

**NORTH HANOVER TOWNSHIP
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 7, 2024, 7:00 P.M.**

**VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Dial In: 1-888-482-9769; Access Code 4493305#
OR
IN PERSON**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor DeBaecke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Mayor DeBaecke followed by a moment of silence

INVOCATION: Mr. Wayne Voorhees offered thoughts and prayers for all governments and peaceful transitions of power, now that the elections are over. He lifted up the family of Mayor DeBaecke as they are dealing with a serious illness in their family. He asked for blessings for the Country, State and North Hanover Township.

ROLL CALL: Mayor DeBaecke
Committeeman Doyle
Committeeman Forsyth
Committeeman Kocubinski

Absent: Deputy Mayor O'Donnell

Also Present: Township Clerk Mary Picariello and Township Attorney Roselli

SUNSHINE STATEMENT: “The provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met. Notice of this meeting has been transmitted by email to the Courier Post, Burlington County Times and The Trenton Times as well as given to those having requested same and posted on the Township bulletin board located in the foyer of the municipal building”.

PUBLIC COMMENT AS IT RELATES TO AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor DeBaecke opened the meeting to the public. There were no public comments this evening.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT

Proposed By: Mayor DeBaecke
Seconded By: Committeeman Forsyth

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence this evening.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Engineer Hirsh was not present this evening but has submitted a written report. Clerk Picariello stated Engineer Hirsh was meeting with the public works contractor next week to discuss the stormwater permit requirements. She also stated the FY25 NJDOT grant applications are due January 31, 2025. The FY23 NJDOT project works was mostly complete and a pay estimate has been issued to the contractor. The FY24 NJDOT project pay estimated has been submitted to the Township for processing.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

- October 17, 2024 – Regular Meeting

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Forsyth		X	X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Deputy Mayor O'Donnell						X
Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			

- October 17, 2024 – Executive Session

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Forsyth		X	X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Deputy Mayor O'Donnell						X
Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			

BILLS AND CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Forsyth		X	X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Deputy Mayor O'Donnell						X
Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			

ORDINANCE – ADOPTION

2024-16 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2024-15 Amending Ordinance 2024-07
Entitled “An Ordinance to Establish Salaries for Various Officials of the
Township of North Hanover, Burlington County, State of New Jersey, and
Regulating the Manner of Payment of Same”

**ORDINANCE 2024-16
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER**

**AN ORINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-15 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-07
ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH SALARIES FOR VARIOUS OFFICIALS OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER, BURLINGTON COUNTY, STATE OF NEW
JERSEY, AND REGULATING THE MANNER OF PAYMENT OF SAME” TO ESTABLISH
NEW TITLES AND SALARY RANGES FOR NEW TITLES**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of North Hanover, that 2024-16 Amending 2024-15 Amending Ordinance 2024-07 entitled “An Ordinance To Establish Salaries For Various Officials Of The Township Of North Hanover, Burlington County, State of New Jersey, And Regulating The Manner of Payment of Same” be and is hereby amended to include certain new titles and salary ranges for said new titles as follows (additions are bolded and underlined):

SECTION 1. The annual rate (unless otherwise specified) of compensation, salary, wages of the following officers, appointees and employees of North Hanover Township is hereby fixed in the following schedule:

TITLE	PER ANNUM
Construction Code Official	8,000 - 20,000
Building Sub Code Official/Inspector	5,000 - 20,000
TACO/Zoning Secy/Coah Liaison/JLUB Secy	5,000 - 50,000
Plumbing Sub Code Official/Inspector	3,000 - 15,000
Fire Sub Code Official/Inspector	3,000 - 12,000
Electric Sub Code Official/Inspector	5,000 - 15,000

SECTION 2. All Ordinances inconsistent with the above are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance and the salaries herein are subject to all Federal Laws, rulings, and guidelines concerning prices and wages.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect after its final passage and publication according to law and shall be effective as of **September 1, 2024** or date of hire or appointment if after January 1, 2025.

