

The Regular 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 Regular Meeting was advertised in the Herald News in and The Record in its issues of December 17, 2024 and January 13, 2025 and posted on the bulletin board in the main corridor of the 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, Matthew Conlon arrived at 6:42 p.m., David Marsden

Absent:

Also Present: Mayor Michele Dale, Township Administrator William Senande, Township Attorney Ed Pasternak and Township Attorney Jeff Frankenburger

Councilman Conlon was in a Sewerage meeting and was in Town Hall and joined the Council meeting at 6:42 p.m. during the Volunteer Awards Presentation.

Agenda No. III

Reading of or Approval of Unapproved Minutes

April 2, 2025 Regular Meeting
April 8, 2025 Special Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes.

Moved: Erik Seconded: Lichtenberg
Voted Aye: Erik, Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Marsden
Abstain: Goodsir for April 8, 2025 only
Voted Nay:
Motion carried:

Agenda No. IV

Meetings

May 7, 2025 Regular Meeting
May 21, 2025 Regular Meeting
June 11, 2025 Regular Meeting

Agenda No. V

Proclamations

National Day of Prayer – Mayor Dale read the proclamation. Susan Ricatto from the Almond Branch Church said a few words. The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 1st. It is the 74th anniversary of the National Day of Prayer. She invited everyone to attend three prayer events. One at noon outside of Town Hall, at 4 p.m. there will be prayers for the Board of Education at 67 Highlander Drive and at 7 p.m. there will be prayer and worship at Maple Road School.

65th Anniversary of the Woman's Club of West Milford Township – Mayor Dale read the proclamation and presented it to Diana Varga of the Woman's Club.

Agenda No. VI

Presentations and Recognitions

Volunteer Appreciation Night – Mayor Dale presented the Mary B. Haase Lifetime Volunteer Award to JoAnn Blom and read a brief bio about her. A life-long resident of West Milford, she enjoyed teaching business classes at the West Milford High School for almost 40 years with a Master's Degree plus 69 credits. She received the NJ DECA Hall of Fame award and has been volunteering since 2013. She serves on the Beautification and Recycling Committee and the Economic Development Commission. As Chair of the Economic Development Commission JoAnn presents plaques to small businesses to honor

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their importance to the community. She has also served on the Heritage Committee, Planning Board and Board of Adjustment and the Point Pleasant Borough condominium association.

Council choose to have two Volunteers of the Year for the year 2024 because it was such a difficult decision. Mayor Dale presented the first 2024 Volunteer of the Year Award to James Cosgrove. Jim has been a member of the West Milford Elks Lodge since 2022 and started off running as a volunteer. Jim has never looked back while being one of the greatest helpers at the Lodge. Jim loves to help with the clean-up and tune up of the grounds at the Elks Camp Moore in the spring and fall every year. He loves cooking the hot dogs during the town clean-up and fishing derby every year. He was honored as Elk of the Year. Jim is a native of West Milford and a 66 year resident. He is a master plumber and had his own business in the Township for 35 years and has been retired since April of 2017. He's a CERT team member and helps running the light on Warwick Turnpike and Lakeshore Drive during apple season. Jim has a great attitude as well.

Mayor Dale presented the second 2024 Volunteer of the Year Award to Dorrie Torp. She has been a long –time active member of various organizations within the Township. Currently she chairs the West Milford Health Advisory Board and is secretary for the West Milford Municipal Alliance where she also chairs the Fundraising Committee. She organizes and runs events for the community such as 4 Roads to Resource fairs, 2 resource fairs for Children with Disabilities, 2 Health Fairs for the Elderly, Paddles for Prevention and 3 Wellness Family Festivals. Dorrie volunteers at the yearly Scott's Run, and is an advisor for the TREPS program at Paradise Knoll School where she works in the CLIMB program. She was also a Girl Scout leader and volunteer at the West Milford Animal Shelter in the past.

Volunteers from various organizations did brief presentations explaining what their groups were about.

"See For You" Puppy Raiser Club of Passaic County Seeing Eye – Joe Duffy gave an overview of what the group does. People raise puppies from 8 weeks to about 15 to 16 months until they go back to the Seeing Eye in Morristown for their formal training for the visually impaired. Those who join the club have a lot of support, vet bills are taken care of, crates are provided and the club meets for training as well. The idea is to expose the puppies to a variety of stimulation and have them see as much of the world as possible. Those interested can contact seeingeye.org/raise.

Woman's Club of West Milford - Diana Varga is the President of the Club. They are a volunteer service organization dedicated to the enrichment of the community. The major fundraiser is the Victorian Christmas at Ringwood Manor. With funds from the Ice Cream Social Award Night they were able to donate to the six fire companies, Search and Rescue, First Aid Squad, American Legion, Girls State, the Animal Shelter, the library, the museum, West Milford Special Olympics, the Seeing Eye Puppies and four local food pantries, four kids for camp at Bubbling Springs Day Camp for a week and four high school scholarships. The group meets the second Monday of every month at Echo Lake Church at 6:30 p.m. if anyone is interested and the email is womansclubwestmilford@gmail.com.

Economic Development Commission – Councilman Conlon indicated that the group was comprised of citizen members of the Township appointed by the Mayor and Council. Meetings take place on the second Tuesday of the month in the Town Hall Main Meeting Room, except for in November and the meetings are open to the public. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. They are still working on the Tourism Map that will highlight various tourism points throughout the Township to be used by residents and guests to the community. They have a strong partnership with the Chamber of Commerce. They are currently working on the Mayor's Business Spotlight Program. The purpose is to highlight local businesses and what they offer. It is free to businesses to participate in and it advertises businesses. The email is edc@westmilford.org.

Hans Niederstrasser represented the volunteers of the Heritage Committee for the West Milford Museum. He thanked the Township Council for their continued support and Liaison Councilman Chazukow for attending all the meetings and representing the organization to the Governing Body. Since opening in 2000, the museum has continued to display both permanent and changing exhibits. This year the group hopes to do some much needed work on the historic building built in 1862. The museum is open from 1-4 p.m. on Saturdays.

