

(This Meeting was held In-Person & via Zoom due to COVID-19)

February 28, 2023 – AGENDA SESSION

President Wollert called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and read the Open Public Meeting Statement:

The notice requirements provided for in the “Open Public Meetings Act” have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given in a notice which was transmitted to the Times of Trenton and the Trentonian all on the 3rd of January 2023, filed with the Clerk of the Township of Ewing, and posted in the Ewing Township Municipal Complex.

The Public will have an opportunity to address the Council during the “Statements and Comments from Members of the Public” segment of the meeting. A member of the Public may sign in on the sheet at the front of the room or if you are joining us via Zoom, please use the raised hand function. You will be given five minutes of time for remarks and questions; questions should be directed to the Council President. When addressing the Council, please give your name and address.

ROLL CALL

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| ▪ Mr. Baxter – Present | Jim McManimon, Administrator |
| ▪ Ms. Keyes-Maloney – Present | Maeve Cannon, Attorney |
| ▪ Mr. Schroth – Present | Susan Bate, Deputy Municipal Clerk |
| ▪ Ms. Steward – Present | |
| ▪ President Wollert – Present | |

DISCUSSION

1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, CHAPTER 14 BUILDING CONSTRUCTION ARTICLE II CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY AND CHAPTER 114 BUILDING CONSTRUCTION ARTICLE III PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

President Wollert said that this updates something already on the books to be compliant with the newest international inspection code. There is no material difference except for the update of the Code. In the two sections that are being updated, nothing stands out as being any different from what the Construction Office has been doing.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney said that she believes that the Construction Official recommended that this be done and asked if it is also consistent as to what DCA would recommend.

President Wollert responded – yes.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council. There were no questions or comments from the Public.

This Item was Approved for Action.

2. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT TO DIGROUP ARCHITECTURE, LLC FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES RELEVANT TO THE EWING TOWNSHIP SENIOR AND COMMUNITY CENTER

Mayor Steinmann introduced Vincent Myers, President of DIGroupArchitecture.

Mr. Myers said that the firm has been in business in New Brunswick since 2006. They were just awarded the AIA (American Institute of Architects) Firm of the Year and they are an MBE (Minority Business Enterprise) firm. He is the principal owner. They are proud of both their work and the reputation that they have built. They take great pride in their craft and in doing the best that they can do. Their approach to projects is to serve the communities that they do business with.

They also participate in the Architecture, Construction, and Engineering Program, which is a national program geared towards helping young, disadvantaged students learn more about architecture.

Mr. Myers said that he mentioned to the Mayor, that if approved by Council, he will be at the Township's disposal to do whatever he is asked to do - communicate to the residents what the project is about, share information with them, and engage with them to the extent the Administration and Council would like him to.

They completed major projects throughout New Jersey, downstate New York, including all five boroughs, and have an office in Philadelphia. On the senior living side, they do work throughout the country. It is a well-rounded portfolio. Their largest projects have been in excess of \$200 million in construction costs. They have an interiors department as well as a graphics department on staff.

They are very excited about the opportunity for the Ewing Senior and Community Center. The project is also important because of the historic nature of the buildings, specifically the Kahn buildings; they appreciate the architecture there. The firm is very excited about producing a project for the community, one that is sensitive and respectful to those structures. Mr. Myers added that he is humbled by the opportunity that the firm may have to work with the Town and to do the very best that they can on behalf of Ewing Township.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney thanked Mr. Myers for the robust answers and for spending the time that that took. One of her biggest questions was the engineering component of the proposal and mapping out where their work will start and end and how that fits in with the Township's engineering professional. It was important to hear about how his firm will walk through the community engagement side of this with the Township.

Councilman Schroth thanked Mr. Myers and said that he looks forward to this being a "gem" for the Community. It is something people are excited about.

