MINUTES TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN PUBLIC COMMITTEE MEETING December 7, 2023

Pennsauken Township Public Committee Meeting was held at the Municipal Building located at 5605 N. Crescent Blvd Pennsauken, NJ 08110 on Thursday, December 7, 2023.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Martinez at 6:00 pm.

The meeting commenced with a roll call by the Township Clerk.

PRESENT: Committeewoman Roberts, Committeewoman Rafeh, Committeeman DiBattista, Deputy Mayor Olivo, and Mayor Martinez.

Also, present were Township Administrator Tim Killion, Township Clerk Pamela Scott-Forman, Deputy Clerk Ana Matos, and Christopher Orlando Esq.

Mayor Martinez called for the Salute to the Flag, to be followed by a Moment of Silence. Mayor also announced the meeting complies with the "Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act."

NOTE: Township Clerk announced that this meeting was published in the Courier Post on January 13, 2023.

CONSIDERATION OF/AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS ON ANY REQUEST FOR ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION IN MEETING – None Received

NOTE: Meeting was streamed live on YouTube.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting November 2, 2023

Committeeman DiBattista moved motion to accept minutes.

Deputy Mayor Olivo second the motion.

An affirmative 5/0 vote was recorded.

BID OPENNING

Pennsauken Country Club Four Season Dining Addition and Deck Replacement (Rebid) Opened Tuesday, November 29, 2023 @ 10 am.

Committeeman DiBattista moved motion to acknowledge bid opening.

Deputy Mayor Olivo second the motion.

An affirmative 5/0 vote was recorded.

PROCLAMATION: Isaac Gomez and Ed Runquist, Jr.

Pennsauken residents who intervened in a motor vehicle accident in October.

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING – Public May Comment

2023:29 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN CHAPTER 299 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" (June Rd.)

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Chapter 299-29 "Schedule I: No Parking" is hereby amended to ADD the following:

June Road, Both, From Sheppard Road to Day Avenue.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon due publication and final enactment as provided by law.

Committeewoman DiBattista moved motion to open floor for public hearing Deputy Mayor Olivo second motion.

An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded.

Committeewoman DiBattista moved motion to Close floor for public hearing Deputy Mayor Olivo second motion.

An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded.

Motion To Adopt:

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Roberts			٧			
Rafeh			٧			
DiBattista	٧		٧			
Olivo		٧	٧			
Martinez			٧			

No public wished to comment

2023:30 BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE PENNSAUKEN TOWNSHIP COUNTRY CLUB; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$500,000 THEREFOR, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$475,000. MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Committeewoman DiBattista moved motion to open floor for public hearing Deputy Mayor Olivo second motion.

An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded.

Committeewoman DiBattista moved motion to Close floor for public hearing Deputy Mayor Olivo second motion.

An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded.

Motion To Adopt:

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Roberts			٧			
Rafeh	٧		٧			
DiBattista			٧			
Olivo		٧	٧			
Martinez			٧			

No public wished to comment

RESOLUTION (s) The Following will be Considered Individually

2023:344 TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS (No. 2) 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Director of the Finance Department, through the Office of the Township of Administrator, has informed the Township Committee that it is necessary to expend funds for certain purposes for which funds were appropriated in the 2023 budget and the amount of said anticipated expenditures exceeds the amount appropriated therefor, said insufficient appropriations being more particularly set forth in the attached Schedule "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Finance Department, through the Office of the Township Administrator, has informed the Township Committee that a certain amount of funds, which are set forth on the attached Schedule "A" are appropriated for certain purposes, but are not required to be expended for said purposes and the Director has recommended that the Township Committee transfer said excess appropriations to the aforementioned insufficient appropriations; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58(a) states that should it become necessary, during the last two months of the fiscal year to expend for any of the purposes specified in the Budget, an amount in excess of the respective sums appropriated therefor, and there shall be an excess in any appropriation over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such an appropriation, the governing body, may be resolution, setting forth the facts adopted by not less than two-thirds of the full membership thereof, transfer the amount of such excess to those appropriations deemed to be insufficient; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has reviewed the aforementioned recommendation and desires to act favorably upon same.