Debbie O'Brien is the coordinator the West Milford Municipal Alliance, formerly known as CASA, helping those who have substance misuse issues or mental illness. They work with various entities in the community on many different projects and helpful programs. The group does mentoring programs with students, the LEAD program, formerly the DARE program, Scott's Fun Run, National Night Out and just completed the Wellness Family Festival. The group meets the second Monday of every month at the West Milford Library in the conference room on the second floor. People can attend the meetings virtually should they choose. Those interested may contact wmma@westmiford.org.

Carol Heinz is the President of the Friends of the West Milford Township Library. The group has been around for the last 25 years and they have many fundraising events throughout the year to support the library. There is a meeting May 8th and the public is welcome. They received another grant this year and that goes to the Friends of Wallisch Outdoor Concert Series. The group also raises money for the library doing the book sale at the Wallisch barn. The library has on line streaming services and they help

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support that as well as some of the digital technology that is used. One program provides museum passes to various museums. For more information go to friends@wmtl.org.

Brian Gruhacz is the Committee Chairman for Scouting America Troop 151. They meet at the Oak Ridge Presbyterian Church on Oak Ridge Road every Thursday. One of the scouts attending trained for over 12 months to participate in the Philmont, a hike to the peak of Baldy Mountain in New Mexico. Jimmy Dasilva indicated that the Troop has projects that people may not be aware of like eco projects around town. They put fireboxes around Macopin, the pavilion at the football field, they put in bee houses around town to help the bee population, the fishing information board at Bubbling Springs and one of the scouts will be working with a fire house for his Eagle project. The Troop also does various trips.

Kerry O'Brien is the President for the Friends of the Longpond Ironworks, a non-profit history group made up of volunteers which is dedicated to the preservation of the historic site. FOLPI is an officially recognized organization of the State Park Service. Their mission is to promote the historic site and the regions history which includes developing education programs, working with other history organizations and operating the visitor center and museum. In 2024 they opened the visitor center from April to November. The website is longpondironworks.org.

Mayor Dale thanked all of the organizations for their great work. We wouldn't be able to do what we do for the Town without the many volunteers and all of their hard work and commitment. Councilmembers also thanked all the volunteers.

Agenda No. VII

Executive Session

None

Agenda No. VIII

Public Hearing

None

Agenda No. IX

Discussion Items / Official Communications

None

Agenda No. X

Public Comments

Robert Murphy - lives on Bradrick Lane and wanted to know if there was an update on cleaning the stream. His back yard is a swamp and it's getting worse.

Bob Nicholson – Indicated that the Mayor's Business Spotlight Program is a great way to get your business advertised and highlighted. It's a great way for people to get to know about your business. They advertise for free on West Milford Channel 77. Information also goes out over the internet so even people who may not be residents of West Milford, perhaps they live in Vernon or Butler could get the information, see a business and patronize it. Other groups are welcome to advertise their events as well.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak Councilman Conlon made a motion to close the public portion. Councilman Goodsir seconded. All were in favor.

Agenda No. XI

Council Comments

Councilman Conlon wanted the public to be aware of the website for the local TV channel. It is wm77tv@westmilford.org.

Mayor Dale indicated with regard to Mr. Murphy's question, that they do have an engineering report that we can share what the recommendations have been. Mayor Dale asked if Mr. Murphy could leave his email with Administrator Senande before he left.

Agenda No. XII

Unfinished Business, Final Passage of Ordinances

Agenda No. XII 1

~ Ordinance 2025 – 009 ~

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER VIII, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
SECTION 15-41 DIVISION OF TAX COLLECTIONS OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES 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. Section 15-41, Division of Tax Collections, is hereby amended as follows:

§ 15-41. Division of Tax Collections.

Within the Department of Finance there shall be a Division of Tax Collections. The head of the division shall be the Township Tax Collector. The Municipal Tax Collector shall receive and collect all moneys assessed or raised by taxation or assessment for any purpose. The Collector shall enter in suitable books or other records to be kept by him the sums received each day together with the account to which each receipt is credited. Within 48 hours after the receipt of any moneys of the municipality, or on the first banking day thereafter, the Collector shall deposit such moneys in the authorized public depository of the municipality to the credit of the appropriate account. He shall report to the Council, at least once each month at the same time as the Treasurer is required to report, all receipts and deposits and cash on hand belonging to the municipality. Within 60 days after the end of the fiscal year, and at such other times as may be required by the Council, the Collector shall make and furnish a detailed and true list of all delinquent taxpayers for the next preceding year or for such period as the Council may require. He shall keep a current record of all tax title liens, advising the Treasurer and Administrator promptly as such liens become subject to foreclosure under the law. He shall enforce the payment of delinquent taxes by the means provided by law as soon as same become delinquent. The Tax Collector shall also serve as the Township tax searcher and perform such duties as are prescribed by general law and Township ordinance.

A. Appointment of Tax Collector. The Tax Collector shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council. Every municipal tax collector shall hold his/her office for a term of 4 years from the first day of January next following his/her appointment. Vacancies other than due to expiration of term shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term.

B.- Treasurer and Collector bond. The Treasurer and the Collector shall each give bond, at the expense of the municipality, in accordance with general law.

- 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:

Adopted:

Effective Date:

April 2, 2025

April 23, 2025

May 6, 2025

This Ordinance was introduced on April 2, 2025 and Notice of the public hearing was published in the Herald News on April 8, 2025. The Governing Body will open the meeting to the public to speak on this Ordinance only.

Seeing no one wishing to speak Councilman Conlon made a motion to close the public portion.
Seconded by Councilman Goodsir.

Mayor Dale indicated the 7th sentence down should not read “he shall” but should be stated “the Tax Collector should”. Councilman Colon made a motion to move as amended. Seconded by Councilwoman Erik.

Motion to move Ordinance 2025-009.

Moved:

Voted Aye:

Voted Nay:

Motion carried:

Conlon

Erik, Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Conlon, Marsden

None

Seconded: Erik

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to amend the Township Code to the following;

SECTION 1. ARTICLE XXV Economic Development Commission

§ 15-113. Terms.