Councilwoman Steward underlined Council's willingness to be of help in any way. It is an important place in Town and most likely will be a significant investment. She would like to see more public engagement. It is an opportunity to bring forward a community center for the next seventy-five years that will benefit even more residents. Vice President Baxter thanked Mr. Myers for coming. It is a bit of a different process, but it is a new venture. It is hoped that not only will it be built, but that it will grow and be viable long after this Council. The proposal has sparked ideas. Mr. Baxter said that he is interested in the music studio. He hopes that the Center will provide access to many Township residents and be able to provide things the Town was not able to provide previously. Vice President Baxter said that he has every faith that Mr. Myers' company will get it done. He is glad that Mr. Myers is a local resident with family located here. Mr. Baxter said that he appreciates the creativity and thought behind the proposal and appreciates that Mr. Myers answered his colleagues' questions and allayed any doubts. Council wants to stay engaged in the process. Although it is a Senior Center, children also need to be engaged especially with everything going on in this world right now. Mr. Baxter added that he knows of some young men who have expressed interest in architecture as a career...

Mr. Myers asked Councilman Baxter to introduce them to him and said that they will get his attention.

President Wollert thanked Mr. Myers for responding to Council's request and coming tonight. She liked his idea of a presentation to the Public. That is extremely important. Obviously, not everybody's desires can be accommodated - there are constraints of money, time, and square footage - but she is sure that his firm will be as responsive to the Ewing community as possible. Council President Wollert said that his answers to their questions helped Council gain a greater understanding of the entire process. As Councilwoman Steward said, Council wants to be a partner because they have a fiduciary responsibility to the community to make sure what is built is within the parameters that can be handled in a reasonable way. Council looks forward to working with Mr. Myers and his company.

Mayor Steinmann added that he told Mr. Myers to preserve history and to look toward the future. The Jewish Community Center cornerstone must be preserved and somehow incorporated into the new building.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council.

Sara Hendrickson (481 Walker Avenue, via Zoom) thanked Mayor Steinmann for keeping the Senior Center's brick wall.

Ron Prykanowski (16 Thurston Avenue, via Zoom) asked if all the disciplines are in-house or is Mr. Myer going to sub-contract?

Mr. Myers replied that engineering disciplines, such as mechanical and structural, are outside of his firm. They will be subcontracting with six different consulting firms which will be under his firm's contract and will be paid directly by his firm.

Mr. Prykanowski commented to Council that based on his experience with architects that most design monuments to themselves instead of functionality. Mr. Prykanowski added that he would rather go into a functional building that is ugly than a beautiful building that is not functional.

Council President Wollert said that generally architectural firms do not have a full complement of engineers but have firms that they regularly work with and know which firm is the best fit for a particular project.

Victoria Mark (Glendale section of Ewing, via Zoom) asked how the Public will be included. Often the Public is thought of as the Council. Will there be a mechanism for the real Public to give their ideas or will it just be what Council heard from a few friends?

President Wollert replied that a meeting open to the Public will not be exclusive to the Council. Because Council will be voting on this, they must be careful as to how many are at the meeting when this is presented. The Council President is sure that the Administration and Mr. Myers will notice the Public for a presentation covering what is hoped to be accomplished and then see if there is any way to tweak the proposal to incorporate the ideas of others. This is not to say that the Public will direct the design in its entirety. That needs to be made clear. Not everyone's wish can be accommodated; there are varying parameters.

Ms. Mark asked if the Public will be part of the initial design.

President Wollert responded – no. Mr. Myers talked about people having the opportunity to see the vision; not that there will be nothing there and everybody will then give their opinion and then he will design based on everybody's opinion. This will be a presentation of what is envisioned, the Public will be asked what they would like to see and then if any of those ideas could be incorporated...

President Wollert and Ms. Mark discussed this further.

Ms. Mark stated that she is concerned that it will become a Council and Mayor thing and the people who will be using the facility will have no input at all.

Council President Wollert responded that she highly doubts that.

The Mayor stated what the process will be. Several Council members, the various groups that did occupy the Senior Center, along with Mr. Forst, will be brought in to discuss their needs. It must be doable. Outside groups will be given consideration, and if they pay their fair share...but, it must be doable. Primarily, the Community Center will be for the Community. Once the conceptual plans are put together, it will be presented to the Public. There can be tweaks at that point. They will not be going to individual civic groups...

President Wollert added that it will be a general meeting because it is a community center.