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

- That the Township Committee for the aforementioned reasons hereby declares that
 certain appropriations are insufficient to fulfill the purposes for which the funds were
 appropriated and hereby declares that certain appropriations are in excess of the
 amount of funds necessary to fulfill the purposes for which the funds were
 appropriated, said insufficient and excess appropriations being more particularly set
 forth on the attached Schedule "A".
- 2. That the Township Committee for the aforementioned reasons hereby transfers certain funds from the excess appropriations to the insufficient appropriations which exist in the 2023 Budget, said transfer being more particularly set forth on the Attached Schedule "A".

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, at their meeting held in the Municipal Building, 5605 North Crescent Boulevard, New Jersey on December 7, 2023.

Motion To Adopt:

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Roberts			٧			
Rafeh	٧		٧			
DiBattista			٧			
Olivo		٧	٧			
Martinez			٧			

No public wished to comment

2023:345 SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE PENNSAUKEN TOWNSHIP AND THE MERCHANTVILLE-PENNSAUKEN WATER COMMISSION FOR MPWC USE OF POLICE MONOPOLE WESTFIELD STATION

THIS DOCUMENT constitutes an agreement made by and between the Township of Pennsauken, a body politic and corporate of the State of New Jersey, having its principal place of business at 5605 N. Crescent Boulevard, Pennsauken, New Jersey 08110 (the "Township") and the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission (hereafter "MPWC") a public corporate entity and public utility organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey and created by the governing bodies of the Borough of Merchantville and Township of Pennsauken and located at 6751 Westfield Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ 08110, in Camden County; and

WHEREAS the Township of Pennsauken ("Pennsauken") is a municipal governmental public entity organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey, located in Camden County; and

WHEREAS Pennsauken a host community which created the Commission per NJSA

40:62-108; and The date of execution of this agreement is the day of 2023.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS the Parties continue to seek to identify economies and efficiencies in the operations of their respective roles of local and regional government that will reduce the tax burden on the respective taxpayers and ratepayers and will improve the effectiveness of services for residents and ratepayers; and

WHEREAS the parties have investigated the potential economies and efficiencies that may be created through the sharing of services; and

WHEREAS the parties maintain separate areas of heightened expertise and capability to provide services and maintenance and is willing and able to provide to the other the benefit of its expertise, experience and /or mechanical staff to provide service, maintenance and/or repairs as needed; and

WHEREAS these are more specifically set forth below; and

WHEREAS the MPWC was created and chartered by its current owners Pennsauken Township, owning 88%, and Merchantville Borough owning 12%, for the sole purpose of creation, protection, treatment, storage, supply, distribution and delivery of potable water; and

WHEREAS for that sole purpose the municipalities have provided and donated land, properties, and financed the Bonds of the Commission for the same and for Capital projects, long-term maintenance and other such necessary activities and items of the Commission; and WHEREAS there are activities and improvements on MPWC property for commercial

purposes not for water purposes from which these municipal governments have withheld

taxing either these properties, or their improvements which are outside the charge of the Commissions; and

WHEREAS among the Departments and Assets of the Township are the Pennsauken Police Department which owns, maintains or utilizes Township property including a substation on Westfield Avenue which has and utilizes a monopole on that site for communications; and

WHEREAS the Monopole utilized by the Police Department at the Westfield Avenue SubStation is already complete, maintained by the Township and has additional unused space on it; and

WHEREAS the MPWC has updated its system water meters so that they no longer require quarterly access by personnel in order to get a usage reading that is reported for records and billing purposes as the Commission has installed "radio-read" meters and the latest version transmits messages via radio to area central receivers which the Commission places on area elevated structures based on area conditions and the distance and reception, and currently the MPWC requires a receiver be placed on a monopole or elevated structure in that area of the town/ its service area; and

WHEREAS it would save the Residents of the area not to have to suffer another monopole in their neighborhood, while saving all residents who are water customers the costs or acquisition, construction, maintenance, etc. which would be added to the costs of their water if the MPWC were required to install a separate structure, and it has been determined that the unused space on the existing Township monopole would provide the needed space for the receiver that then transmits the data to the MPWC headquarters; and

WHEREAS the proper and respective public officials had been authorized to create, complete and execute an agreement which shall *inter alia* include the terms contained herein and had or will authorize the execution by appropriate Resolutions of the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission and the Pennsauken Township Committee, IT IS THEREFORE AGREED as follows:

1)The MPWC will contract by use of this Intergovernmental agreement with the Pennsauken Township and its Pennsauken Police Department, (hereafter collectively "Pennsauken") to be the agent for approval of the MPWC 's placement and construction of the Neptune Meter Reading receiver equipment on the property and monopole on the Westfield Ave property in a manner to be in satisfaction of the needs of all the parties; and 2) The MPWC will pay the balance of any costs of the project to install said receiver; and 3)The parties agree to execute further documents necessary to accomplish this purpose to which they have committed themselves.