MAYOR OPENS THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public comments this evening.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed By: Mayor DeBaecke

Seconded By: Committeeman Forsyth

MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2024-16

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Forsyth			X			
Committeeman Kocubinski	X		X			
Committeeman O'Donnell						X
Mayor DeBaecke		X	X			

ORDINANCE – ADOPTION

2024-17 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2022-06 Entitled “An Ordinance of The Township of North Hanover, Burlington County, State of New Jersey, Appropriating \$150,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund to Provide for Various Capital Improvements”

**ORDINANCE 2024-17
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-06 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$150,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PROVIDE FOR VARIOUS CAPTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of North Hanover, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. \$150,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund of the Township of North Hanover, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey (the “Township”) to provide for various capital improvements and accessory equipment therefor and incidental thereto as follows:

Police Vehicle Camera’s	\$ 10,000.00
Drainage Imp. and Engineering	\$ 40,000.00
Computer’s and related	
Equipment	\$ 45,000.00
Municipal Building Flooring	
and related equipment	\$ 20,000.00
Municipal Building Doors	\$ 35,000.00
Harley Rake	\$ 0

SECTION 2. Said acquisitions are lawful capital improvements of the Township having a period of usefulness of at least five (5) years. Said improvements and acquisitions shall be made as general improvements, no part of the cost of which shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

MAYOR OPENS THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public comments this evening. Committeeman Doyle inquired if GPS trackers could be purchased through Capital. Attorney Roselli stated he was unsure and he should check with CFO Bruno.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed By: Mayor DeBaecke
Seconded By: Committeeman Kocubinski

MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2024-17

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Forsyth		X	X			
Committeeman Kocubinski	X		X			
Deputy Mayor O'Donnell						X
Mayor DeBaecke			X			

CONSENT AGENDA DEFINED:

All Resolutions listed on today’s consent agenda are to be considered as one vote by Township Committee and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.

2024-165 Resolution Authorizing Refund of Overpayment of Taxes
RESOLUTION 2024-165
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of North Hanover that, as requested by the Tax Collector, it hereby authorizes a refund of overpayment of 2024 taxes, in the amount of \$1,938.16 to CoreLogic, for Block 400 Lot 95 commonly known as 628 Hanover Drive.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Forsyth		X	X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Deputy Mayor O'Donnell						X
Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			

2024-166 Resolution Authorizing Refund of Overpayment of Taxes
RESOLUTION 2024-166
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of North Hanover that, as requested by the Tax Collector, it hereby authorizes a refund of overpayment of 2024 taxes, in the amount of \$1,661.59 to CoreLogic, for Block 901 Lot 1.02 commonly known as 7 Meany Road.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Forsyth		X	X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Deputy Mayor O'Donnell						X
Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			

2024-167 Resolution Authorizing Refund of Overpayment of Taxes
RESOLUTION 2024-167
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of North Hanover that, as requested by the Tax Collector, it hereby authorizes a refund of overpayment of 2024 taxes, in the amount of \$1,386.42 to CoreLogic, for Block 604.03 Lot 28 commonly known as 244 Warren Drive.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Doyle			X			

Committeeman Forsyth		X	X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Deputy Mayor O'Donnell						X
Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			

2024-168 Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Douglas Servis

RESOLUTION 2024-168

TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER

COUNTY OF BURLINGTON

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION

OF DOUGLAS SERVIS

BE IT RESOVLED, by the Township Committee of the Township of North Hanover that we hereby accept the resignation of Douglas Servis. as a Full-Time Emergency Medical Technician for the Township of North Hanover effective November 1, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

- 1. Personnel File Douglas Servis
- 2. Chief Financial Officer
- 3. EMT Supervisor

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Forsyth		X	X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Deputy Mayor O'Donnell						X
Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			

2024-169 Resolution Appointing Full-Time Emergency Medical Technician

RESOLUTION 2024-169

TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER

COUNTY OF BURLINGTON

APPOINTMENT OF FULL-TIME EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. Title 40 and Title 40A provide for the Appointment of Certain Officers, Appointees, and Employees to be appointed in Township Positions to carry out the lawful duties and responsibilities of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Salary Ordinance provides for the rate of Compensation, Salary, or Wages of Certain Officers, Appointees and Employees of said Township.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Officers, Appointees, and Employees are hereby appointed for their respective terms, as follows:

EMT ~ Jose Porras-Masis

Effective Date of Employment: 11/19/2024

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above-named positions will be compensated as per the Salary Ordinance and Salary Resolution at a rate of \$22.00 per hour.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Forsyth		X	X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Deputy Mayor O'Donnell						X
Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			

2024-170 Resolution Authorizing Consent to New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Permit for North Hanover Realty Partners Urban Renewal LLC

RESOLUTION 2024-170

**TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONSENT TO NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PERMIT FOR
NORTH HANOVER REALTY PARTNERS URBAN RENEWAL LLC**

WHEREAS, the proposed North Hanover Realty Partners Urban Renewal LLC, located at Croshaw Road and McGuire Access Highway in the Township of North Hanover has made application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”) for a Treatment Works Approval Permit concerning Block 602, Lot 9.02; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has reviewed said application made by the owner North Hanover Realty Partners Urban Renewal LLC and has recommended execution of the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of North Hanover, County of Burlington County, State of New Jersey that the Township Committee hereby consents to the proposed project and hereby authorizes the Township Engineer to execute the NJDEP Statements of Consent on behalf of the Township.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Forsyth		X	X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Deputy Mayor O'Donnell						X
Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			

2024-171 Resolution Amending Resolution 2024-75 Entitled “A Resolution To Establish Salaries for Various Officials of the Township of North Hanover, Burlington County, New Jersey”

**RESOLUTION 2024-171
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2024-75 ENTITLED “A RESOLUTION TO
ESTABLISH SALARIES FOR VARIOUS OFFICIALS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
NORTH HANOVER, BURLINGTON COUNTY,
NEW JERSEY”**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of North Hanover Township, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The hourly rate of compensation, salary, wages of the following officers, appointees, and employees of the Township of North Hanover is hereby fixed in the following schedule payable bi-weekly, monthly, or annually:

			PER ANNUM
Caitlin Decker	COAH Administrative Agent/Liaison		
	Const Tech Asst/JLUB/Zoning Secy		46,170.00
Jeffrey K. Jones	Construction Official		20,873.95
Harry W. Case	Electrical Inspector		12,895.24
Frank Kopec	Plumbing Inspector		12,510.92
Doug Borgstrom	Fire Inspector		9,048.15
Gregory Huber	Fire Sub Code		1,575.93

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above listed salaries shall be effective as of **September 1, 2024** for employees on the payroll on January 1, 2024. All employees appointed to a position after January 1, 2024 shall have the salary or wage effective the date of hire or appointment.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Forsyth		X	X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Deputy Mayor O'Donnell						X
Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

2024-172 Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Excess Municipal Property No Longer Needed for Public Use

**RESOLUTION 2024-172
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF EXCESS MUNICIPAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 authorizes the sale or other disposition of surplus municipal property no longer need for public use when authorized by resolution duly adopted by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 (6) further provides that if the estimated fair value of property to be sold does not exceed the applicable bid threshold in any one sale, the property may be sold at private sale without advertising for bids; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to dispose of said surplus property identified herein by way of private sale as the estimated fair value of same does not exceed the applicable bid threshold.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of North Hanover, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that it does hereby authorize the disposal by way of private sale and without advertising for bids the following Township personal property no longer needed for public use because the estimated fair value of the property does not exceed the applicable bid threshold in any one sale:

Year	Make	Model	Vin#
2005	Ford	Crown Victoria	1FAFP71W45X177411
2001	Ford	Excursion	1FMNU41SX1EB88639

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Forsyth			X			
Committeeman Kocubinski	X		X			
Deputy Mayor O'Donnell						X
Mayor DeBaecke		X				

2024-173 Resolution to Award Contract for Municipal Building Vestibule Door Improvements

**RESOLUTION 2024-173
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

**RESOLUTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR
MUNICIPAL BUILDING VESTIBULE DOOR IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Township of North Hanover (the ‘Township’) requires the replacement of the entrance vestibule doors at the Municipal Building and desires to install handicap accessible features to same, and

WHEREAS, the Township proceeded to solicit bids for the Municipal Building Vestibule Door Improvements project and received one (1) bid response as indicated on the attached Summary of Bids, with the low bid in the amount of \$35,000.00 submitted by Garozza and Scimeca Construction Inc., and