President Wollert and Ms. Mark continued to discuss this...

(There was a power failure at around 7:05 p.m. The internet rebooted. Recording and Zoom returned at 7:11 p.m. At 7:13 p.m., Council resumed its meeting.)

Sara Hendrickson (481 Walker Avenue via Zoom) said that since the Mayor said that groups which use the Senior Center will be part of the discussions, she wants to be on that Committee.

Councilwoman Steward clarified that there is no Committee.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney added that they can rely on past practice. This will be no different.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Public.

This Item was Approved for Action.

- 3. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING DEMONSTRATING PROOF OF LOCAL SUPPORT FOR THE EXPANSION OF JG NEW JERSEY, LLC N/K/A BLOC, PREVIOUSLY ENDORSED FOR LICENSURE AS AN ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT CENTER, TO SIMULTANEOUSLY OPERATE AS BOTH A MEDICAL AND ADULT USE CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT**

President Wollert said that this is not a new business. This simply recognizes a trade name change from Justice Grown to BLOC and reiterates Council's support.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

This Item was Approved for Action.

- 4. A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE SEWER RATES AND CHARGES FOR EWING TOWNSHIP FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023**

Council President Wollert said that this is done every year and noted that the rate is stable.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

This Item was Approved for Action.

- 5. A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BROWN & BROWN METRO FOR PROFESSIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE GARDEN STATE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND AS A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT**

President Wollert said that Brown & Brown has been the Township's provider for this service for years.

(At 7:18 p.m. the Deputy Clerk turned off the Zoom video as it was flickering. New equipment is scheduled to be installed in the Council Room shortly.)

Council President Wollert said that this will ensure the Township's insurance services.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

This Item was Approved for Action.

- 6. A RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE TOWNSHIP'S REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE MANAGEMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TWO (2) PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF QUALIFIED LIFEGUARDS, FOR THE 2023 SUMMER SWIM SEASON**

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney commented that it is disappointing; what are the next steps.

The Attorney said that the current incumbent was under a one-year contract with two one-year options to renew. The second option to renew would be this year. That is the next Resolution. The bid went out and both bidders were non-responsive in their bid proposals. Given the pricing in those proposals, although non-responsive, and comparing it to the current incumbent, it became clear that the better option was to renew for another year.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council.

Victoria Mark (Glendale section of Ewing, via Zoom) commented that there had been a lot of problems with this pool company. She had spoken to Director Forst about it. Why does the Township keep going with this company?

President Wollert said, as the Township Attorney noted, this Resolution is rejecting the bids received because those bids were not responsive and, those bids had substantial price increases.

The Town cannot consider a non-responsive bid...

(The Council President proceeded to read Item Seven)

7. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SECOND AND FINAL ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING AND AMERICAN POOL TO MANAGE, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN TWO (2) PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF QUALIFIED LIFEGUARDS, FOR THE 2023 SUMMER SWIM SEASON, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$139,692.00

Council President Wollert stated that this is in the original contract. The Township has no one else to run the pools. There have been issues with this company. The provision of lifeguards, everywhere, is a big problem. The extension of this contract will be considered at the Regular Meeting which at this point is the only option. The Township wants the pools to be open and to be as usable as possible.

Ms. Mark stated that no refunds were given even though the pools had to be closed many times last year. It will be the same this year. Could something be written in the contract that people need to be compensated for their loss.

President Wollert responded that she did not think so; it is not necessarily a loss.

(crosstalk)

Council President Wollert and Ms. Mark discussed this further.

(crosstalk)

President Wollert stated that refunds would need to be taken up by the Administration.

(crosstalk)

Councilwoman Steward commented that having a membership does not guarantee pool access. It rains, other things happen.

(crosstalk)

There were no additional questions or comments from the Public.

Items Six and Seven were Approved for Action.

8. A RESOLUTION AWARDED RICHARD T. BARRETT PAVING CO., A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$635,488.35 FOR THE 2022 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

President Wollert stated that funds for this project were approved last year.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney said that it was helpful to have the scope of work with the specification of roads this time.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council. There were no questions or comments from the Public.