WHEREAS this Shared Services Agreement is authorized pursuant to <u>N.J.SA</u>. 40A:65-I, *et seq* ("Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act") which permits two local units to enter into a contract for any service which any party to the agreement is empowered to render within its jurisdiction: and

WHEREAS the MPWC and the Township agree that their mutual public purposes and their best interest and the best interests of their common citizens will be promoted by the execution and delivery of this Shared Services Agreement pursuant to the powers conferred by the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act; and

WHEREAS the term of this Agreement shall be for a period of Five (5) years, effective on or about November 1, 2023, with one (1) option to renew for an additional five (5) year term which is dependent upon the approval of both the MPWC and Pennsauken Township and inaction by both parties can cause a rollover into the second term UNLESS either party seeks to terminate before the second term in which case they need only provide NINETY (90) Days Advance Written Notice to the Other party so they have to make other Arrangements , and therefore,

IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual covenants and promises herein contained, it is agreed by and between the parties as follows:

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of the Agreement is for the Pennsauken Township to provide space and location and use to the MPWC and its mutual common residents and customers in the surrounding area who will benefit from the convenience of the antennae and the radio read meters and from the cost savings from having their meters read automatically and from not having to pay the costs of the installation of another pole and its maintenance or the cost of meter reading and billing in the old fashion and affiliated meters and water service in the area of Delaware Gardens section of Pennsauken Township.

2. <u>DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES</u>

The Township will provide the space on its monopole located as reflected on the attached Exhibit A. The MPWC shall be responsible for the installation of its equipment and any maintenance that may be required. Should the Township need to remove, replace or conduct maintenance on the pole for any reason the MPWC shall be provided sufficient timely notice to remove its equipment as identified or noticed by the Township.

3. **QUIET ENJOYMENT** The parties agree that the Township communication use is primary and the MPWC shall ensure upon installation that its use shall not interfere with the township use or signal. After the installation and first test period, it shall be incumbent on the parties to ensure that any change in or signal whether the nature of the signals or their strength shall not interfere with the other whenever possible and the parties shall seek to make accommodations so that the performance remains satisfactory and usable for both parties. If these become impossible to reconcile The MPWC will seek other alternatives.

4. <u>INDEMNIFICATION</u>

The parties shall mutually agree to defend, indemnify and save the other harmless from and against any and all claims of every nature and whatsoever kind, liabilities, damages, including damage to person or property, losses and judgments, including costs and expenses incident thereto, arising from any act by, or negligence or omissions related to the services being provided by the terms of this agreement except insofar as claims involving or arising from their own employees' claims covered by workers compensation insurance. The provisions of this paragraph shall survive the expiration or termination of this Shared Services Agreement. The parties agree to indemnify each other as to any claims and to maintain no less than ONE (1) million dollars insurance coverage for such purposes.

5. <u>TERM AND TERMINATION</u>

The term of this Agreement shall be for a period no less than five (5) years commencing on or about November 1, 2023. The Agreement shall provide for one (1), additional five-year option to renew that may occur by the inaction of both parties and that either party may terminate upon Ninety (90) advance written notice to the other party. Notwithstanding the above, at either's discretion, each shall have the right to terminate this Agreement prior to the end of its term, with or without cause, upon Ninety (90) days written notice at the addresses listed herein above. This agreement shall be binding upon the parties, their heirs, successors, and assigns.