- A. The members of the Commission shall have staggered terms as follows for their initial appointments:

(1) The Mayor or Mayor's designee shall serve for the term of the Mayor.

(2) The Council liaison member shall be appointed for one year.

(3) President of the West Milford Chamber of Commerce or their designee shall be appointed for one year.

(4) Citizen members No. 1 and No. 2 shall be appointed for the term of the Mayor.

(5) Citizen members No. 3 and No. 4 shall be appointed for one year.

(6) Citizen members No. 5 and No. 6 shall be appointed for two years.

(7) Citizen members No. 7 and No. 8 shall be appointed for three years.

(8) Alternate member No. 1 shall be appointed for a two-year term.

(9) Alternate member No. 2 shall be appointed for a one-year term.
- B. Thereafter, citizen members No. 3 through No. 8 shall be appointed for three-year terms, and alternate members No. 1 and No. 2 shall be appointed for two-year terms.

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, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court or competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance may be renumbered for purposes of codification.

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

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Seeing no one wishing to speak Councilman Conlon made a motion to close the public portion.
Seconded by Councilwoman Lichtenberg.

Motion to move Ordinance 2025-010.

Moved: Conlon

Seconded: Lichtenberg

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

Voted Nay: None

Motion carried:

Agenda No. XII 3

~ Ordinance 2025 – 011 ~

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 141 FILMING WITH FILM READY NEW JERSEY
REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP CODE

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Motion Picture and Television Commission ("NJMPTVC or "the Commission") provides a five step program that educates, trains, and certifies New Jersey municipalities regarding film production "best practices"; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of this program, a municipality is awarded a "Film Ready" designation by the Commission, which is helpful in attracting film makers to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township has completed all of the steps to become a "Film Ready" locality, except for updating its local ordinance to match those terms as proposed by the Commission, and so as to maintain consistency throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, encouraging prospective film makers to make films in the Township creates opportunity and revenue, and serves the public's health, safety and welfare.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, and the State of New Jersey that only the following sections of Township of West Milford Code Chapter 141 Film, shall be amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 141 Filming

§ 141-2 Permit required; application

- B. One permit shall be sufficient to authorize outdoor or indoor filming, provided that the maximum number of permits that may be authorized in any calendar year for premises located in a residential zone shall not exceed two without a waiver pursuant to § 141-3 of this chapter.

§ 141-3 Issuance of permits; bond requirement; regulations.

- A. No permits will be issued by the Township Clerk unless applied for prior to four (4) days before the requested shooting date; provided, however, that the Film Permit Representative may waive the four (4) day period if, in his judgment, the applicant has obtained all related approvals and adjacent property owners or tenants do not need to be notified.
- B. (4) The hiring of an off-duty police officer shall not be required for a permit but may be requested by the permit requestor.
- E. Filming in residential zones shall be permitted Monday through Sunday between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. (camera wrap) and 10:00 p.m. (crew wrap), provided that night scenes can be approved in the permit, and hours can be extended if there is a legitimate delay and that any time extension will not greatly inconvenience neighbors.
- H. The Film Permit Representative, who shall be the Township Business Administrator or his designee, may authorize a waiver of any of the requirements or limitations of this chapter, and may authorize filming other than during the hours herein described or may extend the duration of a permit or may permit filming at a particular location in a residential zone on more than two occasions during any one calendar year or may waive any other limitation or requirement of this chapter whenever it determines that strict compliance with such limitations will pose an unreasonable burden upon the applicant and that such a permit may be issued without endangering the public's health, safety and welfare.

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

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court or competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this Ordinance.

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Seeing no one wishing to speak Councilman Conlon made a motion to close the public portion.
Seconded by Councilwoman Erik.

Motion to move Ordinance 2025-011.

Moved: Conlon Seconded: Erik
Voted Aye: Erik, Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Conlon, Marsden
Voted Nay: None
Motion carried:

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**ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 264, ARTICLE II CANVASSERS AND SOLICITORS OF THE
REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES 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. Article II Canvassers and Solicitors is hereby amended in the following sections as follows:

§ 263-10. Fees; deposit.

- A. The fee for a canvasser's or solicitor's license is set forth in Chapter 135, Fees and Costs, payable to the Township to defray the cost of investigating, fingerprinting if necessary, printing, processing and issuing the permit.

§ 263-11. Registration.

Where, by reason of any federal or state law, any person is deemed to be legally exempt from the provisions of this article or from the requirement of securing a license or permit as herein provided, notwithstanding thereof, such person shall before engaging in any type of soliciting or canvassing, as defined in this article, first register on application forms provided by the Township Clerk, furnishing all of the information as provided for in § 203-2. If the Chief of Police, after proper investigation, shall be satisfied that the registrant is not entitled to the exemption above stated, he shall decline to register him, or after investigation, shall find the registrant's character or business responsibility to be unsatisfactory, he shall decline to register him. If the Chief of Police, after investigation, shall find the registrant's character or business responsibility to be satisfactory, he shall communicate his findings in writing to the Township Clerk's office issuing the license within a reasonable time after the application has been filed. The Application shall contain the signature of the Chief of Police, and shall show the name and address of the registrant, the name and address of his employer, if any, the kind of goods to be sold by him, or the kind of services to be performed or furnished, the date of issuance and the length of time the registration shall be effective, as well as the license number and other identifying description of any vehicle used in such soliciting or canvassing. The Chief of Police shall keep a permanent record of all registrations. These provisions are to be so applied as not to occasion an undue burden upon interstate commerce, but to be applied for the general protection of the public health, welfare and safety.

§ 263-12. Hours.

No canvassing or soliciting by anyone holding a permit or license or certification of registration shall be done except Monday through Saturday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 30 minutes past sunset.

§ 263-13. Exhibition of license.

Solicitors and canvassers are required to exhibit their licenses or registrations at the request of any citizen. They shall be required to wear the badge or identification number furnished them on the outer clothing, so that they may be visible at all times while they are canvassing or soliciting.

§ 263-14. Loud noises and speaking devices.