This Item was Approved for Action.

9. A RESOLUTION AWARDED WESTON & SAMPSON ENGINEERS, PC A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,500.00 FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE POOLS AT THE EWING SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER

President Wollert said that this is to repair the area around the lap pool.

Mayor Steinmann added that it is the design for the lap pool, walkways, fencing. This does not include the actual work; that is a different contract. This is just for the design. Ted Forst (Director of Recreation) said that it is for design. The baby pool needs to be removed and replaced with a larger baby pool that has gradual depth entry to meet today's Code. All the decks and the filtration need to be replaced. The decks need to be replaced for the lap pool. The camp pool is a similar project; those decks are in bad shape. Some fencing is grey, some black. The grey will be removed and replaced with black. Some signage and landscaping are needed as well as additional shade. It is an extensive project. There is still some work left to do on the bathhouse. That will be done in several phases.

Those plans need to be presented to State Historic, the County because the Township has a grant with them and Green Acres.

President Wollert said that this contract does not include the bathhouse. Someone else will need to be brought in.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney mentioned that the layout of the actual proposal was well put together and included all the parameters they will be working on which she appreciates.

Mayor Steinmann reiterated this is design work, not construction.

President Wollert asked where is the \$48,500 coming from?

Mr. Forst replied out of the \$650,000 that had already been approved, and then the plans will be taken to the County and Green Acres to get the money for the construction.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council.

Sara Hendrickson (481 Walker Avenue, via Zoom) asked if it is mandatory that the Township have a baby pool.

Mr. Forst replied that it is not mandatory, but there have been many requests to reinstall it since it has been down for the last two years.

Ms. Hendrickson responded that she has been going to the pool for years and has yet to see anyone in the baby pool, even when it worked.

Victoria Mark (Glendale section of Ewing, via Zoom) said should not the amount of use in the past be addressed before spending this much money. It is also unsanitary.

Mr. Forst replied that there has been discussion but the number of parents of younger families have come up to say they would like to be able to play with their young kids in the pool.

Councilwoman Steward added that in her experience, she saw a lot of people use it when it was functional.

Mr. Forst added even when it was semi-functional, there were a lot of times when it had to be shut down.

Mayor Steinmann said that this is a Community Center & Pool. It is for everybody – seniors, kids, young kids. Young kids must have an opportunity to enjoy the premises as much as anyone else.

President Wollert added that it is difficult to enjoy the water with young children when it is too deep. You want to introduce children to water in the safest way possible. There are plenty of people who will use it and, as the Mayor said, it is a community pool.

(crosstalk)

Ms. Henrickson said that she had twins, and she would never take them into a baby pool.

President Wollert said that other people have had different experiences.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Public.

This Item was Approved for Action.

Council President Wollert discussed Items Ten and Eleven together.

10. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION, RECYCLING OR DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY OF NOMINAL VALUE

11. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF FIRE EQUIPMENT NO LONGER USABLE FROM PROSPECT HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 TO THE HUNTERDON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES TRAINING CENTER IN EXCHANGE FOR TRAINING OF TOWNSHIP FIREFIGHTERS AT NO COST

President Wollert said that these are routine. The Township donates unusable articles to other entities.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

Items Ten and Eleven were Approved for Action.

BILLS LIST

1. A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Pay Bills in the Amount of \$291,666.16 and to Pay Supplemental Bills per Resolution #23R-12 in the Amount of \$9,411.35

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

The Bills List was Approved for Action.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Agenda Session Minutes for December 13, 2022; Approval of Regular Session Minutes for December 13, 2022.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

The Consent Agenda was Approved for Action.

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION

(None for this Meeting)

ORDINANCE(S) FOR SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION

(None for this Meeting)

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney reported that the Environmental Commission recently met and will be reintroducing the "Skip the Straw" social media campaign.

Vice President Baxter said that the Ewing High boys lost in the championship last night, but the girls are the champions of not only Group III, but also the Mercer County tournament. Councilwoman Steward added that the wrestlers and bowlers are also doing very well.

President Wollert said that Planning Board will be meeting on the second.

