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The Workshop Meeting of the Governing Body was called to order by Mayor Michele Dale at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Adequate Notice Statement**

Mayor Dale read the following statement:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-8) adequate notice of this Workshop Meeting was advertised in the Herald News and the Record in its issue of January 11, 2022, posted on the bulletin board in the main corridor of Town Hall and on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

Please also make note of all fire and emergency exits – located to the left, right and rear of this room – for use in case of an emergency. Thank you.

Agenda No. I

#### Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dale led all in attendance in a salute to the flag.

Agenda No. II

Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers Ada Erik, Michael Chazukow, Marilyn Lichtenberg, Kevin Goodsir,

Warren Gross, David Marsden

Absent:

Also Present: Mayor Michele Dale, Township Administrator William Senande,

Township Attorney Dawn Sullivan

Agenda No. III

### Reading of or Approval of Unapproved Minutes

February 16, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

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Moved: Frik Seconded: Marsden

Voted Aye: Erik, Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Gross, Marsden

Voted Nay: None

Motion carried:

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Agenda No. IV

#### **Meetings**

March 16, 2022 Regular Meeting April 6, 2022 Workshop Meeting April 20, 2022 Regular Meeting/Volunteer Night

Agenda No. V

#### **Proclamations**

None.

Agenda No. VI

#### **Presentations**

High Crest Lake Dam – Silt Removal – Richard Kluge of 323 High Crest Drive gave a presentation. He described the approximately 280 home High Crest Lake Community. He came to speak about a desilting project. The lake is 60 years old and has not been widely desilted. Only certain areas have been desilted and due to changes in the storm drains there has been an increase and build-up of silt and gravel cast into the lake which is detrimental. Activities are being limited and water that is shallower promotes more weed growth and algae blooms. The goal of the project is to remove the silt and re-establish the original contour of the lake. Mr. Kluge explained that eutrophication occurs when there is a nutrient buildup in a lake which causes dense plant growth which leads to death of animal life from the lack of oxygen in the water. Desilting is a required step to maintain the health of the lake. He is asking the Township to cosign the loan that is to be made available by the DEP. The amount is \$550,000.00. The hope is to coordinate the dam refurbishment with the desilting as the lake will need to be lowered for both projects.

Councilwoman Lichtenberg indicated that dam repair loans have occurred in the past but did not recall one for desilting. The application is basically the same as the one for dam refurbishment, though the scoring is a little different. The scoring in this case was significant enough for it to qualify and will come through with an assessment.

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2022 Debt & Capital Budget — Township Administrator and Township CFO - Administrator Senande gave an overview of his recommendations regarding the Capital Budget. Nine items have his approval but the larger cost items have to be funded. His recommendations included the traffic light at Greenwood Lake Turnpike and Lakeside \$4450,000; Germantown Road-Section 1, \$163,000; Guiderail replacement \$35,000; Crack sealing \$50,000;Road resurfacing-main roads \$1,300,000; Hanover, Princeton, Lyons, Alpine Assessment \$500,000; Public Works parking area improvements \$410,000. SCBA Replacement \$130,000; and Insurance costs \$50,000. The radio system needs to be replaced, and that is an expensive item just under \$5,500,000. This expense includes radio equipment for all the fire companies, police, DPW and ambulances. \$2,512,000 is to be spent on the antennas, permanent equipment and infrastructure and the following year other radio system equipment will need to be purchased. Unfortunately it can no longer be repaired as it is so antiquated. It is something that has been put off for a very long time and the time to update has come. The Mayor indicated that the system is at the end of its life and it is a matter of public safety, not that there is any immediate threat but the system can no longer be repaired.

CFO Ellen Mageean addressed the Debt Management Plan. In the past we have been able to keep the numbers level using the MUA money. There have been some large numbers in the past, 4.2 million, 4.1 million and 4.5 million. There is a big drop off this year because the Township paid off bonds from 2010 last year and the plan is to take advantage of this lower number to pay off some others this year. Ms. Mageean indicated that wide springs in debt service have a negative effect on the tax payer. There were estimates given for 2022 and 2023 regarding BAN sales. Hopefully interest rates will remain low as we have had past successful years with the lower rates.

Agenda No. VII

#### Public Hearing

Agenda No VII 1

## ~ Resolution 2022 - 107 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PERSON-TO-PERSON AND PLACE-TO-PLACE TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE 1615-33-030-010 FROM SAHANA'S LIQUOR INC. TO LUCS GARAGE LLC TO BE LOCATED AT 1934 GREENWOOD LAKE TURNPIKE

**WHEREAS**, an application has been received for a Person to Person and Place to Place transfer of 2021-2022 Plenary Retail Consumption License 1615-33-030-010 presently held by Sahana's Liquor Inc. to be transferred to Lucs Garage LLC and sited at 1934 Greenwood Lake Turnpike, Hewitt, NJ 07421; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Council has conducted a public review of the application as stipulated in the guidelines of the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control; and

WHEREAS, a result of that review the Township Council has determined as follows:

- 1. The submitted application is complete in all respects.
- 2. The applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all statutory, regulatory and local governmental A.B.C. laws and regulations.
- 3. The applicant had disclosed to the issuing authority the source of all financing obtained.

WHEREAS, the license may be transferred with the following conditions:

- 1. Prior to activating or opening, Licensee must submit pages 1, 2, and 11 of the 12-page ABC application to the Township Clerk Office.
- 2. Prior to activating or operating the license, inspections of premises must be made and satisfactory recommendations must be received at the Township Clerk's Office from the Police Department.
- 3. Applicant should apply for a Zoning permit application that will be required for any new fencing and existing fences in the rear of the building.
- 4. Health stipulates that the total seating for the establishment must not exceed 78 bar/ restaurant seats as per NJPDES No. NJG0239038 PI ID#444444. The submitted drawing does not indicate any seating on rear outdoor deck.
- 5. Applicant must provide drawings to the Fire Marshall from a licensed architect with proposed layout, occupancy load with tables and seating and means of egress. Drawing from applicant shows combining of former ice cream shop into the existing restaurant. Drawing must also be submitted to the Construction Official for approval and permits issued.
- 6. After the above is completed the owner/operator must update Business Registration information with the Fire Prevention Bureau and register as a Life Hazard Use with the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the transfer application is hereby approved and the Township Clerk is directed to endorse the transfer and hold the license certificate until conditions referenced above are satisfied for activation.

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Seeing no one wished to speak Councilwoman Erik made a motion to close the public portion. Seconded by Councilwoman Lichtenberg and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion to move Resolution 2022-107

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Moved: Erik Seconded: Lichtenberg Voted Aye: Erik, Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Gross, Marsden

Voted Nay: None

Motion carried:

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Agenda No VII 2

#### ~ Resolution 2022 - 108 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE PASSAIC COUNTY OPEN SPACE, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FOR BUBBLING SPRINGS PARK: ADA PARKING AND SEATING (ATHLETIC FIELDS) IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD

**WHEREAS**, the Township's Department of Recreation and Engineering Division has recommended to the Township Council the submission of an application for funding for ADA parking and seating at the Bubbling Springs Park; and

**WHEREAS**, Bubbling Springs Park has recently undergone improvements to athletic fields utilizing past Passaic County Open Space grant funding; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township advertised a Public Notice on February 20, 2022 and February 27, 2022 for the public hearing on the application to be held at the Township Council Meeting on March 2, 2022;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Recreation and Engineering Division submit the following application for consideration to the Township Council:

#### **Project**

Bubbling Springs Park: ADA Parking and Seating (Athletic Fields)

Block 9001 Lot 13 Grant Application: \$30,000.00

Township Contribution: \$20,000.00 Total Construction Cost Estimate: \$50,000.00

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with the requirements of the Passaic County Open Space Trust Fund Grant Application, the Township notified, by Certified Mail, the property owners within 200 feet of the site being considered for improvement of the scheduled hearing on March 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing will be held on March 2, 2022, at which time public input will be solicited.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford and County of Passaic that the Township Administrator is hereby authorized to submit a Passaic County Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund application in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the Bubbling Springs Park: ADA Parking and Seating.

