

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, held in the Municipal Complex at 7:30 p.m. on the above date.

Upon call of the roll, the following Committee members were recorded present: Deputy Mayor Greg Burchette, Committeewoman McCauley, and Committeeman Carl Suraci. Also, in attendance were Township Clerk Pamela Borek, Township Administrator Anthony Ferrera and Township Attorney William Willard and Township Labor Attorney Eric Bernstein. Mayor Tomson and Committeeman DelCore were noted as absent.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Following roll call, Deputy Mayor Burchette advised that in accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, of the Public Laws of 1975, that notice of this meeting was made by the posting on the bulletin board at the Hillsborough Township Municipal Complex and notifying the officially designated newspapers that this meeting would take place at the Hillsborough Township Municipal Complex at 7:30 p.m. on March 24, 2015.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of the February 24, 2015 Regular Session Minutes
- Upon motion by Committeewoman McCauley, seconded by Committeeman Suraci, the minutes of the February 24, 2015 Regular Session Minutes were approved upon the call of the roll.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE LIAISONS, AND RECEIPT OR REPORTS, PETITIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS

Committeewoman McCauley

Committeewoman McCauley commented that pursuant to New Jersey Statute Hillsborough Township must conduct a dog census at least every two years. This census will begin on or about May 1st.

All dogs must be licensed annually, once they reach 7 months of age. In order to license your dog, the dog must have a rabies vaccine that is current for at least 10 months of the licensing year through October 31. Aside from it being New Jersey law, licensing your dog helps keep your dog protected from the rabies virus and drastically improves the chances of a safe return in the event that your dog goes missing. We strongly encourage all of our residents to license their dogs.

First time dog licenses must complete the Municipal Animal License New Dog Application, which can be found on the Township website at www.hillsborough-nj.org, under eGov., along with the payment and proof of rabies vaccination and neutering. At this time the cost of a license for a spayed or neutered dog is \$26 and if the dog is not spayed or neutered at this time it is \$29.

Registration is currently open for the following Recreation programs:

- Spring Activities
- High School Softball & Soccer Leagues
- 2nd Annual Fun Run Around the Park 5K, Sunday, April 19th
- Summer Camp

Visit the Recreation website for more details and for online registration.

Committeeman Suraci

Committeeman Suraci thanked Woodfern School for inviting him to participate in Read Across America.

Committeeman Suraci noted that The State of New Jersey Division of Taxation has notified the Township that 2,944 Hillsborough property owners will be receiving 2012 Homestead Benefit Credits.

The total credit in Hillsborough was just over \$1,564,000 for the 2,944 property owners. Those who qualified for this credit will receive a revised tax bill for their 2nd quarter taxes this week.

Committeeman Suraci added that any community based, non-profit organizations that wish to participate in the Memorial Day Parade are invited to sign up online through the Parks and Recreation website.

Deputy Mayor Burchette

Deputy Mayor Burchette noted that on April 14th Life Skills will present “The 15 Minute Child Break” which is a free substance abuse prevention parent education program. It will be held in the Media Center of the Hillsborough Middle School.

Also, be sure to check out this week’s e-news as it will contain information about the Parent Learning Community which is also sponsored by the Municipal Alliance

PROCLAMATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

- ***Proclamation honoring the 2014-2015 Hillsborough High School Boys Swim Teams***

Deputy Mayor Burchette noted that Coach Todd Sudol will be inducted into the New Jersey State Coach’s Association Hall of Fame this Sunday for coaching. Coach Sudol will be invited back for a Proclamation for being inducted into the Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the 2014-2015 Hillsborough High School Boys Swim Team had a very successful season because of their hard work and dedication; and

WHEREAS, the 2014-2015 Hillsborough High School Boys Swim Team comprised of the following young athletes: Karl Conrad, Joshua Franko, Nick Gershfeld, Kevin Gibson, Jacob Gonzalez, Alex Gonzalez, Sam Hendrix, Michael Irwin, Jack Kinst, Eric Kohlenstein, Derek Kosydar, John Krasnansky, Sean Lynch, James Mehtens, Evan Morgan, Ryan Morgan, Cael O’Brien, Kian O’Brien, Manas Rajeshiree, Chris Salandra, Daniel