Councilwoman Steward reported that the Green Team met. It is Restaurant Week this week. Several Ewing establishments are offering different promotions; ewingnj.org will link you to the Restaurant Week website.

The Green Team is planning Shred Day and stream clean-ups.

Councilman Schroth reported that the Drug & Alcohol Alliance met last Tuesday. There were discussions on how to educate the youth on the use of cannabis juxtaposed with its legalization. Discussions have also started regarding post-prom activities. Prior to COVID, they had very active plans; they are trying to figure out what to do this year.

There were no additional Comments from Council.

NEW BUSINESS

(None for this Meeting)

STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Sara Hendrickson (481 Walker Avenue, via Zoom) asked if the Drug & Alcohol Alliance has been finding that, with kids doing drugs, they are breaking out in skin sores that are not healing?

Councilman Schroth responded that that was not a subject of discussion, but he can ask about it at the next meeting. The discussion centered on education efforts to make kids aware of the negative effects of cannabis on the developing brain and wrestling with the perception that it is harmless and that it is now legal.

Ms. Hendrickson said that at cannabis meetings, they talk about how strong their candies are. It is strange that the Town has a Drug Commission and has these cannabis businesses that are going to be built in Town. She knows that it is legal. People need to start paying attention to how strong that drug is.

Councilman Schroth said that that is the Alliance's mission – to educate the children and to make sure they are aware of both short and long-term problems.

Ms. Hendrickson said there will be a clean-up at Home Depot in April. It is a mess there. Public Works needs to take care of the downed trees in the creek. She hopes that they do not concentrate on cleaning up the parking lot, but rather concentrate on the two easements.

There were no additional Statements and Comments from Members of the Public.

Mayor Steinmann said that Karen Bauer passed away. He had been asked by various groups to see what the Township could do. The Recreation Board approved his suggestion of a memorial. The Mayor asked for Council's support to put up a monument at the Little League Field just as was done with Fred Walters at the Moody hardball field. The plaque will be placed there with Council's consent. They want to try to get it done before the season starts.

There were no additional announcements.

CLOSED SESSION

(None for this Meeting)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Wollert asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Keyes-Maloney so moved seconded by Ms. Steward. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Kathleen Wollert, President

Susan Bate, Deputy Municipal Clerk

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February 28, 2023 – REGULAR SESSION

President Wollert called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

The Deputy Clerk gave the Invocation: Almighty God, we ask your blessings on the people who have been called to lead our community. Grant them and us the wisdom and courage to know and do what is right and good. Amen.

Flag Salute

Council President Wollert read the Open Public Meetings Statement:

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ROLL CALL

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| ▪ Mr. Baxter – Present | Jim McManimon, Administrator |
| ▪ Ms. Keyes-Maloney – Present | Maeve Cannon, Attorney |
| ▪ Mr. Schroth – Present | Susan Bate, Deputy Municipal Clerk |
| ▪ Ms. Steward – Present | |
| ▪ President Wollert – Present | |

STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Sara Hendrickson (481 Walker Avenue) said that there should be an environmental expert at all Zoning and Planning Boards meetings and Zoom information for Council meetings should also be listed under the Health Department and the Council section of the website as well as under News & Announcements.

President Wollert said that that will be noted so hopefully it does not fall through the cracks.

Victoria Mark (Glendale section of Ewing) said that she wanted to make Council aware that a letter is being sent to Ewing residents asking for money and that Ewing Council members would be informed of how pro-Police they are.

Councilwoman Steward asked for a copy of the letter.

President Wollert suggested that Ms. Mark report it to the Police Department.

Ms. Mark said that she would do that.

Councilwoman Steward again asked for a copy of the letter to be able to help track it down as it sounds like a scam.

There were no additional Statements and Comments from Members of the Public.