- **6.** <u>NOTICES-</u>All notices hereunder shall be in writing and mailed postage prepaid, certified mail, return receipt requested to the parties at the addresses listed herein above.
- **7.** <u>MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS</u>-The following miscellaneous provisions shall apply to this Agreement:
- a. Construction of this Agreement- The parties acknowledge that this Agreement was prepared under New Jersey law and shall therefore be interpreted under the laws of the State of New Jersey.
- **b.** Waiver- Failure to enforce any of the provisions of this Agreement by any of the parties shall not be construed as a waiver of the provisions.
- **c. Amendment for Modification**-This Agreement may not be modified, altered, or amended in any manner, except in writing, signed by the parties hereto.
- **d. Heading**-This section and any other headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this agreement.
- **e. Invalid Clause**-The invalidity of any clause contained herein shall not make any other provision invalid and the balance of this Agreement shall be binding upon all parties hereto.

- **f. Entire Agreement**-This Agreement shall consist of the entire agreement of the parties, and it is acknowledged that there are no side or oral agreements relating to the understandings set forth here.
- **g. Assignability-**This Agreement and all rights, duties and obligations held herein may not be assigned without prior written consent from both parties.
- **h. Affirmative Action**-The parties hereby agree to incorporate the affirmative action language attached hereto.
- i. Americans with Disabilities-The parties agree to incorporate the Americans with Disabilities Act language attached hereto.
- **j.** Audit-Both parties agree that either party and/or their agents may at any time examine any and all past, current and future records relevant to this agreement and they hereby agree they each shall make to the same available upon demand at a reasonable time and place for the purpose of auditing the records, reports, and documents relative to this agreement as shall become desirable or necessary.
- **k. Funding-**Where applicable, per <u>N.J.S.A</u>. 40A:l 1-15, this Agreement is subject to the availability and appropriation of sufficient funds each year in which it is in effect.
- **I. Governing Law-**This Agreement is governed by, construed, and enforced following the laws of the State of New Jersey
- **m. Binding Agreement**-This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto. and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors or herein contractually authorized assigns.
- **8. NOTICES**-All notices hereunder shall be in writing and sent certified mail, return receipt requested for the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission to the Chief Operating Officer, Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission, 6751 Westfield Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ 08110; and for the Township of Pennsauken to the Township Clerk, Township of Pennsauken, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken, New Jersey 08110.

Motion To Adopt:

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Roberts	٧		٧			
Rafeh		٧	٧			
DiBattista			٧			
Olivo					٧	
Martinez					٧	

No public wished to comment

2023:346 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PENNSAUKEN TOWNSHIP TO ACCEPT A SUBGRANT AWARD OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2023 OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, the Pennsauken Office of Emergency Management has been awarded State Homeland Security Grant Program Sub-grant AFN #97.042, Subgrant Award #FY23-EMPG-EMAA-0427 from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General. The subgrant, consisting of \$10,000.00 Federal Award is for the purpose of enhancing the City's ability to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism, natural disasters and other catastrophic events and emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsauken Township will use these funds to enhance your Emergency Management Program and that the funds will be used for Emergency Management purposes; and

WHEREAS, the award period is from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the subgrant award incorporates all conditions and representations contained or made in application and notice of award; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsauken Office Emergency Management, designated by the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management, has submitted an Application for Subgrant Award that has been required by the said New Jersey State Office of Emergency Management.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Pennsauken Township, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey:

- 1. That the Council accepts the award of the FFY23 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG), Emergency Management Agency Assistance Subgrant (EMAA) in the amount of up to \$10,000.00 Federal Funds from the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management.
- 2. That the Chief Financial Officer and Director of Emergency Management are authorized to sign the appropriate subgrant award documents.
- 3. That copies of this resolutions shall be forwarded to the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management, the City Business Administrator, the Chief Financial Officer and the County Division of Emergency Management and Office of Treasury.

Motion To Adopt:

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Roberts		٧	٧			
Rafeh			٧			
DiBattista			٧			
Olivo	٧		٧			
Martinez			٧			

No public wished to comment

RESOLUTION(s) The Following will be Considered by Consent Agenda

2023:347 RESOLUTION AWARDING BANKING SERVICES TO OCEAN FIRST BANK

WHEREAS, the Township of Pennsauken has determined to provide for banking services in connection with financial matters in the Township of Pennsauken; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken requested proposals for banking services for a three-year term to be effective from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, on September 29,2023, the furtherance of said banking services, the Township of Pennsauken, consistent with the Local Public Contract Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1), advertised a request for proposals for such township banking services; and

WHEREAS, in response to the request for proposals, the Township of Pennsauken received five (5) proposals for banking services on October 20, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken award the contract to Ocean First Bank, 175 S Main Road, Vineland, New Jersey 08360 to provide the highest level of banking services and the most economic and efficient standards that will be in the best interest of the Township of Pennsauken and its taxpayers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Township Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with the submitted proposal and designation of Ocean First Bank as an official depository of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, State of New Jersey.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, State of New Jersey at their meeting held in the....

