

Millburn Township Committee Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Millburn, in Essex County, New Jersey, held in Town Hall starting at 7:30 PM on the above date.

Mayor Lieberberg opened the meeting and read the following statement:

In accordance with Section 5 of the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Public Laws, 1975, are advised that notice of this meeting was made by posting on the Bulletin Board, Town Hall, and serving the officially designated newspapers, a notice stating that this meeting would take place at the Town Hall at 7:30 PM on March 17, 2020.

Due to the emergency circumstances the following additional notice was provided to the public and press prior to the meeting:

“Due to the COVID-19 pandemic Millburn town hall will be closed to the public for the March 17, 2020 Millburn Township Committee Meeting beginning at 7:30PM. The Township Committee will be considering essential and regular business items only. Please see below directions to access our livestream meeting through YouTube. There will be an opportunity to comment through YouTube during the public comment period. Please be advised that you must be registered with YouTube in order to comment which is a free service. Please be sure to list your name and address when commenting. Prepared statements and questions during regular business hours prior to the meeting may be sent to townclerk@millburntwp.org. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Stay healthy.”

Mayor Lieberberg asked all those present to stand for the Salute to the Flag.

Upon call of the roll, the following Committee members were recorded present: Cheryl H. Burstein (via conference call), Jackie Benjamin Lieberberg, Tara B. Prupis, Dianne Thall Eglow and Richard J. Wasserman. Also present were Business Administrator Alexander McDonald, Township Attorney Brad Carney, Township Clerk Christine Gatti and Assistant Administrator Jimmy Homs.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Lieberberg asked for a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was offered by Mr. Wasserman and seconded by Ms. Prupis.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

Minutes

Mayor Lieberberg asked for a motion to approve the February 18, 2020 regular meeting minutes. The motion was made by Ms. Burstein and seconded by Mr. Wasserman.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

Reports

The following statement was made and submitted by Mayor Lieberberg:

“CORONA VIRUS/OEM: As of yesterday evening, we have declared a state of emergency in the township-- This was done as a preemptive measure to ensure that our Direct responders, police and fire departments can execute the necessary actions to continue to keep us safe and limit exposures of the Covid-19 virus—As of this writing, there are a total of 3 cases—2 FEMALE individuals over 60+ who are self-quarantined and one 75 year old MALE—who is also self-quarantined--- NO ONE AT THIS TIME IS HOSPITALIZED..... We continue to act assiduously to ensure that all protocols and procedures are in place to best protect our residents.

We have set up a Hot line for our seniors so we can provide them with a mechanism for essential support for groceries and prescriptions—the number is 973-447-1223—this is for residents—70 years of age or older and those that are 60+ with underlying health issues---our staff will also be using numbers gathered by those who call to check in on them on a regular basis. We encourage everyone to check in on their family members and neighbors that fit this category and help out however you can. We

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appreciate all the great things from our residents and all their efforts to help those around them during these challenging times.

We mandate that only essential traffic after 8 PM— only (supermarkets and pharmacies) should be conducting business—we request all restaurant pick up/delivery to end by 8 PM starting Wednesday, March 18th to further support the governor’s recommendation to restrict travel.

As of this afternoon and 8 PM tonight, the Governor has closed the Short Hills Mall—restaurants will be open for takeout only.

Please let me assure you that Millburn Township is in good hands—Our emergency Management protocols are in Place—our first responders are ready--our police, fire and first aid squad know the requisite procedures—Your town leadership is in place--- Please continue to follow the social distancing mandates--- I am so very grateful for our professional staff – please check in on your neighbors--

- *"Every hand that we don't shake must become a phone call that we place."*
- *"Every embrace that we avoid must become a verbal expression of warmth and concern."*
- *"Every inch and every foot that we physically place between ourselves and another, must become a thought as to how we might be of help to that other, should the need arise."*

Ms. Burstein announced that a new executive director has been appointed to the communication center.