BILLS LIST

1. The Deputy Clerk read (**Resolution #23R-51**) A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Pay Bills in the Amount of \$291,666.16 and to Pay Supplemental Bills per Resolution #23R-12 in the Amount of \$9,411.35

There were no questions or comments from Council. Ms. Keyes-Maloney moved the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Schroth. There were no questions or comments from the Public. President Wollert asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Schroth	YES
Ms. Keyes-Maloney	YES
Mr. Baxter	YES
Ms. Steward	YES
President Wollert	YES

The above-referenced Bills List Resolution and the Bills List are available in the Clerk's Office in the 2023 Resolution Book Number One.

The Deputy Clerk read: All items listed under Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Township Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately. There will be one motion for all items listed.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Deputy Clerk read the Consent Agenda.

1. Approval of Agenda Session Minutes for December 13, 2022; Approval of Regular Session Minutes for December 13, 2022.

Mr. Schroth moved the Consent Agenda, seconded by Vice President Baxter. There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public. Council President Wollert asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Baxter	YES
Mr. Schroth	YES
Ms. Keyes-Maloney	YES
Ms. Steward	YES
President Wollert	YES

The above-referenced Minutes are available in the Clerk's Office in the 2022 Agenda Session and Regular Session Minute Books.

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION

1. The Deputy Clerk read **(Ordinance #23-05) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, CHAPTER 14 BUILDING CONSTRUCTION ARTICLE II CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY AND CHAPTER 114 BUILDING CONSTRUCTION ARTICLE III PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE**

The Council President said this will update the Ordinance to include the latest edition of the International Building Code.

Ms. Keyes-Maloney moved the Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Schroth. There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public. The Council President called for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Schroth	YES
Ms. Keyes-Maloney	YES
Mr. Baxter	YES
Ms. Steward	YES
President Wollert	YES

ORDINANCE(S) FOR SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION

(None for this Meeting)

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Deputy Clerk read (Resolution #23R-52) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT TO DIGROUP ARCHITECTURE, LLC FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES RELEVANT TO THE EWING TOWNSHIP SENIOR AND COMMUNITY CENTER

President Wollert stated that Mr. Myers, who represented the DIGroup, was here earlier and was very helpful in providing information to help Council understand what the parameters of his company's role would be as the project to reconstruct the Senior Center moves forward.

Vice President Baxter moved the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Keyes-Maloney.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney commented that while the process may be a little non-traditional, the applicant is well-capable of doing the work and she is very appreciative of the firm's answers in terms of the specifications on the project.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council. There were no questions or comments from the Public. The Council President asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Keyes-Maloney	YES
Mr. Baxter	YES
Mr. Schroth	YES
Ms. Steward	YES
President Wollert	YES

2. The Deputy Clerk read (Resolution #23R-53) A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING DEMONSTRATING PROOF OF LOCAL SUPPORT FOR THE EXPANSION OF JG NEW JERSEY, LLC N/K/A BLOC, PREVIOUSLY ENDORSED FOR LICENSURE AS AN ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT CENTER, TO SIMULTANEOUSLY OPERATE AS BOTH A MEDICAL AND ADULT USE CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT

Council President Wollert said that this will allow this company to use their trade name BLOC instead of Justice Grown. This also reiterates Council's support for the scope of their operation, both medically and as an adult-use establishment.

Vice President Baxter moved the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Steward. There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public. Council President Wollert called for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Steward	YES
Mr. Baxter	YES
Ms. Keyes-Maloney	YES
Mr. Schroth	YES
President Wollert	YES

3. The Deputy Clerk read (Resolution #23R-54) A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE SEWER RATES AND CHARGES FOR EWING TOWNSHIP FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023

The Council President stated that the sewer rates are unchanged from last year.

Ms. Steward moved the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Keyes-Maloney. There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public. President Wollert called for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Keyes-Maloney	YES
Ms. Steward	YES
Mr. Baxter	YES
Mr. Schroth	YES
President Wollert	YES

4. The Deputy Clerk read **(Resolution #23R-55) A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BROWN & BROWN METRO FOR PROFESSIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE GARDEN STATE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND AS A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT**

President Wollert said that Brown & Brown have been appointed for the last several years to handle the Township's insurance needs.

Mr. Schroth moved the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Steward. There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public. Council President Wollert called for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Steward	YES
Mr. Schroth	YES
Mr. Baxter	YES
Ms. Keyes-Maloney	YES
President Wollert	YES

At the request of the Council President, the Deputy Clerk read Items Five and Six as a Block.