Sanders, Matthew Sanders, Siddarth Shankar, James Sisti, Berton Wang, and Bradley Zdroik reached exceptional achievements; and

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough High School Boys Swim Team was led by Head Coach Todd Sudol and Assistant Coach Adele Morgan; and

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough High School Boys Swim Team earned the titles of Somerset County Champions and Skyland Conference Champions and finished the season with a record of 9 wins and 1 loss; and

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough High School Boys Swim Team achieved great success both on the team and individual level, including 1 Consideration for All-American time standard, 5 Automatic All-American time standards, 3 State Champions, and a Star Ledger "State Swimmer of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, members of the Hillsborough High School Boys Swim Team set new school records in the 100 yard freestyle and the 200 yard freestyle; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, do hereby commend all of the members of the Hillsborough High School Boys Swim Team, not only for the awards and championships they have won, but also for their unwavering teamwork, dedication, and sportsmanship throughout the season.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and the Township Committee, further commend the Boys Swim Team for the honor that they have brought to themselves, their team and our community through their many achievements.

- **Proclamation honoring the 2014-2015 Hillsborough High School Girls Swim Teams**

WHEREAS, the 2014-2015 Hillsborough High School Girls Swim Team had a very successful season because of their hard work and dedication; and

WHEREAS, the 2014-2015 Hillsborough High School Girls Swim Team comprised of the following young athletes: Gianna Baldev, Samantha Bobinski, Megan Bull, Kathy Chen, Kristina Choe, Sompurna Choudhury, Alyssa Cseh, Jessica D'Agostino, Rachael Karan, Anushka Khanna, Gillian Manning, Stephanie Mauer, Catherine Nguyen, Cindy Ni, Julieyanna Parker, Liliana Passalacqua, Kari Patane, Erica Pe Benito, Danice Pe Benito, Tara Reddy, Genevieve Rolon, Rea Rustagi, Palak Shah, Amanda Simon, Hanna Soisson, Elena Soisson, Monica Stamler, Alana Staskiewicz, Deborah Stoddard, Alexandra Temple, Meghan Tevnan, Chloe Wong, Emily Yang, and Ashley Yang reached exceptional achievements; and

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough High School Girls Swim Team was led by Head Coach Todd Sudol and Assistant Coach Adele Morgan; and

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough High School Girls Swim Team earned the title of Skyland Conference Champions and finished the season with a record of 9 wins and 1 loss; and

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WHEREAS, members of the Hillsborough High School Girls Swim Team set new school records in the 200 yard individual medley and the 100 fly; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, do hereby commend all of the members of the Hillsborough High School Girls Swim Team, not only

for the awards and championships they have won, but also for their unwavering teamwork, dedication, and sportsmanship throughout the season.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and the Township Committee, further commend the Girls Swim Team for the honor that they have brought to themselves, their team and our community through their many achievements.

- **Proclamation recognizing March 2, 2015 as NEA's Read Across America Day**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Hillsborough Township stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough Township has provided significant leadership in the area of community **involvement** in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that educational investment is key to the community's well-being and long-term quality of life; and

WHEREAS, NEA's Read Across America, a national celebration of reading, was conducted on March 2, 2015, which would have been the 111th birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss; and

WHEREAS, Read across America-NJ is being conducted statewide by the New Jersey Education Association, in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the New Jersey Library Association, and their local affiliates across the state to promote reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, call on the citizens of Hillsborough Township to assure that every child has a safe place reading together with a caring adult.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough enthusiastically endorses NEA's Read Across America and Read Across America-NJ, and recommits our community to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world.

