor Wright. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri L. Bisci
Deputy Municipal Clerk

William D. Wright
Mayor

Council Reports:

Councilman McQuade – Reported that his intention is to attend next week's Sewer meeting in Phillipsburg on Tuesday which is an ongoing negotiation of a new sewer agreement.

Councilman Marinelli – Thanked the Road Department for their hard work during the storm even with not having enough salt for the roads.

Council President Palitto – Reported that he would like to thank the DPW, Police and Fire Departments for all of their hard work during the recent storm. The Rec. Committee booked 14 bands so far for Music in the Park. We will be adding Tuesday nights in August. Community Day will be scheduled for August 29th with a rain date of September 12th. Other important dates: Arbor Day tree planting is scheduled for April 24th and Earth Clean Up Day will be April 25th. For Earth Day, sections of the town, usually, Strykers Road, the park, and the school are cleared of garbage and other debris. These events will be posted on the town website soon.

Engineer's Report – Engineer Wisniewski reported work is continuing on the Fox Farm Road Project to address storm damage repairs, a proposal for the design was submitted but I understand confirmation of funding from FEMA for that work is pending. The Sally Port Project construction is underway for the Police Department. The Park Improvement Plans; that project is going to be rebid as bids received were not favorable. The Pickle Ball Courts are now complete and final payment is being made to the contractor tonight. The courts will be open in the spring. The Stonehenge Drive Improvement Project was substantially completed before winter set in. The contractor is eager to get it completed and will be done as soon as the plants are reopened. As indicated on the Consent Agenda, we will be filing a recreation grant with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, similar to what was done previously for the Pickle Ball Courts as well as some of the planned park improvements. We will be filing for a grant through NJDOT for phase one of Strykers Road Improvements and that is the northern portion up around the County fairgrounds down towards Architects Golf Course. There will be some resurfacing, drainage repairs, sidewalk repairs and curb ramp repairs.

Police Report – Chief Garcia thanked the Mayor and Council for their persistence with completing the Sally Port. The Traffic Report for January had 356 motor vehicle stops with 60% of drivers stopped were issued citations and 17% went to commercial motor vehicles. He reported the sad passing of former Chief Neil Corley on January 28th and noted his appreciation for allowing services to be held at the Middle School on Saturday, February 7th. Councilman Belcaro mentioned to Chief Garcia about the cars parked on the streets during snow storms and asked what can be done about the plow trucks having to plow around them. Chief Garcia explained that a plan was worked out with the last snow storm and information will be posted on social media in hopes that the public would see that.

DPW Report – Brian Weeks thanked the staff who worked hard during the storm. Christmas trees are all picked up. The ordinance states at 4 inches of snow, the cars need to be moved off the streets. A delay in plowing the sidewalks was due to the machine having to be repaired. Councilman Marinelli asked about the DPW salt? Superintendent Weeks responded that we are at 100% capacity. He is concerned if we get another large storm there won't have enough salt to cover it.

Fire Chief Report – Chief Marinelli indicated that in January 2026 we answered 22 calls; 23 calls on the year so far and one call in the month of February. The biggest thing with the snow storm is shoveling out hydrants. We try to encourage residents to help shovel out hydrants if they are on their property. We were out until 9 pm shoveling them out and we have about 150 hydrants in town.

Chief Marinelli noted that the guys just got back from Wisconsin where they inspected the new ladder truck and everything went well with the final inspection. We got an email from the salesman

tonight that the truck should be leaving Wisconsin this weekend and it should be delivered Monday to Fire and Safety in South Plainfield. They will do the final inspection and final installs on a couple of tool mounting things. Once it gets delivered to us, we will go through 4 days of training on the truck and then we will get our stuff on the truck and then it will go into service. Councilman Belcaro asked the Fire Chief, “how long ago was the request put in to order the truck?” Fire Chief Marinelli responded, “that originally if we ordered it from scratch, it was from 36 to 40 months on a complete custom order and we were able to find a stock truck that Pierce had already started and by doing it this way, the truck went from 40 months to about 4 months.” It will be on the road as soon as we finish the training; one day of classroom work and a day or two hands on training with the truck itself. Once it’s in town, we will be sending out invites to hold a wet down celebration on May 30th with the truck.

EMS Report – No report.

Shade Tree Report – No report.

Approve Department Reports: Approve Department Reports on motion by Councilman Marinelli, seconded by Council President Palitto. All in favor.

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Marinelli, Councilman McQuade, Council President Palitto.

NAYS: None

Payment of Bills: Approve payment of bills on motion by Councilman Marinelli, seconded by Councilman McQuade. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Marinelli, Councilman McQuade, Council President Palitto.

NAYS: None

Public Comment:

Pam Thomas – 6 Wordsworth Lane – stated she was representing the Lopatcong School District and gave an update from the Board of Directors. They had their midyear budget review and the review results showed that Lopatcong was in great shape, especially when compared to other school districts in the county. The school district has won some awards at a Leadership Conference and Battle of the Minds. New after school clubs; Chess Club and Lego Club will begin soon. She also commented that the school district is teaching the students lessons on basic skills.

Robert Bruce – 11 Harwich Road – Thanked the DPW for the great job they did during the snow storms. He went on to note about how they discussed Data Centers at the last meeting and now was curious if the township was going to allow detention centers to go into any of the vacant warehouses.

Adjournment – Motion by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilman McQuade. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC
Clerk/Administrator

James Palitto
Council President