No solicitor or canvasser, nor any person in his behalf, shall shout, make any cry out, blow a horn, ring a bell or use any sound device, including any loud-speaking radio or sound-amplifying system upon any of the streets, alleys, parks or other public places of the Township or upon any private premises in the Township where sound of sufficient volume is emitted or produced therefrom to be capable of being plainly heard upon the streets, avenues, alleys, parks or other public places, for the purpose of attracting attention to any goods, wares or merchandise or services which the licensee or registrant proposes to sell.

§ 263-15. Use of streets.

No licensee or registrant shall have any exclusive right to any location in the public streets, nor shall he be permitted a stationary location, nor shall he be permitted to operate in any congested area where his operation might impede or inconvenience the public. He shall not be permitted to stand or remain in any one place for the purpose of soliciting or canvassing of any goods, wares or merchandise, or for any services, for which he has secured a license or registered as per this article, for a period longer than 15 minutes. For the purpose of this section, the judgment of a police officer, exercised in good faith, shall be deemed conclusive as to whether the area is congested or the public impeded or inconvenienced.

§ 263-16. Police enforcement.

- A. It shall be the duty of any police officer of the Township of West Milford to require any person seen soliciting or canvassing, and who is not known by such officer to be duly licensed or registered, to produce his solicitor's or canvasser's license certificate, and to enforce the provisions of this article against any person found to be violating the same.
- B. The Chief of Police shall report to the Township Clerk all convictions for violations of this article, and the Township Clerk shall maintain a record for each license issued and record the reports of violations therein.

§ 263-17. Exemptions.

- A. The definition of "solicitor" or "canvasser" shall not include persons soliciting or canvassing toward persons within the Township or originating within the Township in behalf of the following, the Township Council reserving to permit by resolution solicitation for any of the following which may originate out of the Township:
- (1) United Fund.
 - (2) Heart, cancer and similar funds.
 - (3) Red Cross.
 - (4) Nationally chartered veterans' organizations.

- (5) Sister Kenny.

(6) March of Dimes.

(7) Churches.

(8) Volunteer fire companies.

(9) First aid squads.

(10) Schools, parent-teachers' associations and other educational activities.

(11) Hospitals.

(12) Any other charitable organizations or activity not conducted for profit.
- B. In addition, the definition shall not include any person engaged in the delivery of goods, wares or merchandise or other articles or things in the regular course of business, from established local business places, and to persons or premises ordering or entitled to receive same.
- 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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Seconded by Councilman Goodsir.

Motion to move Ordinance 2025-012.

Moved:Conlon

Seconded:Goodsir

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

Voted Nay:None

Motion carried:

Agenda No. XIII

New Business, Introduction of Ordinances, Resolutions

Agenda No. XIII 1

~ Ordinance 2025 – 014 ~

ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 135 FEES AND COSTS SECTION 135-7 FINANCE OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES 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. Section 135-7, Finance is hereby amended as follows:

- § 135-7. Finance.

A. Nonsufficient funds (returned checks): \$20.

B. Redemption certificate: \$25.

C. Tax assessment:

(1) Duplicate bills: \$5.

D. There is hereby established a fee for the use of credit cards for the payment of taxes, interest, penalties and municipal charges or other fees and charged by the Township of West Milford, which shall equal a percentage fee on the amount of payment charged as set by a financial institution chosen by the Township to process said credit card payments. Said percentage fee shall not exceed, in any event, 3% of the total amount of the payment.

E. Request for redemption calculation; third and subsequent request in a calendar year: \$50 per request.

F. Lien redemption calculation: \$50.

G. Tax Sale Notification Mailings (2): \$50.

(Cost of Sale)

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Motion to move Ordinance 2025-014.

Mayor Dale asked to move Resolutions 2025-186 through 2025-196 and 2025-204.

~ Resolution 2025 – 186 ~

1. The Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute a contract with El Associates, 8 Ridgedale Avenue, Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927, for professional services to design and administer the sprinkler system at the Ridge Road Building at 649 Ridge Road, West Milford.
2. This contract is awarded 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 \$18,250.00, without prior written approval of the Township Council.

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4. That notice of this action shall be published in accordance with law and said notice to provide that the contract awarded and this resolution authorizing same are available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.

Adopted: April 23, 2025

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~ Resolution 2025 – 187 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 6 AND NO. 7 TO R.J. MICHAELS & CO., INC. FOR THE RENOVATIONS AND ALTERATIONS TO TOWN HALL ANNEX BUILDING FOR AN INCREASE NOT TO EXCEED \$25,100.50

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey authorized the award of a competitive bidding construction contract for the Renovations and Alterations to Town Hall Annex Building on February 8, 2023, by Resolution 2023-080; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 was required as a result of unforeseen conditions resulting in the replacement and installation of a new fire alarm system to include additional units in the basement and whole building system for a not to exceed \$17,907.00 contract increase to \$745,015.00; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 2 was required as a result of unforeseen conditions resulting in the replacement and installation of failing subflooring, installation of metal studs along an exterior wall, and installation of retro-type roof pipe flashings, including incidentals of the work for a not to exceed \$30,351.81 contract increase to \$775,366.81; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 3 was required as a result of unforeseen conditions resulting in the revised municipal office floorplan layout as a result of varying municipal departments; and for a not to exceed \$19,250.59 contract increase to \$794,614.40; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 4 was required as a result of unforeseen conditions resulting in the required replacement of the main front door due to water damage, rot and failing structural components; and for a not to exceed \$33,888.40 contract increase to \$828,502.80; and

WHEREAS, upon construction three additional change order proposals for a basement hot water heater with incidental plumbing and miscellaneous basement work, upgraded door openers and sequencing, and overall door hardware changes (No. 5, No. 6 and No. 7, respectively) were received from the Contractor, and the unforeseen changes required review from the Township in regards to the proposals from the contractor, R.J. Michaels & Co., Inc. for Change Order No. 5, No. 6 and No. 7 for the work, including incidentals; and

WHEREAS, the Township has reviewed the proposals and has determined Change Order No. 5 will not be pursued at this time; and

WHEREAS, due to the unforeseen conditions and changes to the scope of work it is recommended to increase the contract amount to accommodate the Change Order No. 6 and No. 7 which total amount of increase for the project is \$25,100.50 or 3.0%; and

WHEREAS, based upon the aforementioned Change Order No. 5 and No. 6 the total amount of the contract is now \$853,603.30; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified to the availability of funds for this change order, said funds to be paid from account no. 01-270-55-000-001.