Adopted: March 2, 2022

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Seeing no one wished to speak Councilwoman Erik made a motion to close the public portion. Seconded by Councilwoman Lichtenberg and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion to move Resolution 2022-108

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Moved: Erik Seconded: Lichtenberg Voted Aye: Erik, Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Gross, Marsden

Voted Nay: None

Motion carried:

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#### **Public Comments**

Patricia Wenzel, 31 Bearfort Road is not pleased with the Council's unanimous decision to welcome all six cannabis businesses but feels things can still be done to protect the safety and health of our children and the community at large. For both Ordinance 2022-007 and 2022-012 section 1:1 Facilities are to be 500 feet from parks and 1000 feet from schools. In light of statistics these businesses should be at least one half mile from parks, schools, day care centers, recreation centers, churches, beaches, playgrounds or any facility where children under the age of 15 gather. Ms. Wenzel had questions about lot sizes and possible odor/toxin issues. A cultivation plant in Readington is now required to plant trees all around the facility in hopes of alleviating the odor/toxin issue. Section 1:5 Odor/toxin will be monitored on an annual basis. Ms. Wenzel wanted clarification about what that means and if it is going to be a licensed contractor, what kind of license and contractor. According to the DEP website there are a continuous flow of complaints and she feels monitoring of any cultivation plant should be continuous and subject to shut down by the health department as well as be required to have liability insurance. Referring to section 1 under the title Cannabis Retailer, A; Ordinance 2022-012 reflects a momentus change from 2022-007. To go from a conditional use to a permitted use in all zones will make it much easier for the applicant of a retail store, the business gets in without checks and balances of any regulatory board where they would have to show the business is to be of benefit. Ms. Wenzel implored the Council to please not make it a permitted use. It is irresponsible. She hopes the Council will turn things around and not be found culpable for leading the Township into a dark future. She wants to trust that the Council is not working for a few business people in the community but for the welfare of the community at large.

Corinna Castagna, 24 Orchard Lane, indicated that Ordinance 2022-007 is short sighted and lacks research. Ms. Castagna presented facts regarding cannabis and water and asked the Council to consider both the short and the long term impacts on water, air and land and how it affects people and animals. On average a single cannabis plant takes up about six gallons of water per day during a 150 day June through October growing season, estimating 900 gallons of water used for a single plant. West Milford will have a 365 day growing season due to climate controlled facilities and that results in a single plant using two thousand gallons a year. 1,200 plants x 2 gallons/day x 150 days is 360,000 gallons a year for one facility. High water demand can negatively impact the environment and where is this water going to come from. Ms. Castagna has liability concerns regarding the toxins that will be released. Restrictions should be placed on locations to protect surrounding wildlife.

Dorothy Barns, 13 Harvey Road, wanted to address the issue of "gift" sales that are currently occurring in West Milford. There is no mention of enforcement practices in the ordinances. The State has said that they will not enforce local laws and West Milford needs to address enforcement clearly. Nothing states that money will be set aside to hire the staff that will be needed to enforce requirements like we have with any other business that provides something that will be consumed by the public. Additional tax dollars will have to be spent on enforcement of cannabis businesses and all the problems that will be brought on by the passing of these ordinances. Ms. Burns shared a personal story of her 8<sup>th</sup> grade marijuana addiction and feels that by allowing these businesses to be in West Milford it sends a legitimacy and approval of the use of the drug, especially to young people. She and her husband, who is also a Pastor in the community are deeply concerned for the welfare of their church and the community.

Cathrine Chechu Dibenedetto, Belford Drive, has dedicated her life to womens' ministry and prays for public servants. She gave her credentials and has served under a former governor and on the North Board Coalition for Newark Fighting Back, an anti-drug anti-crime coalition, as well as working as a former Rutgers University Administrator. She has lived in West Milford for decades and indicated that expansion of zones connected to the sales of marijuana will lead to the demise of the town. Ms. Dibenedetto used the gambling failure of Jersey City as an example. In addition we are already a township with winding dangerous roads. The trucks that are already here "gifting" marijuana do not care about the age of the people buying products. Young people are dealing with increased rates of drug addiction and suicide rates during a pandemic and now they will be riddled with a town full of marijuana retailers. She has bullying concerns because in West Milford we are called the "High" Landers. She would like to see the Council abandon the ordinances on for tonight as well as the reversal of Ordinance 2021-036.

Nick Padovani, 11 Seminole Way, stated that Clinical Pediatric journals have published studies that indicate where towns have embraced the cannabis industry like West Milford is proposing, the rates of children's exposure, consumption and often ensuing addiction have gone up exponentially, 600%. This is peer reviewed legitimate research. He questioned what kind of provisions were being made to fight the coming increase in addiction and youth exposure and would like to see something of that nature added to the ordinances for funding for these types of programs.

Ken Klosz, 84 Bergan Drive, Macopin Fire Chief, wrote a letter to the Council stating that while the tanker truck was being serviced for routine maintenance in June of 202 it was discovered that the frame was cracked and eventually determined to be unsafe to drive. The Township has 6 different fire companies and the Macopin fire company is centrally located and covers the High School and Macopin Middle School. Hydrants are limited and the truck is really needed. The truck carries 2,500 gallons of water. It was taken out of the budget this year. The cost would be \$810,000. Prices are going up and build time should also be considered. Mr. Klosz would like to place the order. He has pursued the option of trying to rent a vehicle as well as to try to purchase a used vehicle and it is cost prohibitive. Mayor Dale did not

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want the public to be alarmed. There is coverage in the Township. Fire suppression would be nowhere near \$800,000. In an effort not to create debt it is good to have funds up front. Quick math indicates that the average cost to homeowners for this expense would be around \$75 more or less. Mayor Dale believes it can at least be considered by the Council for the Capital Budget. Mayor Dale indicated that the radio system was the priority at the moment, and has been put off for far too long.

There being no one else wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Erik made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Lichtenberg and carried by unanimous voice vote to close the public comment period.

Agenda No. XII

#### **Council Comments**

Councilwoman Erik – Thanked all the people for coming out and sharing information. If you look at Colorado, 2% of the money from cannabis is gained and yet it cost the taxpayers 17% more in police patrols. The state made money but not local towns. Councilwoman Erik stated that she was not in favor of it and has seen marijuana used as a gateway drug. There was discussion about the initial rush due to deadlines from the State and now it appears the State may be moving deadlines back in order to get things right.

Councilman Goodsir – Made the argument that we allow alcohol and that is a drug that kills more people than all the other drugs combined. People who smoke marijuana will get if from somewhere so why not be the ones to get the 2%. The police have a larger problem with opioids and drinking. He also shared that he did not think illegal businesses that have been operating here should be able to get a license.

Councilwoman Lichtenberg – Pointed out that back when we were first deciding on whether or not to pass the first cannabis ordinance no one came to the meeting to speak against it. She was in favor of decriminalizing it but had voted no on Ordinance 2021-036 because it allowed for 10 licenses in all 5 different categories. She had previously made the point that there are 32 liquor licenses and according to population we should have about 5. Gifting of cannabis and distances from preschools and daycare was brought up at the previous meeting. Councilwoman Lichtenberg had also suggested previously that there be funds designated to the police department and also to the Municipal Alliance. She noted later on for members who may not stay for the reports at the end of the meeting that Hope One will be at the Highlands Market Monday the 7th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m..