- **Proclamation honoring Laurie Ferretti as Auten Road Intermediate School's Educational Services Professional of the Year for 2015**

WHEREAS, Laurie Ferretti has received the honor of Auten Road Intermediate School's Educational Services Professional of the Year for 2015; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ferretti has been a Speech and Language Specialist at Auten Road Intermediate School since 2009; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ferretti has been a member of the Hillsborough School District faculty since 2005, beginning as a Speech Correctionist at Triangle Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ferretti is also a distinguished member of the American Speech and Hearing Association; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ferretti is an active member of the Hillsborough Community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough that Laurie Ferretti is hereby recognized for her leadership and ability in aiding her students with

their communications skills as well as collaborating with parents, teachers, and other professionals to make certain that students succeed academically.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and the Township Committee, further commend Laurie Ferretti for being recognized as the Auten Road Intermediate School's Educational Services Professional of the Year and we thank her for all her work and dedication to the youth of Hillsborough

- **Proclamation honoring Jessica Fox as Hillsborough Elementary School's Educational Services Professional of the Year for 2015**

WHEREAS, Jessica Fox has received the honor of Hillsborough Elementary School's Educational Services Professional of the Year for 2015; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fox has been the Media Specialist at Hillsborough Elementary School for the past 3 years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fox has been a member of the Hillsborough School District faculty since 2011; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fox also serves as a District Turnkey Trainer, assisting colleagues by providing professional development opportunities for teachers who are looking for new ways to infuse technology into their classrooms; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fox is a gifted educator who does her best to instill an early love of learning and appreciation of literature in her K-4 students and collaborates with teachers to identify print and digital materials to enhance their lessons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough that Jessica Fox is hereby recognized for her leadership and ability to foster the love of literature and for collaborating with colleagues to design lessons and foster learning situations that employ new technologies and teaching strategies.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that we, the Mayor and the Township Committee, further commend Jessica Fox for being recognized as the Hillsborough Elementary School's Educational Services Professional of the Year and we thank her for all her work and dedication to the youth of Hillsborough.

- **Proclamation honoring Ruth Standley as Woodfern Elementary School's Educational Services Professional of the Year for 2015**

WHEREAS, Ruth Standley has received the honor of Woodfern Elementary School's Educational Services Professional of the Year for 2015; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Standley has been a nurse for more than 30 years and a certified school nurse since 1999; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Standley has worked in Hillsborough School District for 18 years in many different roles including: School Nurse, substitute teacher, bus aide, and positions in the Summer Enrichment Program and the Extended School Year Program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Standley has been the School Nurse at Woodfern Elementary School since September of 2014; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Standley began her school nursing career as a long term substitute nurse at Woods Road Elementary school before becoming the permanent school nurse there from 2001-2011. From 2011 until 2014,

Ms. Standley was a traveling nurse between Hillsborough Middle School and Auten Road Intermediate School before moving into her current position at Woodfern Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, *Ms. Standley is active in the Somerset County School Nurses Association, New Jersey State School Nurses Association, and the National School Nurse's Association, in various positions including President of the County School Nurses Association and Treasurer for the State School Nurses Association.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED *by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough that Ruth Standley is hereby recognized for her effort in meeting the needs of our District's students by helping students stay healthy in school and ready to learn.*

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED *that we, the Mayor and the Township Committee, further commend Ruth Standley for being recognized as the Woodfern Elementary School's Educational Services Professional of the Year and we thank her for all her work and dedication to the youth of Hillsborough.*

NEW BUSINESS

- *None*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS AND MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- *None*

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- *None*

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCES

- *None*

CONSIDERATIONS

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPEARTIVE PRICING COUNCIL TO BECOME A MEMBER FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2015 THROUGH MARCH 30, 2020

WHEREAS, the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council ("MCCPC") was created in 1974 to conduct a voluntary cooperative pricing system with municipalities, boards of educations and other public bodies located in the County of Morris and adjoining counties; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the MCCPC is to provide substantial savings on various goods and services to its members through the cooperative public bidding process; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillsborough desires to enter into an Agreement with the MCCPC, which is administered by Randolph Township as Lead Agency to become a member of the MCCPC for the period of April 1, 2015 through March 30, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an Agreement with the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council by the Township of Randolph as Lead Agency dated April 1, 2015 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 (5). Said Agreement is to become a member of the MCCPC for a five (5) year period from April 1, 2015 through March 30, 2020.
2. The Township Clerk is hereby directed to submit a copy of this adopted resolution, along with the executed Agreement, to Randolph Township as Lead Agency of the MCCPC.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon final passage according to law.
4. All appropriate Hillsborough Township officials are authorized and directed to perform all required acts to affect the purpose of this Resolution.