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

1. The Township Council is hereby authorized to exceed the original contract award with prior approved Change Order No. 1, 2, 3 and 4 of \$828,502.80 to R.J. Michaels & Co., Inc., 333 Dodd Street, East Orange, NJ 07017 by an amount not to exceed \$25,100.50.
2. The Township's Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for same.
3. This resolution change order and contract shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk.

Adopted: April 23, 2025

Agenda No. XIII 4

~ Resolution 2025 – 188 ~

TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY

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RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING PURCHASES OF VOLLEYBALL SAND AND COURT EQUIPMENT FROM VOLLEYBALL USA OVER \$17,500 AND UNDER THE BID THRESHOLD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PAY-TO-PLAY LAW N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford has received an Open Space grant and wishes to install an outdoor Volleyball Court at Bubbling Springs Park; which expenses would exceed the Pay-to-Play threshold of \$1,500; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford Council has requested that any purchase over \$17,500 be approved by Council; and

WHEREAS, Volleyball USA will comply with state pay-to-play regulation by completing and submitting a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that the firm 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 Volleyball USA will not make any reportable contributions through the remainder of the year; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds to be encumbered from account number 02-213-41-832-001; and

WHEREAS, the Volleyball Sand and Court Equipment will exceed the \$17,500 and should not exceed the bid threshold of \$40,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the purchase of Volleyball Sand and Volleyball Court Equipment is hereby authorized and approved and the total purchase shall not exceed \$40,000.

Adopted: April 23, 2025

Agenda No. XIII 5

~ Resolution 2025 – 189 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING PURCHASES FROM DELL MARKETING LP FOR COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AS A STATE CONTRACT VENDOR PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 (A) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TOWNSHIP'S PURCHASING POLICIES AND PAY TO PLAY LAW N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 (a) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 (c), may, by virtue of this resolution and with a properly executed purchase order and without advertising for bids, purchase goods or services under any contract or contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford has a need on a timely basis to purchase goods utilizing the State Division of Purchase and Property contract for computer equipment, peripherals and related services awarded to Dell Marketing LP "Dell NASPO Computer Equipment PA – New Jersey" pursuant to agreement 23026 / M0483/24-TELE-71883 which expense would exceed the Pay-to-Play threshold of \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the above vendor shall comply with the State pay-to-play regulations by completing and submitting a Business Entity Disclosure Certification; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5 (b), no orders of materials shall be undertaken until such time as the funding for the goods or services are certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the appropriate Township officials be and are hereby authorized to execute purchases to Dell Marketing LP as a state contract vendor within the budget appropriation established for this purpose.

Adopted: April 23, 2025

Agenda No. XIII 6

~ Resolution 2025 – 190 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING DRAGON FLY NJ INC. APPLICATION TO THE CANNABIS REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR A CLASS 1 CANNABIS CULTIVATOR LICENSE

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey legalized the cultivation, manufacturing, sale and distribution of recreational cannabis pursuant to the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act; and

WHEREAS, the legalization of cannabis for recreational use will likely spawn a significant industry throughout the State of New Jersey that will create employment opportunities through its four sectors of growers, processors, wholesalers and retailers; and

WHEREAS, the Township is in position to benefit from all four sectors of the industry; and

WHEREAS the Township passed Ordinances 2021-029 and 2021-036 (collectively, the "Ordinances") and as amended, which, in part permit a limited number of licensed Cannabis businesses to operate in specific zones within the Township; and

WHEREAS, Dragon Fly Inc. demonstrated proof that it has secured a location at 400 Union Valley Road, West Milford, NJ (Block 14801, Lot 12) to conduct cannabis cultivation; and

WHEREAS, the Township has authorized the type of cannabis business license being sought by Dragonfly NJ Inc. within its jurisdiction, namely a Class 1 Cultivation License; and

WHEREAS, the Township has imposed a limit on the number of licensed cannabis businesses, and the issuance of a license to Dragonfly NJ Inc. by the State of New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission ("CRC") would not exceed that limit; and

WHEREAS, the Council is satisfied that Dragonfly NJ Inc. will have a positive impact on the Township's community; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of West Milford, in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey, that the Township supports Dragonfly NJ Inc. Class 1 Cannabis Cultivation License application to the CRC and is satisfied that Dragonfly NJ Inc. location is suitable for its proposed cannabis cultivating activities, subject to its compliance with the Ordinances and obtaining all necessary State and municipal approvals to conduct operations.

Adopted: April 23, 2025

Agenda No. XIII 7

~ Resolution 2025 – 191 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING DRAGONFLY NJ INC. APPLICATION TO THE CANNABIS REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR A CLASS 2 CANNABIS MANUFACTURER LICENSE

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey legalized the cultivation, manufacturing, sale and distribution of recreational cannabis pursuant to the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act; and

WHEREAS, the legalization of cannabis for recreational use will likely spawn a significant industry throughout the State of New Jersey that will create employment opportunities through its four sectors of growers, processors, wholesalers and retailers; and

WHEREAS, the Township is in position to benefit from all four sectors of the industry; and

WHEREAS the Township passed Ordinances 2021-029 and 2021-036 (collectively, the "Ordinances") and as amended, which, in part permit a limited number of licensed Cannabis businesses to operate in specific zones within the Township; and

WHEREAS, Dragonfly NJ Inc. demonstrated proof that it has secured a location at 400 Union Valley Road, West Milford, NJ (Block 14801, Lot 12) to manufacture cannabis products; and

WHEREAS, the Township has authorized the type of cannabis business license being sought by Dragonfly NJ Inc. within its jurisdiction, namely a Class 2 Manufacturer License; and

WHEREAS, the Township has imposed a limit on the number of licensed cannabis businesses, and the issuance of a license to Dragonfly NJ Inc. by the State of New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission ("CRC") would not exceed that limit; and

WHEREAS, the Council is satisfied that Dragonfly NJ Inc. will have a positive impact on the Township's community; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Officer has issued permit dated April 11, 2025 indicating that the location does conform to municipal zoning requirements allowing for activities related to the operation of the proposed cannabis manufacturer as required by N.J.A.C §17:30-7.8(a)4.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of West Milford, in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey, that the Township supports Dragonfly NJ Inc. Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer License application to the CRC and is satisfied that Dragonfly NJ Inc. location is suitable for the manufacturing of cannabis products, subject to its compliance with the Ordinances and obtaining all necessary State and municipal approvals to conduct operations.