5. The Deputy Clerk read **(Resolution #23R-56) A RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE TOWNSHIP'S REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE MANAGEMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TWO (2) PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF QUALIFIED LIFEGUARDS, FOR THE 2023 SUMMER SWIM SEASON**
6. The Deputy Clerk read **(Resolution #23R-57) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SECOND AND FINAL ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING AND AMERICAN POOL TO MANAGE, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN TWO (2) PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF QUALIFIED LIFEGUARDS, FOR THE 2023 SUMMER SWIM SEASON, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$139,692.00**

Council President Wollert said that this will provide services needed to operate the pools this summer.

Ms. Keyes-Maloney moved the Resolutions, seconded by Vice President Baxter. There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public. The Council President asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Baxter	YES
Ms. Keyes-Maloney	YES
Mr. Schroth	YES
Ms. Steward	YES
President Wollert	YES

7. The Deputy Clerk read **(Resolution #23R-58) A RESOLUTION AWARDED RICHARD T. BARRETT PAVING CO., A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$635,488.35 FOR THE 2022 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Council President Wollert stated that the monies were allocated last year. Barrett Paving Company was the low bidder.

Vice President Baxter moved the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Schroth. There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public. President Wollert asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Schroth	YES
Mr. Baxter	YES
Ms. Keyes-Maloney	YES
Ms. Steward	YES
President Wollert	YES

8. The Deputy Clerk read (Resolution #23R-59) A RESOLUTION AWARDED WESTON & SAMPSON ENGINEERS, PC A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,500.00 FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE POOLS AT THE EWING SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER

President Wollert said that this is for design. Besides the pools, it will include fencing and walkways.

Ms. Keyes-Maloney moved the Resolution, seconded by Vice President Baxter. There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public. Council President Wollert called for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Baxter	YES
Ms. Keyes-Maloney	YES
Mr. Schroth	YES
Ms. Steward	YES
President Wollert	YES

At the request of the Council President, the Deputy Clerk read Items Nine and Ten as a Block.

9. The Deputy Clerk read (Resolution #23R-60) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION, RECYCLING OR DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY OF NOMINAL VALUE
10. The Deputy Clerk read (Resolution #23R-61) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF FIRE EQUIPMENT NO LONGER USABLE FROM PROSPECT HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 TO THE HUNTERDON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES TRAINING CENTER IN EXCHANGE FOR TRAINING OF TOWNSHIP FIREFIGHTERS AT NO COST

Mr. Schroth moved the Resolutions, seconded by Ms. Steward. There were no questions or comments from Council. President Wollert stated that these are self-explanatory. The Township no longer has use for this equipment. In the case of the County, the Township is exchanging the equipment for firefighter training. There were no questions or comments from the Public. The Council President asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Steward	YES
Mr. Schroth	YES
Mr. Baxter	YES
Ms. Keyes-Maloney	YES
President Wollert	YES

The above-referenced New Business Resolutions are available in the Clerk's Office in the 2023 Resolution Book Number One.

CLOSED SESSION

(None for this Meeting)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business President Wollert called for a motion to adjourn. Vice President Baxter so moved seconded by Ms. Keyes-Maloney. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Kathleen Wollert, President

Susan Bate, Deputy Municipal Clerk

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Resolution #23R- WHEREAS, State Law authorizes the Health Department to recommend refunding of monies collected; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council is likewise authorized to confirm the Health Department's recommendation; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the thorough review and recommendation of the Director of Health and Welfare, the Governing Body of The Township of Ewing does hereby resolve to authorize a REFUND in the amount of \$80 to Aunt Martha's Funnel Cakes c/o William Hillman, 25 Bonnie Rae Drive, Hamilton, NJ 08620 due to cancellation of an event being held at the College of New Jersey on April 29th, 2023 due to inclement weather.

IT IS SO RESOLVED.

Certification:

I, Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Ewing, hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Township of Ewing at a Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Ewing, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey held on the 9th day of May 2023.

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