Deputy Mayor Burchette stated that the Morris County Cooperating Pricing Council affords member municipalities substantial savings on various goods and services through cooperative public bidding.

Upon motion by Committeewoman McCauley, seconded by Committeeman Suraci, the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

2. RESOLUTION INCREASING THE 2015 TEMPORARY EMERGENCY BUDGET.

This item was tabled due to the lack of a 2/3 majority of the Governing Body to vote on said Resolution.

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO STIPULATIONS OF SETTLEMENT RELATIVE TO THE TAX APPEALS CAPTIONED TOLL NJ, LP VS. HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP, TAX COURT OF NEW JERSEY, DOCKET NOS. 014158-2011 AND 014163-2011

WHEREAS, Toll NJ, LP (“Taxpayer”), the former owner of Block 180.09, Lots 44, 49, 50, 51, 52, 62, 63, 67, 71, 72, 74, 75, 77 and 78 on the Township Tax Assessment Maps (the “Preserve Properties”) filed appeals of its 2011 tax assessments in the Tax Court of New Jersey, Docket No. 014158-2011; and the former owner of Block 145.04, Lot 1, Block 145.05, Lot 11, Block 145.08, Lots 1, 2 and 3, and Block 145.09, Lots 4, 8, 12, 16, 26, 27, 28, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 41, and 44 on the Township Tax Assessment Maps (the “Estate Properties”) filed appeals of its 2011 tax assessments in the Tax Court of New Jersey, Docket No. 014163-2011; and

WHEREAS, the properties appealed were vacant residential building lots in 2011 prior to being developed and all sold by the Taxpayer as single family residential homes; and

WHEREAS, the Township conducted a district wide revaluation in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee met and discussed the aforesaid tax appeals and the recommendations of its Tax Assessor and Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Taxpayer obtained appraisal reports opining that the market values of the lots in the Preserve Properties ranged in value from \$164,400 to \$171,700 per lot, and opined that the lots in the Estate Properties ranged in value from \$147,500 to \$155,800 per lot; and

WHEREAS, acceptable settlements of the aforesaid tax appeals have been negotiated which settlements reduce 2011 assessments as more specifically set forth in the attached Stipulations of Settlement which have been reviewed and approved by the Township Committee; and

WHEREAS, the settlements result in all of the Preserve Properties lots' assessments being reduced to a \$250,000 per lot and the Estate Properties lots being reduced to a \$200,000 per lots' assessments in 2011, all as more specifically set forth in the Schedules annexed to the Stipulations of Settlement; and

WHEREAS, statutory interest is waived by the Taxpayer and will not be paid to the Taxpayer provided that all refunds be paid within 60 days of the dates of entry of judgements, made payable to the Taxpayer and forwarded to their attorneys, Zipp & Tannenbaum, LLC, 166 Gatzmer Avenue, Jamesburg, New Jersey 08831; and

WHEREAS, the Freeze Act, N.J.S.A. 54:51a-8, shall not be applicable to the Judgments since after 2011 all of the properties were developed and sold as single family homes; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has conducted a review of the market given the factual circumstances pertaining to the subject property and determined that the settlements will result in assessments at the fair assessable values of the properties consistent with assessing practices applicable in the Township as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid reductions have no general application to other properties within the Township because of the aforesaid specific fact situation; and

WHEREAS, the Township will make this settlement with Toll NJ, LP without prejudice to its dealings with any other Township taxpayer's request for tax assessment reductions; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has reviewed a copy of the proposed Stipulations of Settlement in these matters; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township Attorney is hereby authorized to execute Stipulations of Settlement relative to the tax appeals of Toll NJ, LP, Docket Nos.: 014158-2011 and 014163-2011; which settlements results in the 2011 assessments being reduced as more specifically set forth in the Stipulations of

Settlement reviewed and hereby approved; which further provides that the taxpayer waives interest on any refunds due to the Taxpayer provided that all refunds be paid within 60 days of the dates of entry of judgements, made payable to the Taxpayer and forwarded to their attorneys, Zipp & Tannenbaum, LLC, 166 Gatzmer Avenue, Jamesburg, New Jersey 08831.