Adopted: April 23, 2025

Agenda No. XIII 8

~ Resolution 2025 – 192 ~

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD COUNTY OF PASSAIC
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING PUBLIC SALE OF MUNICIPALITY OWNED PERSONAL
PROPERTY AT A PUBLIC AUCTION TO BE HELD ONLINE AT MUNICIBID.COM PURSUANT TO
N.J.S.A. 12A:2-328 SALE BY AUCTION AND N.J.S.A. 19:9-2.6 SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 12A:2-328 and N.J.S.A. 19:9-2.6, the Township of West Milford may sell any municipality-owned personal property at a public auction; and

WHEREAS, the sales are being conducted pursuant to the Division of Local Government Services’ Local Finance Notice 2008-21: and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:9-2.6 and the Division of Local Government Services’ Notice 2008-9 outline specific advertising requirements to provide for transparency and public participation in such sales; and

WHEREAS, The Township has secured the services of municibid.com to organize and conduct all aspects of the Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction; and

WHEREAS, prior to commencement of such sale, municibid.com shall confirm that the Township Administrator and Department of Public Works is apprised 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 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 Schedule “A” Property Auction Manifest shown below on an online auction website entitled www.municibid.com.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the terms and conditions entered into between municibid.com and the Township of West Milford are available at www.municibid.com; 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 the requirements for same.

Schedule “A” - Property Auction Manifest

EQUIPMENT	DESCRIPTION
Paintball Netting	Various Amounts and Sizes

Adopted: April 23, 2025

Agenda No. XIII 9

~ Resolution 2025 – 193 ~

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD COUNTY OF PASSAIC STATE OF NEW
JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE LEASING OF THE FIRST FLOOR OF 1073 WESTBROOK ROAD**

WHEREAS, the building located at 1073 Westbrook Road is underutilized; and

WHEREAS, RWA Educational Foundation Inc. (RWA) has expressed interest in leasing the first floor of the building for educational programming and homeschooling; and

WHEREAS, RWA has agreed to lease the first floor from August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2028 at a cost of \$1,813 per month; and

WHEREAS, residents will have the ability to utilize the services being provided by RWA; and

WHEREAS, the public will continue to be able to utilize the lower floor of the building and bathrooms for schedule events; and

WHEREAS, leasing the first floor of the building will have minimal impact on the use of the surrounding parkland; and

WHEREAS, the public is best served by entering into this lease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council authorizes the Mayor to enter into the lease agreement with RWA.

Adopted: April 23, 2025

Agenda No. XIII 10

~ Resolution 2025 – 194 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE WEST MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE LEASE OF A SCHOOL BUS FOR USE IN THE BUBBLING SPRINGS DAY CAMP PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford is desirous of using one (1) fifty-four (54) passenger school bus (hereinafter referred to as the “School Bus”) that is owned by the West Milford Board of Education to use in connection with the Township’s Bubbling Springs Day Camp Program in West Milford, NJ; and

WHEREAS, the West Milford Board of Education agrees to lease the School Bus to the Township from June 30th – August 15, 2025 in accordance with a Memorandum of Agreement filed in the Office of the Township Clerk; for 34 days at a rate of \$10.00 per day for a total of \$340.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford and the West Milford Board of Education have successfully engaged in this lease/loan program for a number of years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the proper officers be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute a Memorandum of Agreement for the lease of one school bus from the Board of Education to the Township of West Milford for use for the Township’s Bubbling Springs Day Camp Program from June 30 to August 15, 2025 .

Adopted: April 23, 2025

Agenda No. XIII 11

~ Resolution 2025 – 195 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN INCREASE TO THE NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS (NACCHO) SUSTAINING LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH GRANT

WHEREAS, in New Jersey, there are currently 104 health departments, serving diverse populations and ensuring swift and comprehensive public health response for the State’s nearly nine million residents; and

WHEREAS, the public health priority funding was discontinued in 2011 resulting in a reduced workforce and reduced available services; and

WHEREAS, NACCHO in an effort to provide critical resources to state; local and territorial health departments in support of a wide range of COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 testing and epidemiologic surveillance related activities has allotted to the Township of West Milford an addition to the existing Sustaining Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant in the amount of \$24,951, and

WHEREAS, the award will be effective for the grant period July 1, 2024 through March 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the funding enables the Township to continue to support a full-time Infectious Disease Preparedness Generalist, Local Health Outreach Coordinator, and other necessary staff to meet these needs; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of West Milford has determined that there is a need for these grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of West Milford hereby authorizes the submittal of an addition to the grant for the Sustaining Local Public Health Infrastructure Program 2024-2026 grant in the amount of \$24,951.