Mr. Wasserman thanked Mayor Lieberberg for her leadership during this difficult time. He also thanked all the first responders and noted everyone is in this together.

Public Comment

Mayor Lieberberg announced that the meeting was being livestreamed open for comment from the public via YouTube live platform. Mr. Homsy advised there were nine people listening in and read the following comments for the record.

Jamie Serruto, of 77 Jefferson Avenue, commented keep up the good work.

Mayor Lieberberg said she would return to public comment in order to allow the public the opportunity to sign on.

Public Comment – Consent Agenda

Mayor Lieberberg asked if there were any comments or questions regarding items on the Consent Agenda. No other comments or questions were presented.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Lieberberg asked for a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. Ms. Thall Eglow made a motion to approve the consent agenda which was seconded by Mr. Wasserman.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

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**RESOLUTION 20-077
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BILLS PAYABLE**

RESOLVED that the Township Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to accept for payment and pay bills or items as they appear on Schedule dated March 17th, 2020, in the following accounts:

General	\$	397,267.09
Capital Fund		555,719.68
Parking Utility - Operating Fund		3,903.11
Dog Trust Fund		190.80
Donation Trust Fund		823.78
Escrow Trust Fund		20,577.20
Police Off Duty Trust Fund		36,190.00

**TOWNSHIP OF MILLBURN
RESOLUTION 20-078
AUTHORIZE THE REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer of the Township of Millburn be and he is hereby authorized and directed to the draw warrants to pay the payees listed below in the specified amounts;

<u>Make check payable to:</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Michael I. Schneck, Trustee and Ken & Ming Gosier 301 South Livingston Ave. Ste. 105 Livingston, NJ 07039 Block 1207 Lot 24 26 Whitney Rd.	Tax Appeal 2019 taxes	\$2,769.55
Vikas & Shridevi Shetty and Michael Vespasiano Attorney Trust Account 331 Main Street Chatham, NJ 07928 Block 1506 Lot 35 80 Hillside Ave	Tax Appeal 2018 taxes (\$3,379.85) 2019 taxes (\$6,396.02)	\$9,775.87
Theodore II & Joanne Nacheff and Michael Vespasiano Attorney Trust Account 331 Main Street Chatham, NJ 07928 Block 1604 Lot 3 45 Crescent Place	Tax Appeal 2019 taxes	\$4,761.31
Steven Lynch & Lisa Courtney and Michael Vespasiano Attorney Trust Account 331 Main Street Chatham, NJ 07928 Block 2002 Lot 6 66 South Terrace Tracy Lippes c/o Valerie Hofer Esq. Trust Account 241 Radcliffe St 1 st Fl Bristol, PA 19007 Block 2101 Lot 1 1 Twin Oak Rd	Tax Appeal 2018 taxes (\$2,335.66) 2019 taxes (\$2,370.04) Tax Appeal 2018 taxes (\$2,605.74) 2019 taxes (\$4,367.59)	\$4,705.70 \$6,973.33