Councilman Marsden – Indicated that delivery would be happening even if we had no ordinances for cannabis. He feels that the gifting issue will eventually be resolved once legislation goes through. The point about how much water will be used is important and he wants to learn more. The one acre size relates to micro-growing. Education is important and parents should speak to their children.

Councilman Chazukow – Asked that people share research with him especially the water statistics as he thought the numbers sounded high. He made the point that the audience just saw the capital budget and the 5.5 million needed for the radio tower and system replacement, the \$800,000 for a fire department tanker truck and asked if they wanted to pay for all of those things or be able to have things paid for through the increase in revenue from cannabis businesses and jobs, where those businesses are paying for things. With regard to the gifting problem the Attorney General is not enforcing the license requirements currently but once licenses have been issued they certainly will. He personally has contacted two businesses to let them know the clock is ticking and they can either come into compliance or get out.

Mayor Dale --There was discussion regarding the decision to "opt-in" to be a Township with cannabis businesses last August and the Mayor asked for clarification from the Township Attorney. Mayor Dale indicated that there was hardly any retail space for these businesses in West Milford, and believes that there is only one site currently where it could be cultivated. Due to the Highlands restrictions there is no place to even build a facility if someone wanted to. Delivery will happen regardless. Mayor Dale wanted to alleviate some of the public fear and indicated that funds should be used for drug prevention programs anyway but that perhaps some of the revenue funds could be earmarked for that purpose.

Councilman Gross – Stated that the resolutions answered some of the questions of the public. If one cannabis retailer was located in a spot there could not be another one within 2,500 feet. Retailers can not be located 500 feet from any park or 1000 feet from any school. Councilman Gross said he wasn't for or against marijuana, he was for the Town and also did not want what happened in Colorado to happen here, where it was taxed to the point that people went back to buying it off the streets. Councilman Gross stressed that a great deal of thought has been given to the subject.

Agenda No. VIII

**Executive Session** 

None.

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#### **Discussion Items / Official Communications**

1.	Donation of Block 6404 Lot 7 - Mr. Senande indicated that the attorney for the property owner let him know they would like to donated the property. There would be no cost to the Township but there are some concerns with the property. It is a very visible piece of property. The Tennessee Gas pipeline runs through the property. Mr. Senande said the idea would be to obtain the property and then immediately auction it off. Currently there is a tenant and the question is, do we want to continue with the legal fees that are associated with the matter. The Township Attorney is in favor of proceeding though legal fees will be incurred. There was discussion. The consensus was to move forward.
2.	Amend Chapter 15-36 Purchasing procedures. Mr. Senande indicated this will change minor purchasing procedures, the main thing being a raise in the quote threshold from \$2,500.00 to \$3,000.00 as it has become difficult to get quotes under \$3,000.00. The consensus was to move forward.
3.	Amending Chapter 135 Fees – Bubbling Springs Day Camp – Mr. Senande had given the Council a list of the key changes. The consensus was to move forward.

Agenda No. X

#### Unfinished Business, Final Passage of Ordinances

Agenda No. X 1

~ Ordinance 2022 - 004 ~

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY CREATING A NEW SECTION 300-10.1, ENTITLED ESCROW REQUIREMENTS FOR TREATMENT WORKS APPROVAL PERMITS, WITHIN THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD

**WHEREAS**, when a Treatment Works Approval (hereinafter "TWA") Permit Application is associated with a land use application, Township of West Milford engineering review costs are paid from an associated land use escrow account; and

**WHEREAS**, not all TWA Permit Applications are associated with a land use, and as a result, do not have a land use escrow account and such applications may result in engineering costs to the Township of West Milford; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford desires to require TWA escrow accounts to always satisfy such engineering review costs, including but not limited to include when a TWA permit does not have an associated land use escrow account.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford, Passaic County, New Jersey, that the Code of the Township of West Milford shall be amended to create a new section within Article II, Sewer Systems, hereinafter codified at §300-10.1, and to be entitled "Escrow Requirements for Treatment Works Approval Permits" to read as follows:

#### SECTION 1. Chapter 300-10.1, Escrow Requirements for Treatment Works Approval Permits

Any application for a Treatment Works Approval Permit not already associated with a land use application shall also be required to create, in an amount approved by the Township Engineer, an escrow account to satisfy any costs of engineering review and approval. The applicant shall remain responsible for any costs in excess of the predetermined escrow account. Any unused escrow monies shall be returned to the applicant upon the approval of the Township Engineer and/or the Township Administrator.

**SECTION 2.** All ordinances of the Township of West Milford, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 3.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, preempted by Federal or State law, or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** No provision of this Ordinance shall be construed to impair any common law or statutory cause of action, or legal remedy there from, of any person for injury or damage arising from any violation of this Ordinance or from other law.

**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

**SECTION 6.** This Ordinance may be renumbered for codification purposes.

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There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Erik made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goodsir and carried by unanimous voice vote to close the public comment period. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-004.

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Moved: Erik Seconded: Lichtenberg Voted Aye: Erik, Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Gross, Marsden

Voted Nay: None

Motion carried:

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#### Agenda No. X 2

#### ~ Ordinance 2022 - 005 ~

# ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 135 "FEES AND COSTS" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES AMENDED

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Municipal Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 135 "Fees and Costs", §135-3. G. Recycling fees are amended as follows:

#### § 135-3 Department of Public Works and Engineering.

Recycling is authorized to charge the following fees:

G. Recycling fees:

- (1) Resident noncommercial and commercial vehicles not engaged in lawn care, landscaping or tree removal services: no charge for compost site decal.
- (2) Motorcycle and wheelbarrow tires, with or without rims: \$2.00 per tire.
- (3) Passenger car tires, without rims: \$3.00 per tire.
- (4) Passenger car tires, with rims: \$3.50 per tire.
- (5) Truck tires, up to 23 inches, without rims: \$6.00 per tire; with rims: \$6.50
- (6) Used motor oil: \$0.50 per gallon.
- **SECTION 2.** All ordinances of the Township of West Milford, which are inconsistent with the provisions

of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

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held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions

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There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Erik made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Lichtenberg and carried by unanimous voice vote to close the public comment period. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-005.

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Moved: Erik Seconded: Goodsir

Voted Aye: Erik, Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Gross, Marsden

Voted Nay: None

Motion carried:

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**SECTION 1.** § 239-2 Funding; utilization of funds.

- A. The Open Space, Recreation, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund shall be funded through the dedication to the fund of an amount of \$0.02 per \$100 of assessed valuation of each annual tax levy commencing with the year 2022. The fund shall also be permitted to accept donations and testamentary bequests.
- B. The funds accumulated within the trust fund may be utilized only for the acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes and the payment of debt service on indebtedness issued or incurred by the Township for the purpose of acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes and, for the funds collected beginning January 1, 2014, allocated as follows:
  - (1) At least 33.33% of open space trust funds for the acquisition of properties.
  - (2) Up to 33.33% of open space trust fund monies for the development of or capital improvements to lands acquired for recreation purposes at the discretion of the Township Council.
  - (3) Up to 33.33% of open space trust fund monies for the improvement of lands acquired for conservation or historic preservation purposes at the discretion of the Township Council.
- C. Lands acquired by the Township of West Milford using revenue raised pursuant to this tax authorization shall be held in trust and shall be used exclusively for the purposes authorized under N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.1 et seq. The governing body of the Township of West Milford may change the spending allocation for a given calendar year; however, it must be approved by five
- **SECTION 2.** All ordinances of the Township of West Milford, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

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There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Erik made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Lichtenberg and carried by unanimous voice vote to close the public comment period. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-006.