2023:348 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCES OF A PROGRESSIVE 50/50 LICENSE TO THE HEART OF CAMDEN

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the Township Clerk is authorized to issue a Raffle License to the:

Name: The Heart of Camden

Address: 1840 S. Broadway, Camden NJ 08104

Where Event Is Being Held: Pennsauken Country Club

3800 Haddonfield Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Date of Event: May 23, 2024

Type: Progressive 50/50

Township License #: RL-2323

State Registration ID #: 69-4-35517

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an affidavit on the Member in Charge and those listed as members have been completed and received by the Township Clerk who is hereby authorized to issue said license upon the approval of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission (LGCCC).

2023:349 RESOLUTION FOR 2023 LEAGUE (V2)

2023 League Resolution (V.2)

WHEREAS: Local Government is facing the largest budget increase for property/casualty insurance since the mid-1980s; and

WHEREAS: The property/casualty budget for the typical municipality has already experienced a 20% to 25% increase since 2021 and will experience another 12% to 20% increase in 2024; and

WHEREAS: New Jersey now has the highest workers' compensation premium rates in the country based on data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; and

WHEREAS: Workers' Compensation escalated because New Jersey judges are now reopening cases up to four and five times, whereas in the past they rarely reopened a case more than once; and

WHEREAS: Workers' Compensation also escalated because of a 2021 Department of Labor decision that directed workers' compensation to pay many accidental disability claims that previously were paid by the pension plans; and

WHEREAS: Another recent law created a presumption that firefighters diagnosed with cancer are eligible for workers' compensation; and

WHEREAS: During the COVID 19 Pandemic, the Legislature approved a law that made COVID contracted by first responders and essential employees compensable under New Jersey's workers' statute resulting in the COVID cost per employee being the second highest in the country; and

WHEREAS: Liability has increased because of the erosion of Title 59 protections in New Jersey's courts. Judges are now reluctant to grant summary judgement dismissing even frivolous claims because of the 2021 New Jersey Supreme Court decision in <u>Gonzalez v. Jersey City</u>; and

WHEREAS: The recent amendment in the sexual molestation statute of limitations also increased Title 59 liability costs. In some cases, towns are being sued based on allegations going back to the 1970s; and

WHEREAS: Property premiums are increasing rapidly because the world-wide frequency of large natural disasters has almost tripled since 2000. New Jersey alone was hit with Hurricane Irene in 2011, Superstorm Sandy in 2012 and Tropical Storm Ida in 2021; and

WHEREAS: Property insurance premiums are also indexed to replacement values that have jumped because of supply chain issues and the labor shortage; and

WHEREAS: Cyber liability premiums have more than doubled in recent years. Organizations without strong cyber risk controls are finding it difficult to purchase any coverage.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NEW JERSEY LEAGUE OF MUUNICIPALITIES THAT:

- 1) The Legislature is urged to adopt budget and levy cap exemptions for property/casualty insurance and claims; and
- 2) The Administration and the Legislature should not adopt additional legislation or regulations that will increase municipal claims without a thorough and complete analysis of the cost; and
- 3) The New Jersey Department of Labor, the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs should meet with representatives of municipal government to discuss ways to reduce property/casualty costs.