2. The Freeze Act shall not be applicable to the judgements.
3. The settlements outlined above shall be without prejudice to Hillsborough Township's dealings with any other Township taxpayers' request for tax assessment reductions.

Deputy Mayor Burchette stated that the Township's Tax Appeal Attorney and Tax Assessor have recommended a settlement regarding the above referenced tax appeal. A negotiated settlement was reached in which the 2011 assessment will be reduced, which is at a nominal amount. This is a fair settlement for the Township and will reduce future expenditures in legal fees associated with this appeal.

Upon motion by Committeeman Suraci, seconded by Committeewoman McCauley, the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH AND THE CENTRAL JERSEY HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.14, affordable housing units within the Township must be administered by a qualified administrative agent in accordance with the Uniform Housing Affordable Controls, N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the Township and Central Jersey Housing Resource Center ("CJHRC") previously entered into a Contract expiring on December 31, 2014 for CJHRC to perform affordable housing administration services on behalf of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township is in the process of issuing Requests for Proposals for the provision of affordable housing administration services on behalf of the Township for 2015; and

WHEREAS, CJHRC has agreed to extend the term of its existing Contract with the Township for a period of up to ninety (90) days at the monthly service fee rate of \$2,966.66 until a Contract can be awarded for 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillsborough wishes to extend the term of its existing Contract with CJHRC for a period of up to ninety (90) days at the monthly service fee rate of \$2,966.66 in a total amount not to exceed \$8,900.00 until a Contract can be awarded for 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer of the Township has certified that sufficient funds are available for extension of the existing Contract for a period of ninety (90) days as set forth in the Certification attached hereto.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the existing Contract between the Township of Hillsborough and the Central Jersey Housing Resource Center for the provision of affordable housing administration services be and is hereby extended for a period of ninety (90) days at the monthly rate of \$2,966.66 in a total amount not to exceed \$8,900.00.

Deputy Mayor Burchette reported that this resolution authorizes a 90 day extension for the above mentioned contract.

Upon motion by Committeeman Suraci, seconded by Committeewoman McCauley, the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

CONSENT

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REQUEST FROM STACY GRAB FOR RELEASE OF DEVELOPMENT REVIEW ESCROW IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,977.75

WHEREAS, a request has been received from Stacy Grab for the release of Development Review Escrow; and

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough Township Planning Director certifies that all work related to the review of the above has been completed; and

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough Township Planning Director recommends that the Township Committee take action to release the \$1,977.75 Development Review Escrow because the work has been completed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the recommendation of the Hillsborough Township Planning Director be and hereby is accepted and approved.

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE L'ENFER D'HUNTERDON BICYCLE RIDE TO HOLD A PORTION OF THEIR BICYCLE RIDE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH ON SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2015, PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED BY CHIEF PAUL KAMINSKY

WHEREAS, the L'Efner D'Hunterdon Bicycle Ride has requested to hold a portion of their road race, on Saturday, April 4, 2015, in the Township of Hillsborough; and

WHEREAS, the L'Efner D'Hunterdon Bicycle Ride has produced a certificate of insurance naming the Township of Hillsborough as an insured; and

WHEREAS, Chief Kaminsky and Hillsborough Township Police Department's Traffic Safety Bureau have determined that the planned route will provide an acceptable level of safety for the riders.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the L'Efner D'Hunterdon Bicycle Ride is hereby authorized to hold a bicycle ride in Hillsborough Township on April 4, 2015.

3. RESOLUTION ADDING PAMELA CIPPARULO TO THE "TOWNSHIP SUBSTITUTE CALL LIST"

WHEREAS, a resolution was passed on February 10, 2015 establishing a "Township Substitute Call List"; and

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk recommended that the candidates placed on the "Township Substitute Call List" are to be utilized on an as needed basis, at an hourly rate of \$14.50 per hour, not to exceed 29 hours per week, effective February 11, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk recommends that Pamela Cipparulo be added to the "Township Substitute Call List".