Moved: Erik Seconded: Gross

Voted Aye: Erik, Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Gross, Marsden

Voted Nay: None Motion carried:

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~ Ordinance 2022 - 007 ~ (No Vote Tonight Waiting on Planning Board)

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 500 "ZONING" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO PERMIT AND UPDATE PERMITTED ZONING AREAS FOR THE CULTIVATION, MANUFACTURING, WHOLESALE, DISTRIBUTION, RETAIL AND DELIVERY OF CANNABIS WITH THE TOWNSHIP - AMENDED

**WHEREAS**, in 2021 the Township of West Milford adopted an ordinance allowing for the cannabis business licenses within the township, limited to certain zones; and

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**WHEREAS**, the governing body wishes to expand the areas where such businesses might operate in the Township to include all zones with the exception of residential zones.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey as follows that the following code sections only are repealed and replaced as follows:

#### **SECTION 1.**

Article XVII Cannabis Cultivation, Manufacturing, Wholesale, Distribution, Retail and Delivery

## § 500-192 Cannabis Cultivator, Manufacturer, Wholesaler and Distributor

- A. Cannabis Cultivator, Manufacturer, Wholesaler and Distributors shall be a conditional use in all zones of the Township of West Milford, with the exception that no such conditional use shall occur in any residential zone, and subject to the following:
- (1) Eligible Locations: Facilities shall be at least 500 feet from any parks and 1,000 feet from any schools.
- (2) Lot Area: The minimum lot area shall be one (1) acre.
- (3) Setback: The minimum front yard setback shall be 50 feet or the minimum zone standard, whichever is greater.
- (4) Buildings: All facilities shall be enclosed in heated/air-conditioned buildings, not in greenhouses, hoop houses or outdoors.
- (5) Odor Control: The facility shall provide an air treatment system with sufficient odor absorbing ventilation and exhaust systems such that and odor generated inside the facility is not detectable by a person of reasonable sensitivity at the property line of the subject property. Odor from the facility shall be monitored on an annual basis at the discretion of the Township by a licensed, qualified contractor chosen by the Township. All monitoring costs shall be incurred by the business.
- (6) Signage: Signs shall be limited to the address, name of the company and emergency contact information located on one (1) ground sign not to exceed 24 square feet.
- (7) State License: The facility must have a valid license to operate from the State of New Jersey.
- (8) Any cannabis facility is subject to compliance with all laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to cannabis licenses issued by the State of New Jersey and the Township of West Milford.

#### § 500-193 Cannabis Retailer

- A. Cannabis retailer shall be a conditional use in all zones of the Township of West Milford, with the exception that no such conditional use shall occur in any residential zone, and subject to the following:
  - (1) Eligible Locations: Facilities shall be at least 500 feet from any parks and 1,000 feet from any schools.
  - (2) Location: Cannabis retailers shall be separate and distinct from growing operations.
  - (3) Buildings: All Cannabis retailers shall be enclosed in heated/air-conditioned permanent buildings, not trailers, outdoors, movable kiosks, etc.
  - (4) Signage: Signs shall be limited to location identification/name of business. Signage shall not promote consumption of any cannabis products.
  - (5) Site Plan Approval: When seeking site plan approval, the Applicant for Cannabis Delivery services shall submit a safety and security plan and emergency services access plan.
  - (6) Accessibility: Any cannabis retailer shall have only one primary public access point, which shall be directly adjacent to the right of way or parking area of the building. Access should not be through common entrances with other uses.
  - (7) Hours of operation for cannabis retailers shall be limited to 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
  - (8) Interior Security: Cannabis retailers' interiors shall provide a secure location for storage of products, with minimum products in any customer service area.
  - (9) Exterior Loitering and Security: People shall not be permitted to congregate outside of a cannabis retailer, loiter or wait in line to access the cannabis retailer. The facility shall have a plan in place if interior capacity is exceeded, i.e. numbers are given and customers wait in their vehicles until called.
  - (10)Product Consumption. No products shall be permitted to be consumed on-site.
  - (11)State License: The facility must have a valid license to operate from the State of New Jersey.
  - (12)Any cannabis facility is subject to compliance with all laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to cannabis licenses issued by the State of New Jersey and the Township of West Milford.

#### § 500-194 Cannabis Delivery

- A. Cannabis Delivery shall be a conditional use in all zones of the Township of West Milford, with the exception that no such conditional use shall occur in any residential zone, and subject to the following:
- 1) Eligible Locations: Facilities shall be at least 500 feet from any parks and 1,000 feet from any schools.
- 2) Location: Cannabis Delivery shall be separate and distinct from growing operations.
- 3) Buildings: All Cannabis Delivery services shall be enclosed in heated/air-conditioned permanent buildings, not trailers, outdoors, movable kiosks, etc.

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4) Signage: Signs shall be limited to location identification/name of business. Signage shall not promote consumption of any cannabis products.

- 5) Site Plan Approval: When seeking site plan approval, the Applicant for Cannabis Delivery services shall submit a safety and security plan and emergency services access plan.
- 6) Interior Security: Cannabis Delivery services interiors shall provide a secure location for storage of products.
- 7) Exterior Loitering and Security: Customers shall not be permitted to pick up products from a Cannabis Delivery service.
- 8) Product Consumption. No products shall be permitted to be consumed on-site.
- 9) State License: The facility must have a valid license to operate from the State of New Jersey.
- 10) Any cannabis facility is subject to compliance with all State laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to cannabis licenses issued by the State of NJ.

**SECTION 2**. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed as to such inconsistencies.

**SECTION 3.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

**SECTION 4.** The Township Clerk is directed to give notice at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing on the adoption of this Ordinance to the County Planning Board and to all others entitled pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:55D-15. The Township Clerk is further directed to refer this Ordinance to the Township Planning Board, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-64. Upon the adoption of this Ordinance, after public hearing, the Township Clerk is further directed to publish notice of the passage and to file a copy of this Ordinance, as finally adopted, with the Passaic County Planning Board, as required by N.J.S.A. 40:55D-16

**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance shall take effect after publication and passage according to law.

Introduced: February 2, 2022

Adopted: Effective Date:

This Ordinance was introduced on February 2, 2022 and the Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Herald News on February 8, 2022. The Governing Body will open the meeting to the public to speak on this Ordinance only.

Mayor Dale indicated that the public could speak on this ordinance, but due to the fact the Planning Board had not reviewed it and met regarding it, there would be no vote tonight.

Patricia Wenzel, 31 Bearfort Road – Questioned the number of 10 licenses given for each category of the cannabis businesses. It was confirmed that number of licenses had been passed in Ordinance 2021-036.

Cathrine Chechu Dibenedetto, Belford Drive, has concerns about the contradiction of being told there was very little retail space in the Town but then there are plans to increase the retail area at the top of the mountain, Upper Greenwood Lake area. She would like the Council to consider this.

There being no one else wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Erik made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goodsir and carried by unanimous voice vote to close the public comment period.

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## New Business, Introduction of Ordinances, Resolutions

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~ Ordinance 2022 - 013 ~

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 63 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARTICLE II LICENSING REGULATIONS SECTION 135 "FEES & COSTS" SECTION 135-10 "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES" WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP CODE

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey that Chapter 135 "Fees and Costs" be amended as follows:

### SECTION 1. § 135-10 Alcoholic beverage licenses.

A. The annual fees for the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages in the Township shall be as follows:

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		2022	<u>2023</u>	2024
(1)	*Plenary retail consumption license	\$720	\$864	\$1,037
(2)	*Club license	\$188		

B. Transfer of license fees. The fees to transfer a liquor license, per the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control of the State of New Jersey, shall be as follows:

(1) Transfer of plenary retail consumption license:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
*Person-to-Person	\$72	\$87*	\$104*
*Place-to-Place	\$72	\$87*	\$104*
*Transfer of club license:	\$19*		

<sup>(2) \*</sup>Transfer of club license: \$19\*
\*Authorize an increase in the current license fee of \$600 by 20% every year until the fee reaches \$1,000.
Club License capped at \$188

**SECTION 2.** All ordinances of the Township of West Milford, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 3.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, preempted by Federal or State law, or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** No provision of this Ordinance shall be construed to impair any common law or statutory cause of action, or legal remedy there from, of any person for injury or damage arising from any violation of this Ordinance or from other law.