2023:350 RESOLUTION AMENDING CONTRACT FOR BUILDING SYSTEM FOR GOLF SIMULATORS WITHIN THE PENNSAUKEN TOWNSHIP COUNTRY CLUB DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Township Committee, by way of previous Resolution 2023-15, awarded a contract to Climatic LLC, 736 Whitehall Road, Newfield, NJ 08344 to construct a building for golf simulators, same being more particularly described in specifications which are on file in the Office of Township Clerk and available for public inspection during regular business hours; and

WHEREAS, Edwin Steck at T&M Associates, 200 Century Parkway, Suite B, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054, the Township's agent responsible for supervising the installation of said improvement

for the Township of Pennsauken, has advised the Director of Municipal Services, by way of correspondence and Change Order Request No. 2 that the contract amount should be increased from \$314,998 to \$324,014, and increase of \$9,016, and that said changes do not materially expand upon the size, nature, or scope of the original project as described in the specifications, said work being beyond the contemplation of the parties at the time of the execution of the original agreement and not being known until work commenced; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.4 provides that the governing body may authorize change orders and amend contracts in accordance with the procedures set forth in said regulations, and the Township's Chief Financial Officer, as required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-1, has certified that there are sufficient funds available for the purpose of awarding a contract to said entity, said certification being attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has reviewed the aforementioned request and desires to act favorably with respect to the same and to amend the contract accordingly and to approve the change order.

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

- 1. The Township Committee, based upon the certificate, hereby declares that there are sufficient funds available for the aforesaid purpose, as is evidenced by the attached Certificate of Availability of Funds.
- 2. That the Township Committee, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby amends the aforementioned contract and increases the contract amount from \$314,998 to \$324,014 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the aforementioned correspondence, said correspondence and request being attached hereto as Schedule A.
- 3. That the Township Committee hereby directs the Township Administrator and the Township Clerk to execute any contract documents which are necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution, subject to review, revision, and approval by the Office of the Township Solicitor.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, at their meeting held on December 7, 2023.

2023:351 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN is the owner of certain surplus property as listed in Schedule A attached hereto, which is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN is desirous of selling said surplus property in an "as is" condition without express or implied warranties.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, County of CAMDEN, State of New Jersey as follows:

- (1) The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9.
- (2) The sale of the surplus property shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions. The terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with GovDeals is available online at Govdeals.com and also available from the TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN.
- (3) The sale will be conducted online and the address of the auction site is https://www.govdeals.com
- (4) A list of the surplus property is attached hereto as Schedule "A", and made a part hereof; and
 - (5) A notice of the sale will be published in a newspaper circulating in the

Township of Pennsauken.

- (6) The surplus property as identified shall be sold in an "as-is" condition without express or implied warranties with the successful bidder required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement concerning use of said surplus property.
- (7) The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Committee of the TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, County of CAMDEN, State of New Jersey, at their meeting held in the Municipal Building, 5605 North Crescent Boulevard, Pennsauken, New Jersey 08110 on December 1, 2023

2023:352 RESOLUTION REQUESTING GRANT AWARD FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR ARP FUNDING FY 2024 FIRE EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Township of Pennsauken desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$40,000 to purchase 10 sets of firefighter protective equipment ensembles and additional respirators;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. Does hereby authorize the application of such a grant; and,
- 2. Recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Township of Pennsauken and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

2023:353 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A CROSSING GUARDS RESIGNATION AND APPROVING A REFUND OF \$15.00 FOR EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Township of Pennsauken received payment in the amount of \$15.00 for crossing guard equipment;

WHEREAS, Richard Belsito, resigned, effective September 15, 2023

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden and State of New Jersey accept the resignation and approve refund of \$15.00 for crossing guard equipment.

A CERTIFIED COPY of this resolution will be forwarded by the Township Clerk to Richard Belsito, Chief of Police, and the Finance Department.

2023:354 RESOLUTION APPOINTING SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Pennsauken in the County of Camden and the State of New Jersey, that the following be appointed as School Crossing Guards;

Carm Taylor 5351 Harding Road Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Emma Minatee 7427 Rogers Ave Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Nancy Paolini Browning Road Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Barbara Mount 5765 Rogers Ave Pennsauken, NJ 08109

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED those certified copies of this resolution be forwarded by the Township Clerk, to the Township Chief Financial Officer, to Human Resources, and the Chief of Police.

2023:355 RESOLUTION APPROVING A REFUND OF \$50.00 FOR ROBOTICS SUMMER CAMP REFUND

WHEREAS, the Township of Pennsauken received payment in the amount of \$50.00 for a summer camp program on invoice #131441; and

WHEREAS, the camper was unable to attend;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden and State of New Jersey that the sum of \$50.00 is returned to.