WHEREAS, the lowest qualified bid is below the Engineer’s Estimate and submitted by a Contractor who has demonstrated experience completing similar work; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has reviewed the submitted bids and recommended award of the contract to Garozza and Scimeca Construction Inc. in the amount of \$35,000.00 via correspondence dated October 11, 2024, subject to the conditions contained therein,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of North Hanover that the project known as the Municipal Building Vestibule Door Improvements project, is awarded to Garozza and Scimeca Construction Inc., in the amount of \$35,000.00, subject to submission of required documentation.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Doyle	X		X			

Committeeman Forsyth			X			
Committeeman Kocubinski		X	X			
Deputy Mayor O'Donnell						X
Mayor DeBaecke			X			

2024-174
Resolution Authorizing Pay Estimate No. One to Arawak Paving Company in Connection with the NJDOT FY24 Ivy Lane/Chestnut Drive Improvement Project

RESOLUTION 2024-174
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAY ESTIMATE NO. ONE TO ARAWAK PAVING COMPANY IN CONNECTION WITH THE NJDOT FY 2024 IVY LANE/CHESTNUT DRIVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Township of North Hanover’s Engineers, Environmental Resolutions, Inc., has reviewed the Arawak Paving Company. Payment Certificate No. 1, representing payment in the total amount of \$122,512.64, for the Ivy Lane/Chestnut Drive Road Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Engineer has determined that the condition of the improvement is satisfactory; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Township’s Engineer that the Township of North Hanover authorize the release the payment on voucher in the total amount of \$122,512.64 to Arawak Paving Company; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Township Committee to approve the release of the payment on voucher in the amount referenced herein, in accordance with the Township Engineer’s recommendations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of North Hanover, that the Township authorizes the payment in the total amount of \$122,512.64 to Arawak Paving Company.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be provided to the Finance Director and the Township Engineer for their information and attention.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Doyle		X	X			
Committeeman Forsyth			X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Deputy Mayor O'Donnell			X			
Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			

2024-175
Resolution Amending Resolution 2024-132 Approving Shared Services Agreement Between the Township of North Hanover and Township of New Hanover for Construction Code Related Services by Amending Certain Terms of Shared Services Agreement

RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 175
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2024-132 APPROVING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER AND TOWNSHIP OF NEW HANOVER FOR CONSTRUCTION CODE RELATED SERVICES BY AMENDING CERTAIN TERMS OF THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the *Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act*, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 *et seq.*, permits local units of this State to enter into shared services agreements with any other local unit for the joint provision within their combined jurisdictions of any service which any party to the agreement is empowered to provide within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:25-4.6 authorizes two municipalities to administer and enforce the Construction Code services and the applicable regulations and sub-codes under the regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of North Hanover Township previously adopted on August 15, 2024, Resolution No. 2024-132. Approving a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of New Hanover for the provisions of Construction Code services for New Hanover Township residents; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend both Resolution No. 2024-132 and the Shared Services Agreement previously approved such that the term of the initial term of the agreement shall be four years, commencing September 1, 2024 and terminating on August 31, 2028; and

WHEREAS, New Hanover Township, Burlington County desires to contract with the North Hanover Township for the provision of such Construction Code services; and

WHEREAS, North Hanover Township is agreeable to providing those services to New Hanover Township, Burlington County, upon certain other specified conditions; and

WHEREAS, North Hanover Township and New Hanover Township, Burlington County, desire to execute a Shared Services Agreement, pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. as the agreement is in the best interest of North Hanover Township and New Hanover Township; and

WHEREAS, such agreements are authorized pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. and shall only become effective upon the adoption of a resolution by the governing body of each public entity authorizing and approving said agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of North Hanover, in the County of Burlington, that it does hereby approve of the Shared Services Agreement Between the Township of North Hanover and the Township of New Hanover for Construction Code Related Services, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk and the Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of North Hanover Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary for the New Hanover Township, Burlington County, Municipal Clerk Board of Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution and agreement shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services as per NJSA 40A:65-4 (3)b.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Doyle		X	X			
Committeeman Forsyth			X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Deputy Mayor O'Donnell						X
Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			