**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

**SECTION 6.** This Ordinance may be renumbered for codification purposes.

Introduced: March 2, 2022

Adopted: Effective Date:

Second reading and public hearing for this Ordinance is set for the Workshop Meeting of the Township Council scheduled for April 6, 2022. Notice of this public hearing shall be published in the Herald News on or about March 8, 2022.

Motion to move forward.

Moved: Erik Seconded: Lichtenberg Voted Aye: Erik, Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Gross, Marsden

Voted Nay: None

Motion carried:

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## ~ Ordinance 2022 - 014 ~

## ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTION 15-89 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council wishes to update the Township Code as to the Township Board of Health, and as exercised by Township Council pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:3-1 et seq, as to the power to hear and decide appeals; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. Section 26:3-1, Establishment of local board, directs that there shall be a board of health in every municipality in this state, which board shall consist of members appointed or designated, or both, as provided by this chapter, except that in any municipality operating under laws establishing a form of government for such municipality under which the full powers of a local board of health cannot be exercised by a local board of health so appointed or designated, the respective functions of a local board of health shall be exercised by such boards, bodies, or officers as may exercise the same according to law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Code currently authorizes, at Section 15-89(b), for the Township of West Milford Advisory Board of Health to hear appeals of decisions made by the Township Health Officer, but pursuant to N.J.S.A. Section 26:3-1, such appeals should instead be heard by the Board of Health, as exercised by Township Council, as the full powers of a local board of health cannot be exercised by a local board of health so appointed or designated; and

<sup>\*\$</sup> Amounts rounded to nearest dollar

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**WHEREAS**, Per N.J.S.A. 26:3-1 et seq., the Health Advisory Board will continue to provide policy and action recommendations, and act to support the Township Council in its capacity as the Board of Health, and serve as public health advocates to the community.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford, Passaic County, New Jersey, that the Code of the Township of West Milford shall be repealed and replaced and as to Section 15-89 only, to read as follows:

**SECTION 1**. § 15-89 Powers and duties; appeals

- A. The Advisory Board of Health shall advise the Mayor and Council concerning matters of public health within the Township. It shall make recommendations to the Mayor and Council concerning or relating to the operation and administration of the Department of Health to the Township Council concerning or touching upon matters of policy or ordinances affecting the public health.
- B. The Board of Health, and its respective functions as exercised by Township Council pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:3-1 et seq, shall have the power to hear and decide appeals of all variance decisions rendered by the Township Health Officer. Notice of an appeal of a decision of the Health Officer shall be filed with the Township Administrator within 15 days of receipt of the Health Officer's decision. The Board of Health, and in its respective function as exercised by Township Council, shall conduct a hearing, at which the applicant for the variance shall have the right to appear and be heard, to cross examine opposing witnesses and to present witnesses in his own behalf. The Board of Health, and in its respective function as exercised by Township Council, shall conduct the hearing and render a decision within 30 days of receipt of the notice of appeal.
- **SECTION 2.** All ordinances of the Township of West Milford, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
- **SECTION 3.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, preempted by Federal or State law, or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.
- **SECTION 4.** No provision of this Ordinance shall be construed to impair any common law or statutory cause of action, or legal remedy there from, of any person for injury or damage arising from any violation of this Ordinance or from other law.
- **SECTION 5.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately, upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

**SECTION 6.** This Ordinance may be renumbered for codification purposes.

Introduced: March 2, 2022

Adopted: Effective Date:

Second reading and public hearing for this Ordinance is set for the Workshop Meeting of the Township Council scheduled for April 6, 2022. Notice of this public hearing shall be published in the Herald News on or about March 8, 2022.

Motion to move forward.

Moved: Erik Seconded: Lichtenberg

Voted Aye: Erik, Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Gross, Marsden

Voted Nay: None Motion carried:

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~ Ordinance 2022 - 015 ~

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 500 ENTITLED "ZONING" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO CREATE A NEW SECTION ENTITED "MEASUREMENT AND BUFFERING" AS TO MEASURING DISTANCES BETWEEN ELIGIBLE LOCATIONS FOR CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP - AMENDED

**WHEREAS**, in 2021 the Township of West Milford adopted an ordinance allowing for the cannabis business licenses as a conditional use within the Township, limited to certain zones and setting forth distances between any cannabis business and parks, schools and other cannabis businesses; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body wishes to update the ordinance to better define how to measure such distances, so as to minimize confusion and allow prospective cannabis businesses to make informed decisions as to locations.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey as follows that the following code sections shall be added to Chapter 500 Entitled Zoning, creating a new Section § 500-205, to be entitled "Measurement and Buffering", as follows:

#### SECTION 1. § 500-205 Measurement and Buffering

- A. There shall be a minimum distance of not less than 2,500 feet between licensed cannabis retail businesses.
- B. Such measurement shall be obtained by measuring the nearest entrance of one location which is licensed, to the nearest entrance of the second location which seeks to be licensed.
- C. Such measurement shall be measured on how a pedestrian would normally walk, and not in a straight line "as the crow flies."
- D. As to distance prohibitions from parks and or schools and as reflected in this chapter, such distances shall be measured in the normal way that a pedestrian would normally walk from the nearest entrance, to such a park or school.
- **SECTION 2**. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed as to such inconsistencies.
- **SECTION 3.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.
- The Township Clerk is directed to give notice at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing on the adoption of this Ordinance to the County Planning Board and to all others entitled pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:55D-15. The Township Clerk is further directed to refer this Ordinance to the Township Planning Board, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-64. Upon the adoption of this Ordinance, after public hearing, the Township Clerk is further directed to publish notice of the passage and to file a copy of this Ordinance, as finally adopted, with the Passaic County Planning Board, as required by N.J.S.A. 40:55D-16
- **SECTION 5.** This Ordinance shall take effect after publication and passage according to law.

Introduced: March 2, 2022

Adopted: Effective Date:

Second reading and public hearing for this Ordinance is set for the Workshop Meeting of the Township Council scheduled for April 6, 2022. Notice of this public hearing shall be published in the Herald News on or about March 8, 2022.

Motion to move forward Councilwoman Erik. Seconded Councilman Chazukow.

Councilwoman Lichtenberg indicated that under schools, it should include preschools and daycare. Councilman Chazukow indicated that if that were the case there would be no place to put the businesses. The Valley View property, for instance, is quite close to a daycare. That property was permitted to be a former bar because the day care was not considered to be a school.

An edit was suggested under 1A, distances to other cannabis businesses 2,500 feet by Councilman Chazukow. He wanted to amend it to have it read from one cannabis retail business to another retail business. It would make more sense for certain cannabis businesses to be next to each other.

The motion was amended by Councilman Chazukow and seconded by Councilman Goodsir.

Moved: Erik Seconded: Chazukow Voted Aye: Erik, Chazukow, Goodsir, Gross, Marsden

Voted Nay: Lichtenberg

Motion carried:

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~ Ordinance 2022 - 016 ~

# ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 10 "TRAFFIC" WITHIN THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford, in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 10 Traffic, Section 10-5 Speed Limits, is hereby amended to read as follows: § 10-5.1 Streets

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A. The speed limits for both directions of traffic along the streets or parts of streets described in Schedule V attached to and made a part of the chapter are hereby established at the rate of speed indicated.