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<p>Scott & Rosemary Becchi and McCarter & English LLP Four Gateway Center 100 Mulberry Street Newark, NJ 07102 Block 2110 Lot 1 37 Highland Ave</p>	<p>Tax Appeal 2018 taxes (\$1,460.74) 2019 taxes (\$4,859.74)</p>	<p>\$6,320.48</p>
<p>Jeffrey & Jennifer Chrzanowski and Michael Vespasiano Attorney Trust Account 331 Main Street Chatham, NJ 07928 Block 2111 Lot 23 24 Wells Lane</p>	<p>Tax Appeal 2019 taxes</p>	<p>\$4,421.63</p>
<p>Garen Sarafian & Rita Yeretsian c/o Skoloff & Wolfe P.C. 293 Eisenhower Parkway Livingston, NJ 07039 Block 2303 Lot 17 35 Barnsdale Rd.</p>	<p>Tax Appeal 2018 taxes (\$2,067.47) 2019 taxes (\$2,097.91)</p>	<p>\$4,165.38</p>
<p>Cooperman Qual Per Tr c/o Valerie Hofer Esq. Trust Account 241 Radcliffe Street, 1st FL. Bristol, PA 19007 Block 2801 Lot 47 45 Watchung Rd</p>	<p>Tax Appeal 2017 taxes (\$1,961.79) 2018 taxes (\$4,566.70) 2019 taxes (\$4,633.93)</p>	<p>\$11,162.42</p>
<p>Michele Bass and Brach Eichler LLC 101 Eisenhower Parkway Roseland, NJ 07068 Block 3006 Lot 3 16 Joanna Way</p>	<p>Tax Appeal 2018 taxes (\$2,474.50) 2019 taxes (\$7,175.74)</p>	<p>\$9,650.24</p>
<p>Joseph & Nancy Leone and Michael Vespasiano Attorney Trust Account 331 Main Street Chatham, NJ 07928 Block 3103 Lot 30 71 Minnisink Rd.</p>	<p>Tax Appeal 2018 taxes (\$5,371.25) 2019 taxes (\$7,380.32)</p>	<p>\$12,751.57</p>
<p>Clifford & Debra Bernstein and Michael Vespasiano Attorney Trust Account 331 Main Street Chatham, NJ 07928 Block 3201 Lot 19 70 Falmouth Street</p>	<p>Tax Appeal 2019 taxes</p>	<p>\$3,655.42</p>
<p>Sherif & Maggie Zakhary and Michael Vespasiano Attorney Trust Account 331 Main Street Chatham, NJ 07928 Block 3204 Lot 14 10 Falmouth St</p>	<p>Tax Appeal 2018 taxes (\$5,365.54) 2019 taxes (\$5,444.53)</p>	<p>\$10,810.07</p>
<p>Demetrios & Christine Skalkotos and</p>	<p>Tax Appeal</p>	<p>\$2,642.17</p>

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<p>McCarter & English LLP Four Gateway Center 100 Mulberry Street Newark, NJ 07102 Block 3304 Lot 13 21 Slope Drive</p>	<p>2019 taxes</p>	
<p>Charles III & Eleanor Schaefer and McCarter & English LLP Four Gateway Center 100 Mulberry Street Newark, NJ 07102 Block 3304 Lot 33 307 Hobart Ave</p>	<p>Tax Appeal 2019 taxes</p>	<p>\$14,355.34</p>
<p>Vivek & Sutapa Sahay and Michael Vespasiano Attorney Trust Account 331 Main Street Chatham, NJ 07928 Block 3704 Lot 14 260 Dale Drive</p>	<p>Tax Appeal 2017 taxes (\$2,923.20) 2018 taxes (\$5,848.65) 2019 taxes (\$7,864.75)</p>	<p>\$16,636.60</p>
<p>Gregg & Pamela Adelsheimer and Michael Vespasiano Attorney Trust Account 331 Main Street Chatham, NJ 07928 Block 3901 Lot 13 52 Seminole Way</p>	<p>Tax Appeal 2018 taxes (\$3,767.86) 2019 taxes (\$3,823.33)</p>	<p>\$7,591.19</p>
<p>Marc & Alisa Brucker and Michael Vespasiano Attorney Trust Account 331 Main Street Chatham, NJ 07928 Block 4501 Lot 8 10 Dominick Court</p>	<p>Tax Appeal 2019 taxes</p>	<p>\$4,776.75</p>
<p>Meer Ahmad Hasan, Salma Rahman & Michael Vespasiano Attorney Trust Account 331 Main Street Chatham, NJ 07928 Block 4501 Lot 42 1038 South Orange Ave</p>	<p>Tax Appeal 2019 taxes</p>	<p>\$4,081.95</p>
<p>David & Debra Horowitz and Michael Vespasiano Attorney Trust Account 331 Main Street Chatham, NJ 07928 Block 4503 Lot 9 38 Athens Rd</p>	<p>Tax Appeal 2019 taxes</p>	<p>\$2,198.27</p>
<p>Michael I. Schneck Trustee and Angela Stetz 301 South Livingston Ave Ste. 105 Livingston, NJ 07039 Block 4802 Lot 1 57 Westview Rd</p>	<p>Tax Appeal 2019 taxes</p>	<p>\$1,073.08</p>
<p>Jennifer R. Jacobus Trustee and</p>	<p>Tax Appeal</p>	<p>\$8,905.45</p>