Adopted: April 23, 2025

Agenda No. XIII 12

~ Resolution 2025 – 196 ~

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IN REM FORECLOSURE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Township of West Milford has prepared and presented to the Mayor and Township Council an In Rem Foreclosure for the below listed property; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-104:35 provides, in pertinent part, that the Governing Body may by Resolution foreclose any of the tax sale certificates held by it, by summary proceedings In Rem as provided in the In Rem Foreclosure Act [L. 1948, c. 96]; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey, that Stuart Klepesh, Esq., with offices located at 25 Lindsley Drive Suite 200, Morristown NJ 07960-4454, is hereby authorized to foreclose the property schedule as noted below, and as reflected on the In Rem Foreclosure List, and also known as Block 6404, Lot 6 located on Greenwood Lake Turnpike within the Township of West Milford, a copy of which is on file in the Clerk’s Office and recorded in the office of the Passaic County Clerk on October 26, 2023 in Book M18682 at Page 188:

<u>Cert. #</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>
23-32	6404	6	Greenwood Lake Sports Center Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of the In Rem Foreclosure shall not exceed \$5,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available within the Administrator, Fees for Services account 01-201-20-100-450.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Adopted: April 23, 2025

Agenda No. XIII 13

~ Resolution 2025 – 204 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF A CANNABIS LICENSE FOR THE LICENSE YEAR 2025

WHEREAS, an application has been made for the new license for the 2025 license year; and

WHEREAS, the Cannabis Regulatory Commission has issued the Annual Class 5 Retailer license to the application listed below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of West Milford does hereby approve the issuance of 2025 License as listed below:

License No.	CANNABIS LICENSE – CLASS 5 RETAILER
2025-10	Beyond Bleaf LLC 753 Macopin Road, West Milford, NJ 07480 State License Number: RE000422

Adopted: April 23, 2025

Councilman Chazukow had questions regarding Resolution 2025-193. He noticed that there is a flat rate for this annually. He wanted to know the reason we do not have a rent increase when other services in the park are increasing. Administrator Senande indicated that it was a small, newer program and we are hoping it grows. It’s a three year lease that will be revisited at the end of the lease and it may lead to the

leasing of the whole building. Councilman Chazukow indicated that where he used to play little league the field is gone and there is now a giant cage with a bunch of plastic in it. At Brown’s Point where he enjoys playing disc golf, the State now has a project underway to pave half of the field and make it a parking lot. Mayor Dale explained that with regard to Resolution 2025-193 people will still have the use of the entire park and the bathrooms. Administrator Senande indicated that it is a home schooling organization. It is local and some surrounding neighborhood parents that will be teaching their own children. Councilman Chazukow expressed that he is sensitive to the use of the parks in West Milford and encroachment is an issue. He would like to see development for greater residential use. He thanked everyone for the clarification and has no problem with this proposal. Councilman Conlon commented that he learned about this program at the Health and Wellness Fair and they have a major nature component to the education so the park will actually be more utilized in that regard. Mayor Dale clarified that there is nothing leaving that space from a programming standpoint. The public still has use and there is nothing being taken away. The lower level of the building will still be available for the public to rent.

Motion to move Resolutions 2025-186 through 2025-196 and 2025-204.

Moved:Conlon

Seconded: Erik

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

Voted Nay:None

Motion carried:

Agenda No. XIV

Consent Agenda

~ Resolution 2025 – 197 ~

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) **2025-198** – Refund Recreation Fees
 - b) **2025-199** – Reinstatement of Taxes
 - c) **2025-200** – Other Liens
 - d) **2025-201** – Cancellation of Tax Sale

Adopted: April 23, 2025

Agenda No. XIV a

~ Resolution 2025 – 198 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF RECREATION FEES

BE IT RESOLVED that the following recreational fees upon the report of the Director of Community Services and Recreation be refunded:

DAYCAMP			
\$1,456.00	83 Continental Road West Milford, NJ 07480		
BOB ROSS – KIDS			
\$70.00	38 Castle Rock Road Hewitt, NJ 07421		
JUNIOR KIDS COOKING			
\$45.00	38 Castle Rock Road Hewitt, NJ 07421	\$45.00	34 Post Brook Road South WM, NJ 07480
SPRING HOOP HUSTLE			
\$40.00	24 Hancock Drive West Milford, NJ 07480		
PJ MUSIC			
\$115.00	18 Grant Avenue West Milford, NJ 07480		

YOGA STRENGTH			
\$20.00	2024 Macopin Road Suite C West Milford, NJ 07480		
BOATING SAFETY			
\$140.00	25 Alpine Court Hewitt, NJ 07421		

Adopted: April 23, 2025

Agenda No. XIV b

~ Resolution 2025 – 199 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REINSTATEMENT OF TAXES

WHEREAS, there appears on the tax records receipt of payment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes recommends the reinstatement of taxes due to reasons stated below.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the proper officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed to reinstate as listed below:

- REASON:
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9.
- INSUFFICIENT FUNDS

NO ACCOUNT/CANNOT LOCATE

ACCOUNT CLOSED

STOP PAYMENT

NO SIGNATURE ON CHECK

NON TRANSACTION ACCOUNT

INVALID ACCOUNT NUMBER

ACCOUNT FROZEN

REFER TO MAKER

BLOCK/LOT	AMOUNT	INT	YEAR	REASON
09101-021	\$3,892.00		2025	2
01816-025	\$5,098.00		2025	1
03301-001	\$2,131.51	\$125.76	2024	2
	\$2,012.00	\$47.28	2025	
09101-021	\$26.00	\$0.25	2025	2
04301-004	\$7,428.00	\$79.22	2025	2
4201-021	\$4,095.00		2025	2
08802-038	\$3,245.00		2025	9
06603-018	\$4.90	\$.05	2025	2
05607-001	\$2,204.00	\$8.91	2025	2
Total:	\$30,136.41	\$261.47		

Adopted: April 23, 2025

Agenda No. XIV c

~ Resolution 2025 – 200 ~

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

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	Premium	Pay to Lien Holder
22-0012	10/11/2022	04202-003	\$38,818.18	\$58,000.00	WSFS C/F Actlien Holding, Inc. PO Box 71539 Philadelphia, PA 19176-1539
TOTAL:			\$38,818.18	\$58,000.00	

Adopted: April 23, 2025

Agenda No. XIV d

~ Resolution 2025 – 201 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF MUNICIPAL TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #19-0035

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford in 2019 issued Tax Sale Certificate #19-0035; and

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate #19-0035 was issued in connection with the property located at Block 5301, Lot 39 on the tax map of the Township of West Milford; and

WHEREAS, at the time Tax Sale Certificate #19-0035 was issued, Lot 39 encompassed only the land portion of a physical lot (the ‘Land-Only Lot 39’), on which physical lot there was situated a physical improvement, which improvement was assigned a different Lot number – Lot 39.1 at Block 5301; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the former Lots 39 and 39.1 at Block 5301 were merged into a united lot encompassing both the land at and the improvement situated upon the physical lot, which united lot is now denoted as Lot 39 at Block 5301 (the ‘United Lot 39’); and

WHEREAS, in 2022, a Tax Sale Certificate #22-0014 was issued, for the delinquent real estate taxes owing in connection with the United Lot 39; and

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate #19-0035, held by the Township, concerns a Lot which no longer exists, and has been rendered moot and invalid; and

WHEREAS, an in rem foreclosure proceeding has commenced in connection with Tax Sale Certificate #22-0014; and

WHEREAS, the Township Tax Collector has requested that the Township Council take action to cancel Tax Sale Certificate #19-0035 by way of Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Township has exhausted every effort to resolve this issue, short of a Resolution of cancellation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford hereby authorize the Township Tax Office to cancel Tax Sale Certificate #19-0035.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as follows:

1.