B. Regulatory and warning signs shall be erected and maintained to effect the designated speed limits as authorized by the Department of Transportation.

#### § 10-5.1 Municipal Parks and/or Grounds

A. The speed limits for both directions of traffic upon the following municipal parks and/or grounds shall be designated and established at 15 miles per hour.

Name of Municipal Park and/or Grounds	Limits
Bubbling Springs Park	Entire Length
Echo Lake Park	Entire Length
Farrell Field Complex	Entire Length
Mt. Laurel Park	Entire Length
Nosenzo Pond Park	Entire Length
Recreation Center Complex (Melody Lake Park)	Entire Length
Town Hall Municipal Complex	Entire Length
Westbrook Park	Entire Length

B. Regulatory and warning signs shall be erected and maintained to effect the designated speed limits as authorized by the Department of Transportation.

**SECTION 2.** All ordinances of the Township of West Milford which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 3.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, preempted by Federal or State law, or otherwise invalid by any court or competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4** No provision of this Ordinance shall be construed to impair any common law or statutory cause of action, or legal remedy there from, of any person for injury or damage arising from any violation of this Ordinance or from other law.

**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval and publication as required by law and upon the posting of appropriate signs.

**SECTION 6.** This Ordinance may be renumbered for codification purposes.

Introduced: March 2, 2022

Adopted: Effective Date:

Second reading and public hearing for this Ordinance is set for the Workshop Meeting of the Township Council scheduled for April 6, 2022. Notice of this public hearing shall be published in the Herald News on or about March 8, 2022.

Motion to move forward.

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Moved: Erik Seconded: Goodsir

Voted Aye: Erik, Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Gross, Marsden

Voted Nay: None

Motion carried:

Mayor Dale asked to move resolutions 2022-109 through 2022-118.

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~ Resolution 2022 - 109 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO STORMWATER COMPLIANCE SOLUTIONS, LLC TO PROVIDE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SERVICES

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford has a need to appoint a stormwater management professional as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provision of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. or 20.5 as appropriate to comply with the Municipal Stormwater Permit under N.J.A.C. 7:14, Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit; and

**WHEREAS,** it is beneficial to retain assistance of appropriately registered experts in the field of stormwater management with knowledge and experience in these matters, to assist in assuring compliance with NJPDES Permit for stormwater discharge; and

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**WHEREAS,** Stormwater Compliance Solutions LLC of Chester, NJ will provide stormwater management services as sought by the Township of West Milford and outlined in a contract in an amount not to exceed \$6,750.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et. seq. requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for professional services without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, Stormwater Compliance Solutions LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that the business has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of West Milford with the elected officials in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Stormwater Compliance Solutions, LLC from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

**WHEREAS,** the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 5:30-5.4 in an amount not to exceed \$6,750.00 from account #01-201-26-290-451.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. The Mayor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute a contract for stormwater management services with Stormwater Compliance Solutions, LLC., 180 Main Street, P.O. Box 572, Chester, NJ 07930 to assist the Township with compliance to the NJPDES Permit in an amount not to exceed \$6,750.00.
- 2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 et seq. and the local public contracts law.
- 3. The total fee authorized for this contract shall not exceed \$6,750.00 without the prior written approval of the Township Council.
- 4. That a notice of this action shall be published in accordance with law, and said notice to provide that the contract awarded and this resolutions authorizing same are available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.

Adopted: March 2, 2022

#### Agenda No. XIII 5

#### ~ Resolution 2022 - 110 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE COLLECTION OF BRUSH AND SMALL TREE LIMBS FROM WEST MILFORD RESIDENTS AND STORM DEBRIS FROM WEST MILFORD DPW TO SKYTOP RECYCLING, INC. FOR 2022 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$47,400.00

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford has a need for residential brush and small tree limb collection; and

**WHEREAS**, due to strict NJDEP regulations, West Milford Township has a very limited permit allowing for the acceptance of leaves and grass only and any brush or small tree limbs dropped off at the West Milford Recycling Center creates a violation of the permit, and subjects the township to fines and other penalties; and

**WHEREAS**, Skytop Recycling, Inc. has agreed to accept resident's brush and small tree limbs from West Milford residents and storm debris from West Milford DPW for a monthly fee of \$3,950.00 for an annual total of \$47,400.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Public Works and Recycling Coordinator have submitted a written recommendation for the Township to enter into this agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds for this purchase, said funds to be encumbered from account number: 26-201-55-500-450.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, the following:

- 1. The Mayor and Township Council hereby authorizes an agreement to Skytop Recycling, Inc, 80 Airport Road, West Milford, NJ 07480 for the collection of residential brush and small tree limbs from West Milford residents and storm debris from West Milford DPW for 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$47,400.00.
- 2. The Township's Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for same.
- 3. This resolution shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.

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RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CRUSHED STONE AND SAND FROM EASTERN CONCRETE MATERIALS, INC. THROUGH MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL, CONTRACT #9 (CRUSHED STONE AND SAND) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford is a member of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (State ID # 6-MCCoOp); and

**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council has awarded Contract #9 (Crushed Stone and Sand) to Eastern Concrete Materials, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, said contract was awarded through the open competitive bidding process and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11 et seq., Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Public Works has submitted a written recommendation that the Township of West Milford utilize Eastern Concrete Materials, Inc. for the purchase of crushed stone and sand through the use of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, Contract #9 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds for this purchase, said funds to be encumbered from account number: 01-201-26-290-360.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, the following:

- !. The Mayor and Township Council hereby authorizes an expenditure of funds through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, Contract #9 (Crushed Stone and Sand) to Eastern Concrete Materials, Inc, 250 Pehle Ave., Suite 503, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663 for the purchase of crushed stone and sand for a not to exceed amount of \$20,000.00.
- 2. The Township's Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for same.
- 3. This resolution shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.

Adopted: March 2, 2022

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#### ~ Resolution 2022 - 112 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF PAVING MATERIALS FROM TILCON NEW YORK, INC. THROUGH MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL, CONTRACT #5 (PAVING MATERIALS) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000.00

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford is a member of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (State ID # 6-MCCoOp); and

**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council has awarded Contract #5 (Paving Materials) to Tilcon New York, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, said contract was awarded through the open competitive bidding process and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11 et seq., Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Public Works has submitted a written recommendation that the Township of West Milford utilize Tilcon New York, Inc. for the purchase of paving materials through the use of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, Contract #5 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds for this purchase, said funds to be encumbered from account number: 01-201-26-290-361.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, the following:

- 1. The Mayor and Township Council hereby authorizes an expenditure of funds through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, Contract #5 (Paving Materials) to Tilcon New York, Inc., 9 Entin Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054 for the purchase of paving materials for a not to exceed amount of \$30,000.00.
- 2. The Township's Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for same.

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3. This resolution shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.

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#### ~ Resolution 2022 - 113 ~

# RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ACCEPTING THE BIDS FOR THE SALE OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL LANDS AND PROPERTIES FROM THE TOWNSHIP AUCTION OF FEBRUARY 16, 2022

**WHEREAS,** on February 16, 2022, the Township of West Milford conducted the sale of municipal properties no longer needed by the Township in accordance with Resolution 2022-052; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Clerk reports that the schedule below outlines the bidders and their respective proposals to purchase said lands and recommends that the Township Council accept these bids.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford that the proposals set forth in the schedule below are hereby accepted and incorporated herein.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the terms of such acceptance will be set forth in the Contracts of Sale to be prepared by the Township Attorney as set forth in Resolution 2022-052.