Alisar Abouharb 3434 Pennsylvania Avenue Pennsauken, NJ 08109

A CERTIFIED COPY of this resolution will be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the Applicant and the Finance Department.

2023:356 RESOLUTION APPROVING A REFUND OF \$35.00 FOR VARIOUS PENNSAUKEN FALL FESTIVAL VENDOR REGISTRATION

WHEREAS, the Township of Pennsauken received payment in the amount of \$35.00 for the Pennsauken Fall Festival 2023 Vendor Registration on invoice #132712; and WHEREAS, the vendor was unable to attend due to the change of event date;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey that the sum of \$35.00 is returned to:

David & Cindy Williams Invoice # 132712 219 Delaware Avenue, Apt. A Talleyville, DE 19803

Dawson's Soul Food Invoice # 132722

3003 Clubhouse Drive West Deptford, NJ 08066

Claudia Garcia Invoice # 132701

1909 Rt. #70 Ease. Ste. #1 Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Eloise Keller Invoice # 132724

109 Villinger Avenue Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

A CERTIFIED COPY of this resolution will be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the Applicant and the Finance Department.

2023:357 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REFUND OF \$175.00 FOR DUPLICATE PAYMENT OF HOUSING RESALE FEES FOR (Lexington Avenue)

WHEREAS, Donald R. Evans of 2402 Lexington Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ 08110 made a deposit with the Township of Pennsauken in the amount of \$175.00 for the Housing Resale Inspection for 2402 Lexington Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ 08110.

WHEREAS, THE Construction Official of the TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN is satisfied that the payment was a duplicate payment, and a refund should be issued.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey that the sum of \$175.00 is returned to Donald R. Evans, 2402 Lexington Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ 08110.

CERTIFIED COPY of this resolution will be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the Applicant, Construction Official, Finance Department, and the Manager of the Building & Housing Department.

2023:358 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REFUND OF LEAD PAINT APPLICATION FEES FOR EXEMPT PROPERTIES

WHEREAS, the Township of Pennsauken received Lead Paint Application fees for various properties within the Township.

WHEREAS, the Construction Official of the Township of Pennsauken is satisfied that these properties are exempt from payment of these fees and a refund should be issued.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey that a refund of Lead Paint Application fees shall be issued for the attached list of exempt properties designated by Block and Lot Number, owner of record and mailing address of record.

CERTIFIED COPY of this resolution will be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the Applicant, Construction Official, Finance Department, and the Manager of the Building & Housing Department.

2023:359 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF ZONING BOARD ESCROW (Willgoos Ave)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, in the County of Camden and State of New Jersey that the Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized to refund \$852.00 to:

Jose & Luzaida Pagan 7115 Willgoos Avenue Pennsauken, NJ 08110 Escrow Number: ZB23-0016

2023:360 RESOLUTION FOR UNPAID MUNICIPAL CHARGES LIMITED TO GRASSCUTTING, ENFORCED THROUGH TAX SALE; AND IMPOSE MUNICIPAL LIENS

WHEREAS, The Township of Pennsauken has incurred an expense in the year(s) 2023 against various properties within the Township for failure of the property owner to comply with Municipal Ordinances concerning the condition of their property, and;

WHEREAS, The Township is empowered under N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.13; N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.14; AND, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.5(F)(2), to impose a Lien for the recovery of those monies expended by the Municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the attached list of properties designated by Block and Lot number, the owner of record and mailing address of record. The amount listed constitutes a demand by the Township for payment by the property owner for the cost incurred by the Municipality.

BE IT FURTHUR RESOLVED, if payment for the Municipal assessment is not received in full to the Township of Pennsauken, C/O Danielle Lippincott, Tax Collector, 5605 North Crescent Boulevard, Pennsauken, New Jersey 08110 that the Municipal Assessment will be enforced by Tax Sale, becoming a Municipal Lien in accordance with New Jersey State Statue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Tax Collector and the Chief Financial Officer by the Township Clerk

2023:361 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR VETERAN WHO IS ENTITLED TO AN EXEMPTION DUE TO VETERAN ADMINISTRATION DETERMINATION OF 100% PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED

WHEREAS, ORITZ IVETTE Y & ALICEA CARLOS J owners and residents of 117 Kohlmyer Drive, also known as Block 2604.01, Lot 60, have opted out of the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) on their property; thus ad valorem taxes would be due and owing on the property; and