All municipal officials are hereby authorized to take whatever actions may be necessary to implement the terms of this Resolution.
2.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: April 23, 2025

Moved:

Erik

Seconded:

Conlon

Voted Aye:

Erik, Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Conlon, Marsden

Voted Nay:

None

Motion carried:

Agenda No. XV

Approval of Expenditures

~ Resolution 2025 – 202 ~

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:

Minutes of:	Governing Body Regular Meeting
Date of Meeting:	April 23, 2025
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Acct #	Account Name	Amount
1	Current Account	\$153,203.94
3	Reserve Account	29,952.30
2	Grants	4,436.96
6	Refunds	98,749.18
1	General Ledger	11,093.00
26	Refuse	184,815.75
4	Capital	53,245.48
19	Animal Control	0.00
19	Heritage Trust	845.96
19	Open Space Trust	32,000.00
19	Trust	11,476.44
16	Development Escrow	6,445.00
19	Tax Sale Trust	0.00
21	Assessment Trust	0.00
	Special Reserve	149.00
Total		\$586,413.01
Less Refund Resolution		-98,749.18
Actual Bills List		\$487,663.83
Other Payments:		
Payroll		584,443.97
Enterprise		22,388.31
Board of Education		5,478,480.00
Treasurer, Dog Report		2,545.00
Total Expenditures		\$6,575,521.11

Moved: Erik Seconded: Conlon
Voted Aye: Erik, Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Goodsir, Conlon, Marsden
Voted Nay: None
Motion carried:

Reports of Mayor, Council Members, Administrator, and Attorney

Councilman Goodsir – Congratulated the volunteers that receive awards and mentioned that it is usually those who don't think that they deserve it, that really deserve it. Registration is now open for the Pump Track Clinic with Instructor Kathi Krause with Dirt, Rock N Root Training. The Recreation Department has expanded open gym hours to offer more time. Also an Open Gym Calendar has been created to easily see when and what time open gym will be happening. It is located on the Recreation page of the Township website. Registration will be opening soon for Bubbling Springs Lake Memberships. There are

a few spots remaining for the Kids Fishing Derby. It will be held at the lower lake at Bubbling Springs Park on Saturday May 17th from 9-11 a.m. There will be pizza, hot dogs prizes and more. The Elks will be having a sliced steak dinner this Friday.

Councilman Conlon – Congratulated all the volunteers and shared some anecdotes. Since the last meeting Ace Masonry and Hardscape has signed on for the Mayor’s Business Spotlight and one from Made in the Shade North Jersey was received today. There was a bill passed recently in the NJ Senate and Assembly. He’s familiar with the process and it makes sense that lake associations would have difficulty maintaining dams with fees from lake dues. He indicated that the State has a program that allows lake associations to apply for funding to cover the cost and keep residents and their property safe. The bill has taken almost four years to come to fruition, but it was finally passed and signed yesterday by the Governor. The bill brought in \$5.1 million dollars in loan funding to the lake associations of West Milford. There were 18 projects in the State and 4 in West Milford that take place in 3 lakes, High Crest Lake with two projects, Mount Glen Lake and Farm Crest Lake. Thank you to Senator Anthony Bucco who was the lead sponsor for the bill as well as co-sponsors Assembly members Dunn and Barranco.

Councilman Marsden – Wanted to thank the volunteers of the Search and Rescue team who helped out in Pompton Lakes to find a missing 12 year old girl and 14 year old boy. It was a holiday weekend and 19 volunteers showed up and the kids were found. Anyone interested in that group or the CERT Team can reach out on social media or contact marsden@westmilford.org.

Councilwoman Erik – Summarized the numbers for the monthly clean-ups and said there were 1326 bags of trash collected, 42 tires and 23 hubcaps that were coming off where the potholes are located. Some of the volunteers are finding money as well, so it pays to volunteer to clean up the roads. The owner of the dispensary over by Tractor Supply is going to Adopt-a-Road on a portion of the road from 3 Roads Deli to the stop sign by the flower shop and keep both sides of the road clean.

Administrator Senande – No report.

Attorney Pasternak – No report.

Agenda No. XVII

Appointments and Resignations

~ Resolution 2025 – 203 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY ACCEPTING RESIGNATION TENDERED

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford that they do hereby accept the following resignation tendered to the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee:

Name	Position	Date Tendered
Josephine Falzarano	Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Citizen Member 4 Term expires 12/31/25	April 9, 2025

Adopted: April 23, 2025

Moved: Lichtenberg

Seconded: Conlon

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

Voted Nay: None

Motion carried:

Heritage Committee Liaison Councilman Chazukow nominated Nathaniel Bedford for the Heritage Committee. Seconded by Councilwoman Erik. All were in favor.

Councilman President Marsden nominated Fay Bizub for the Community Services and Recreation Committee. Seconded by Councilman Goodsir. All were in favor.

TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY

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Adjournment

Moved:	Conlon	Seconded:	Erik
Voted Aye:	Unanimous voice vote		
Voted Nay:	None		
Motion carried.			

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Approved: May 7, 2025

Respectfully submitted:

Deidre Ellis, Keyboarding Clerk III

MICHELE DALE, MAYOR

WILLIAM SENANDE, TOWNSHIP CLERK