This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

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Block	Lot	Name & Address	Bid Amount
1002	6 & 7	Christopher Marrero 86 Westwood Blvd. Westwood, NJ 07675	\$5,500
1809	8	Linda Brownlee 45 Cedarbrook Road Hewitt, NJ 07421	\$1,000
2311	26	Robert McDowell Jr. 1 Linwood Road Hewitt, NJ 07421	\$3,000
2606	12	Nicholas Scott PO Box 529 New Vernon, NJ 07976	\$7,000
5301	40	William & Ramona Walsh 350 Ridge Road West Milford 07480	\$18,000
8510	4 & 5	Michael Chazukow 67 Pinecrest Trail West Milford, NJ 07480	\$1,700

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#### ~ Resolution 2022 - 114 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPALITY-OWNED PROPERTY THROUGH SOURCEWELL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE THROUGH GOVDEALS.COM CONTRACT #012821-GDI

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of West Milford has previously acted in accordance with New Jersey public procurement statutes and regulations as promulgated by formally joining a recognized and compliant national cooperative being the Sourcewell National Cooperative; and

WHEREAS GovDeals.com has contract #012821-GDI with the corresponding Sourcewell National Cooperative that provides on-line auction services; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-157 and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6, the Township of West Milford may sell any municipality-owned personal property at a public auction that is no longer needed for public use; and

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**WHEREAS**, the sales are being conducted pursuant to the Division of Local Government Services' Local Finance Notices 2008-9 and 2008-21R; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-157 and the Division of Local Government Services' Local Finance Notice 2008-9 outline specific advertising requirements to provide for transparency and public participation in such sales; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to the commencement of such sale, GovDeals.com shall confirm that the Township Clerk is appraised of all necessary information to provide such public notice and the date of sale shall be such that there is sufficient time within the law to advertise in the Township's official newspaper.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that the Township is hereby authorized to sell the municipality-owned property as indicated in Attachment A – Property Auction Manifest below on an online auction website entitled www.GovDeals.com; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the terms and conditions of the agreement entered into between GovDeals.com and the Township of West Milford are available at www.GovDeals.com and in the Office of the Township Clerk; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, and that a notice will be published in the official newspaper in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36.

	ATTACHMENT "A" PROPERTY AUCTION MANIFEST				
QTY	DESCRIPTION	SERIAL # / Service Tag #	WM FIXED ASSET INV.		
1	Smithco 3 – Wheel Drive Center Mount Scarifier Ballfield Groomer – Super Rake Infield Conditioner Model 13-550D	6661			

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#### ~ Resolution 2022 - 115 ~

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY ENDORSING THE SUBMITTAL OF A LOAN APPLICATION TO BE MADE BY HIGH CREST LAKE LODGE, INC. TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DAM SAFETY SECTION, DAM RESTORATION LOAN AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SAID LOAN AGREEMENT AS CO-BORROWER WITH HIGH CREST LAKE LODGE, INC.

**WHEREAS**, High Crest Lake Lodge, Inc. ("Association") is a private lake association in West Milford; and

**WHEREAS**, the Association is the operator of a dam and resulting recreational lake known as High Crest Lake which lake is over 60 years of age; and

**WHEREAS**, the normally occurring stormwater runoff, erosion and sediment buildup have in many places reduced the useable depth of the lake, resulting in peninsular areas and increased growth of weeds which have a negative impact on the recreational use and conservational health of the lake; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Dam Safety Section, Dam Restoration Loan offers loans to private entities to effectuate the removal of silt and sediment and provide for recreational and conservational improvements of lakes with the condition that the municipality within which the lake is located signs a loan agreement as Co-Borrower; and

**WHEREAS**, the Association has secured an initial State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Dam Safety Section, Dam Restoration Loan in the amount of \$575,000.00 for dam refurbishment for which the Township has signed a loan agreement as Co-Borrower; and

**WHEREAS** the Association has requested a second State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Dam Safety Section, Dam Restoration Loan in the amount of \$1,250,000.00 for dam refurbishment for which the Township has conditioned its agreement to sign the Loan as Co-Borrower upon the Association's successful application and execution of a satisfactory Co-Borrower Agreement; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Association wishes to make a third application to the DEP loan funding program to effectuate the removal of silt and sediment and provide for recreational and conservational improvements of the lake; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township determines that the removal of silt and sediment to improve the recreational and conservational health of High Crest Lake and execution of the DEP Loan for this purpose is in the best interests of the residents of the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has conditioned the Township's agreement to sign the Loan as Co-Borrower upon the Association's successful application and execution of a satisfactory Co-Borrower Agreement, the application of which has been submitted to the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Dam Safety Section; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council desires to grant the Mayor and Township Clerk the authority to execute the DEP Loan Agreement in the event that the Association executes a Co-Borrower Agreement acceptable to the Township.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford that the Township does hereby endorse the application of a DEP loan to effectuate the removal of silt and sediment and provide for recreational and conservational improvements to High Crest Lake in the Township of West Milford.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford as follows:

- 1. Upon DEP approval and upon the Association's agreement to, and execution of, an acceptable Co-Borrower Agreement, the Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to execute the DEP Loan Agreement as the Co-Borrower for a loan in an amount of not more than \$500,000.00 and to execute any amendments thereto.
- 2. In the event the Township executes the DÉP Loan as a Co-Borrower, the Township of West Milford agrees to complete the silt and sediment removal and recreational and conservational improvements project as set forth in the DEP Loan and to reimburse the State in accordance with the terms and conditions of the DEP Loan in the event of a default on the part of the Association.
- 3. The Township of West Milford agrees to comply with all applicable deferral, State, and municipal laws, rules and regulations in its performance pursuant to the DEP Loan.

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### ~ Resolution 2022 - 116 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) APPLICATION FOR A BARRIER-FREE PARKING SPACE AND ACCESS WITH A.D.A. IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BUBBLING SPRINGS PARK (LOWER POND AREA)

**WHEREAS**, the County of Passaic anticipates having \$700,000 available to twelve eligible municipalities of the County and to eligible non-profit agencies under the 2022 CDBG program; and

**WHEREAS,** the CDBG program funding is provided by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and project selection is determined by the national objective to assist low and moderate income individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, barrier free access retrofits and projects, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.), are a qualified exception to the low-mod requirement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bubbling Springs Lower Pond Pavilion does not provide A.D.A. parking and accessibility to enter the Lower Pond Pavilion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township seeks to improve the overall accessibility and public use of the Bubbling Springs Park for activities now and for future use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township anticipates future development and increased municipal and public use and A.D.A. compliant parking and access is a desirable project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and the Township Council of the Township of West Milford hereby authorize the submission of an application entitled 2022 Community Development Block Grant for \$40,000 for A.D.A. improvements at Bubbling Springs Park (Lower Pond Pavilion).

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# RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY REFERRING A MATTER TO THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD PLANNING BOARD

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford Council recently discussed at a Township Regular Meeting the possibility of permitting two-family homes and townhouses in zones that they are not currently allowed within the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council wishes to specifically refer the question of permitting two-family homes and townhouses in zones that they are not currently allowed to the Township of West Milford Planning Board for its consideration and review as to the Township Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council requests that the Township of West Milford Planning Board conduct a Master Plan reexamination to determine if two-family homes and townhouses should be permitted in zones where they are not currently allowed and to make that update to the Master Plan if not in conformity with the Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, assuming permitting two-family homes and townhouses is in conformity, either with the existing Master Plan or upon update, the Township of West Milford might introduce an ordinance that might allow for such change consistent with the Master Plan.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford that the Township does hereby refer the question below to the Township of West Milford Planning Board for its consideration and action:

Permitting two-family and townhouses in zones that they are not currently allowed.