WHEREAS, Ivette Y Ortiz is a 100% permanently and totally disabled veteran and has met all the requirements of the Veteran Administration for a Totally Disabled Veteran Exemption as prescribed by New Jersey Statute 54:4-3.30 for exempt status until the applicant passes or the home is sold; and

WHEREAS, IVETTE Y ORTIZ has applied to the Tax Assessor of The Township of Pennsauken for Tax Exempt Status and have been approved by the Tax Assessor of The Township of Pennsauken for Tax Exempt Status as of October 5, 2023; and

WHEREAS, The Tax Collector for the Township of Pennsauken recommends the cancellation of taxes as of October 5, 2023 in the amount of \$1,402.78 and preliminary 2024 in the amount of \$2,822.78 and thereafter as long as the applicant meets veteran tax exempt status in reference to the above listed property; and

BE IT RESOLVED, That the taxes on the aforementioned list be cancelled and that the Tax Assessor and the Tax Collector are herewith authorized and instructed to adjust their records accordingly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Assessor, Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township Committee of The Township of Pennsauken and State of New Jersey, that the exemptions are granted.

2023:362 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCES OF A BASKET RAFFLE LICENSE TO THE FOOD BANK OF SOUTH JERSEY

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the Township Clerk is authorized to issue a Raffle License to the:

Name: Food Bank of SJ

Address: 11501 John Tipton Blvd. Pennsauken, NJ 08110

Where Event Is Being Held: 100 NJ-73 Pennsauken, NJ 08110

Date of Event: December 21, 2023

Type: Basket Raffle

Township License #: RL-2324

State Registration ID #: 384-4-35637

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an affidavit on the Member in Charge and those listed as members have been completed and received by the Township Clerk who is hereby authorized to issue said license upon the approval of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission (LGCCC).

Motion To Adopt:

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Roberts			٧			
Rafeh			٧			
DiBattista		٧	٧			
Olivo	٧		٧			
Martinez			٧			

No public wished to comment

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

Committeeman DiBattista moved motion to close public hearing

Committeewoman Roberts second the motion. An affirmative 5/0 vote was recorded.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Mayor Martinez

- Thank you to all the volunteers that have volunteered for all our events. December has been busy and fun.
- Latest event was our Tree Lighting last night and it was so much fun. Kids were able to see Santa, get on carousel, and train ride. Food trucks line was nonstop, and we all enjoyed ourselves.
- Grinch will be around on 12/19 so please be on the lookout.
- Memorial for our fallen officers on duty will be 12/8 at the Police Station.

Deputy Mayor Olivo

- Please visit Pennsaukenevents.gov for all our Township events.
- Thank you to all the Departments that volunteer and all the departments that work our events. Thankful for all of you.
- Stay safe and have a good night.

Committeeman DiBattista

- Holiday Season has approached, and I am thankful for everyone who makes this town as great as it is.
- All our events have been successful, and our residents have enjoyed them.
- Stay safe and enjoy your Holiday Weekend.

Committeewoman Rafeh

- Thank you to everyone who showed up last night and made the Tree Lighting that much more special. Thank you to Juan and Duke for organizing everything.
- Thank you to all the departments that volunteer and to all the departments that work
 on our events.
- Angel Tree is open for Donation please contact Juan at 856-665-1000 x151.

Committeewoman Roberts

- Municipal building looks beautiful and festive. Thank you to all the employees that participate in decorating.
- We have had an amazing year filled with a lot of events and I am thankful for everyone that made all of that happen, all the departments and volunteers.

REMINDER(s)

Tim Killion

- Last meeting for the year 2023 will be 12/21 at 6pm.
- Reorg will be 1/5 at the country Club at 6pm.

CLOSED SESSION

2023:363 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF CONTRACTS

Motion To Adopt:

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Roberts			٧			
Rafeh			٧			
DiBattista	٧		٧			
Olivo		٧	٧			
Martinez			٧			

No public wished to comment

ADJOURNMENT

Committeewoman DiBattista moved motion to adjourn Deputy Mayor Olivo second motion.

An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded.

TIME: 7:37

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Clerk Ana Matos