DISCUSSION

- Best Practice Inventory – Clerk Picariello noted the scoring for North Hanover was 42.5 and no State Aid would be withheld. Mayor DeBaecke thanked CFO Bruno and Clerk Picariello for their work. Committeeman Kocubinski sought clarification on several Ethic’s questions.
- Cable Television Franchise Renewal – Attorney Roselli gave an overview of the competitive nature of cable companies. He also noted there is no longer competition in this area. He gave an overview of the current cable contract.
- Fair Share Housing Obligations Fourth Round – Clerk Picariello stated the obligation is 37 units. Attorney Roselli reviewed the fair share housing process and obligations. He noted the VLA report is being done by the planner. He stated the Resolution adopting the numbers must be done by January 30th and the plan must be completed by June 30, 2025. Committeeman Kocubinski stated he was preferential to disabled veteran housing.

Attorney Roselli noted the formula has been approved. He stated must have zoning to allow for it. He noted a realistic opportunity.

- Clerk/Administrator Interviews – There was a general consensus to have Attorney Roselli, Committeeman Doyle and Mayor DeBaecke to conduct the interviews.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE “COMMENTS”

Committeeman Kocubinski stated the Tree lighting was scheduled for December 6th at 7pm and thanked the members for their work. He discussed the lack of membership and discussion was held regarding getting volunteers. There was a general consensus to allow recreational coaches fees, to be waived, for their children’s sports that they are coaching for. This would be an incentive to obtain coaches.

Committeeman Forsyth congratulated Committeeman Elect Palombi and Committeeman Elect Giberson on their election.

Committeeman Doyle also offered congratulations. He thanked Deputy Mayor O’Donnell and Committeeman Kocubinski for their hard work and years of bi-partisan relations. He noted we all worked well together. He noted Deputy Mayor O’Donnell’s hard work with Fire and EMS services. He noted Committeeman Kocubinski’ knowledge was unmatched.

Mayor DeBaecke noted the trunk or treat was well attended and went well. He thanked everyone for their work. He offered congratulations to the newly elected. He thanked Deputy Mayor O’Donnell and Committeeman Kocubinski for their hard work and noted he really enjoyed working with them.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Questions, comments or statements from members of the public in attendance.

Mayor DeBaecke opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Harry Schultz inquired about the new doors and asked if it was handicapped accessible. He was told yes. He inquired about handicapped doors in the police department and access to the elevator. Clerk Picariello stated the elevator is in the stairwell and off limits to the public for liability issues. It was also noted the Police Department entrance is handicapped accessible. Committeeman Forsyth stated the front doors were rotting out. Mr. Schultz noted the trunk or treat was well attended and a lot of fun.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT

Proposed By: Mayor DeBaecke

Seconded By: Committeeman Kocubinski

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

2024-176 Authorizing a Closed Session Meeting to discuss the following matter(s) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 and N.J.S.A. 10:4-12; **Police Department Personnel Matters**, Contract Matters, Personnel and Litigation matters

RESOLUTION 2024-176 TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER COUNTY OF BURLINGTON

AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION MEETING

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 and P.L. 2001, C. 404, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of North Hanover Township wishes to go into a closed Executive Session and is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist which should not be discussed in public, and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 and N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits the Township Committee to discuss certain matter(s) in private, and in this case for the purpose of the Township Committee to discuss contract negotiations, litigation and personnel matters in this regard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Township Committee of North Hanover Township that it will go into an Executive Session for the purpose of the Township Committee to discuss **Police Department Personnel Matters**, Contract Matters, Litigation and Personnel matters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of such discussion may be revealed at such time as the matter(s) are resolved and/or a contract(s) is signed and/or the negotiations are formally settled. Interested parties may contact the Township Clerk anytime during normal business hours for periodic updates as to the availability in this regard.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Forsyth	X		x			
Committeeman Kocubinski		X	X			
Deputy Mayor O'Donnell						X
Mayor DeBaecke			X			

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

7:51 pm

Proposed By: Committeeman Doyle

Seconded By: Committeeman Forsyth

Respectively submitted,

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