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~ Resolution 2022 - 118 ~

## RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY REGARDING MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FAIR HOUSING

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford supports Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination. It is the policy of the Township of West Milford to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, nationality, familial status, marital or domestic partnership status, affectional or sexual orientation, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, genetic information, liability for military service, mental or physical disability, perceived disability, AIDS/HIV status and Lawful Income or Source of Lawful Rent Payment (Section 8). The Township of West Milford further objects to discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, handicap or disability as prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination. Therefore, the Municipal Council of the Township of West Milford do hereby approve the following resolution.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that within available resources, the Township of West Milford will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against under one of the aforementioned categories, to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as appropriate.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township of West Milford shall publicize this resolution and through this publicity shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law, the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination, and any local laws or ordinances.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the municipality will at a minimum include, but not be limited to: (1) the printing and publicizing of this resolution, a fair housing public notice and other applicable fair housing information through local media, community contacts and placement on the Municipal website and in other social media; (2) distribution of posters, flyers, and any other means which will bring to the attention of those affected, the knowledge of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning equal opportunity in housing.

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Councilwoman Erik was not in favor of 2022-117 and considers it allowing townhouses to be built where they should not be built. Units usually get sold and not rented as well. There was discussion about possible fire and current zoning. Mayor Dale indicated that school enrollment is declining, which cuts down on funding to offset costs. Mayor Dale also stated that she didn't think that the way it is now, a business on the first floor and a rental unit allowed on the second floor, made sense. Councilwoman Erik mentioned that we have had water studies for the Town and the maximum number of wells in the Town is supposed to be 9,000 and there are almost 11,000 currently. Mayor Dale said that it may actually require even more water to have a commercial space below. The requirement of commercial space below means that it costs a lot more money for people to build here in West Milford than in surrounding towns. Councilman Marsden said it could fill a need as there are not a lot of rental properties available right now. Councilman Gross said that mixed use buildings are far more susceptible to fire. Councilman Chazukow reminded everyone that the Resolution was to let it go before the Planning Board for review and any safety concerns could later be addressed.

Motion to move Resolutions 2022-109 through 2022-118

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Moved: Erik Seconded: Goodsir

Voted Aye: Erik, Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Gross, Marsden

Voted Nay: Erik Nay on 2022-117

Motion carried:

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#### **Consent Agenda**

~ Resolution 2022 - 119 ~

# RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING PASSAGE OF CONSENT AGENDA

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford has reviewed the Consent Agenda consisting of various proposed Resolutions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the following Resolutions on the Consent Agenda are hereby approved:

#### Resolutions:

a) 2022-120 - Refund Other Liens

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# RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF OTHER LIENS

WHEREAS, this resolution was inadvertently omitted from the agenda of February 16, 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** Administration authorized payment since failing to pay would have resulted in interest fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Collector of Taxes has reported receiving the amounts shown below for the redemption of the respective lien.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Township of West Milford that the proper officers be and are hereby authorized and directed to pay the indicated amount to the holder of the lien certificate as hereinafter shown below:

Certificate No.	Certificate Date	Block/Lot/Qual	Reimbursement Amount	Pay to Lien Holder
19-0047	10/15/2019	07605-003	\$50,081.35	GREYMORR, LLC
				BMO 85
				PO BOX 1414
				MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55480
20-0022	10/13/2020	02406-0220	\$12,729.53	NJSL 301 LLC
				650 E PALISADES AVE. STE 2
				ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, NJ 07632

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20-0074	10/13/2020	16602-006	\$17,018.88	CHRISTIANA T C/F CE1/FIRSTRUST
				PO BOX 5021
				PHILADELPHIA, PA 19111
21-0040	10/12/2021	07701-014	\$78,546.93	EVOLVE BANK & TRUST
				6070 POPLAR AVENUE, STE. 200
				MEMPHIS, TN 38119
21-0058	10/12/2021	16703-003	\$112,714.36	FNA VI LLC
				120 N LASALLE ST
				SUITE 1220
				CHICAGO, IL 60602
TOTAL			\$271,091.05	

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Moved: Erik Seconded: Lichtenberg
Voted Aye: Erik, Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Gross, Marsden

Voted Nay: None

Motion carried:

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#### **Approval of Expenditures**

~ Resolution 2022 - 121 ~

#### RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS

**WHEREAS**, the Township Treasurer has submitted to the members of the Township Council a supplemental report listing individual disbursement checks prepared by this office in payment of amounts due by the Township.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Treasurer's report of checks prepared by the Treasurer's Office be approved and issued as follows:

Acct #	Account Name	Amount
1	Current Account	\$226,967.72
3	Reserve Account	23,565.90
2	Grants	2,355.25
6	Refunds	0.00
1	General Ledger	6,805.60
26	Refuse	7,366.80
4	Capital	3,216.38
19	Animal Control	0.00
19	Heritage Trust	0.00
19	Open Space Trust	0.00
19	Trust	15,237.65
19	Scala Trust	0.00
16	Development Escrow	5,247.50
19	Tax Sale Trust	0.00
21	Assessment Trust	0.00
	Special Reserve	0.00
Total		\$290,762.80
Less Refund Res	solution	0.00
<b>Actual Bills List</b>	l .	\$290,762.80
Other Payments		
Payroll		544,406.13
Total Expendit	ures	\$835,168.93

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Moved: Marsden Seconded: Lichtenberg

Voted Aye: Erik, Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Gross, Marsden

Voted Nay: None Motion carried:

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## TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY Minutes of: Governing Body Workshop Meeting Date of Meeting: March 2, 2022 Time of Meeting: 6:30 p.m. Minute Page No: Page 23 of 23 Agenda No. XVI Reports of Administrator, Mayor and Council Members Mayor Dale - On April 20, 2022 the Township plans to celebrate Volunteer Night and people may nominate people who have volunteered their time and talents to benefit others in the community. The deadline is March 31 at 4 p.m. and the Mayor and Council will be making a selection from submissions given. The Mayor Selection Committee will be giving out the Lifetime Volunteer Award and you can pick up forms at Town Hall, the Library and the Recreation Department. Presentation request forms for organizations must be submitted to the Clerk's office no later than April 8th. Councilman Marsden - No report. But mentioned that there is some research showing that there is something in cannabis that prohibits the spike protein in Covid from infecting. Councilwoman Erik - No report. Councilman Chazukow - We had a heated public portion tonight. He thanked everyone for coming out to voice their opinions. He rejects the gateway theory regarding addiction but realizes people are speaking from their personal experiences. Councilwoman Lichtenberg – No report. Happy Birthday to Councilman Goodsir. Councilman Goodsir - Elk's Club beefsteak nights are going well. We received 64 Veteran Banner applications, 50 was the expected number. We are close to the goal but still short and anyone wishing to donate can make a check out to West Milford Township and put Veteran Banners in the memo. Councilman Gross - No report. Administrator Senande - No report. Attorney Sullivan - No report. Agenda No. XVII **Appointments and Resignations** Councilwoman Eric wished to nominate Derek Nicholson to the Economic Development Commission. Seconded by Councilwoman Lichtenberg. Move to close and confirm Councilwoman Erik. Seconded Councilman Chazukow. Moved: Seconded: Lichtenberg Erik, Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Gross, Marsden Voted Aye: Voted Nay: None Motion carried: Agenda No. XVIII **Adjournment** Moved: Erik Seconded: Marsden Voted Aye: Unanimous voice vote Voted Nay: None Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m. Approved: Respectfully submitted: Deidre Ellis, Keyboarding Clerk II MICHELE DALE, MAYOR