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the recommendation of the Township Clerk is hereby accepted and approved.

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OFFICER CHRIS WECKENMAN TO ENROLL IN A HUMANITIES COURSE TOWARDS HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR TUITION REIMBURSEMENT OF SAID COURSE ONCE IT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XVIII OF THE CURRENT PBA CONTRACT

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Township of Hillsborough to encourage continuing education on the part of full-time employees for the purpose of enabling them to better perform in their jobs and to better prepare them in the event of an opportunity for advancement and promotion within the Township; and

WHEREAS, financial assistance for education is outlined in Article XVIII of the current PBA contract; and

WHEREAS, Officer Chris Weckenman is requesting authorization to take a humanities course towards his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice; and

WHEREAS, Officer Weckenman has requested consideration under the Township's Educational Assistance provision upon successful completion of the aforementioned course; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has requested favorable consideration of Officer Weckenman's request for financial reimbursement of seventy-five percent (75%) of the cost incurred upon successful completion of the classes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the recommendation of the Chief of Police is hereby accepted and approved.

5. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BOND CONTINUATION CERTIFICATE #6225483 FROM PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY FOR ROAD OPENING PERMITS THROUGH MARCH 10, 2016

WHEREAS, Public Service Electric & Gas, in accordance with the terms of the code of the Township of Hillsborough, Chapter 259 "Street and Sidewalks" subsection 4-G has submitted a Bond Continuation Certificate in the required amount of \$5,000.00 for the period ending March 10, 2016; and

WHEREAS, this is a general performance guarantee for the continuous stream of road opening permits that are processed for Public Service Electric & Gas each year; and

WHEREAS, the Assistant Township Engineer recommends that the Township Committee take action to accept the Bond Continuation Certificate #6225483.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the recommendation of the Assistant Township Engineer be and hereby is accepted and approved.

6. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE UDRIVE. UTEXT. UPAY. DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN APRIL 1 – 21, 2015

WHEREAS, distracted driving is a serious, life-threatening practice that is preventable; and

WHEREAS, distracted driving can result in injuries and deaths to all road users (motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists); and

WHEREAS, distracted driving occurs when drivers divert their attention away from the task of driving to focus on another activity instead; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates that at any given moment during daylight hours, 660,000 drivers are using hand-held cell phones while driving; and

WHEREAS, NHTSA further estimates that thousands of people are killed each year in distracted driving crashes and nearly a half million people are injured; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide Distracted Driving 2015 Crackdown from April 1 – 21, 2015 in an effort to raise awareness and decrease driver distraction through a combination of enforcement and education; and

WHEREAS, the national slogan for the campaign is UDrive. UText. UPay; and

WHEREAS, a reduction in distracted driving in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey declares its support of the Distracted Driving 2015 Crackdown both locally and nationally from April 1 – 21, 2015 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.

Upon motion by Committeeman Suraci, seconded by Committeewoman McCauley, the consent agenda was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

CLAIMS LISTS

Deputy Mayor Burchette presented Claims Lists 2015-07.

Upon motion by Committeeman Suraci, seconded by Committeewoman McCauley, Claims List 2015-07 was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

PERSONNEL MATTER

Township Labor Attorney, Eric Burnstein stated that John Ward requested the discussion regarding terms and conditions of his employment be discussed in an open forum. It was then taken off of the Executive Session agenda.

Brandon Burke of Montgomery Chapin & Fetten represented John Ward and addressed the Township Committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b) (1-9), Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is of the opinion that such circumstances exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matters.

2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - a. *Attorney client privilege*
3. The Township Committee may take official action on those items discussed in Executive Session upon completion of the Executive Session.
4. The minutes of the discussions shall be made available to the public as soon as the matters under discussion.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.on are no longer of a confidential or sensitive nature.

Upon motion by Committeeman Suraci seconded by Committeewoman McCauley, the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Burchette, seconded by Committeewoman McCauley, the public meeting was reopened at 8:57 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Committeewoman McCauley, seconded by Committeeman Suraci, the meeting duly adjourned at 8:58 pm. Said motion was carried unanimously upon voice vote.

Attested:

Pamela Borek
Township Clerk