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Vadim & Anna Berman Khidekel	2016 taxes
201 Littleton Rd 1 st Floor	(\$1,195.47)
Morris Plains, NJ 07950	2018 taxes
Block 4901 Lot 18	(\$3,826.82)
413 White Oak Ridge Rd	2019 taxes
	(\$3,883.16)

Jessica Perilman and Michael Vespasiano Attorney Trust Account 331 Main Street Chatham, NJ 07928 Block 4903 Lot 40 365 Long Hill Dr.	Tax Appeal 2019 taxes	\$6,658.50
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Michael I. Schneck Trustee and Behyar Khajehzadeh 301 South Livingston Ave Ste. 105 Livingston, NJ 07039 Block 5107 Lot 14 22 Wordsworth Rd.	Tax Appeal 2019 taxes	\$1,930.00
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following tax appeals be processed between the 45th and 60th day from the date of judgment;

Jennifer R. Jacobus Trustee and Carsten & Meaghan Schwarting 201 Littleton Rd, 1 st Floor Morris Plains, NJ 07950 Block 3006 Lot 23 49 Adams Ave	Tax Appeal 2018 taxes (\$6,318.44) 2019 taxes (\$6,411.46)	12,729.90
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**RESOLUTION 20-079
AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF STORM SEWER INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENTS**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IS RESOLVED that the Millburn Township Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Indemnification Agreement for Storm Sewer Connection for 271 Millburn Avenue, Block: 704, Lot: 5, as per the recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Works.

**RESOLUTION 20-080
APPROVE 2020-2021 TAXI/LIVERY LICENSE**

WHEREAS, the following applicant(s) has submitted an application for a Taxicab/Livery License; providing all required documentation and the appropriate fees;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a 2020 – 2021 Taxi/Livery License be issued to:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Vantastic Shuttle/Michael Dana	Livery Owner and Driver
Short Hills Taxi and Livery Service/Hamza-A-Ahmed	Livery Owner and Driver

**RESOLUTION 20-081
APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSES**

WHEREAS, the following have submitted application to the Township Clerk to conduct a raffle, providing all required identification and the appropriate fees; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department is in receipt of a copy of the application per the regulation of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following be approved:

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Birth Haven
Wyoming School PTO
Deerfield School PTO
Parents Guild Oratory Prep

2020 Budget Introduction

Mr. McDonald opened up the budget presentation, noting that there is a requirement that the township shall introduce and adopt the budget by a certain date. Mr. McDonald introduced the Chief Financial Officer for the township, Jason Gabloff. Mr. Gabloff presented a general overview of the township’s budget indicating there is a 1.07% increase from last year, with the biggest driver being pension costs, labor contracts and decrease in valuation. He pointed out that this increase includes increasing the Police Department table of organization by 4 officers. Mr. McDonald stated that the budget and presentation will available on the website. He noted that the township is in a good financial position to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. McDonald and Mr. Gabloff addressed comments from the Committee regarding the budget.

Resolution 20-083

Mayor Lieberberg brought forth Resolution 20-083, asking for a motion to approve. Ms. Thall Eglow made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Wasserman.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

RESOLUTION 20-083
GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE
UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION’S
“Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment
Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964”

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the Governing Body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit’s hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,” as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Governing Body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit’s hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual’s criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Millburn, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit’s hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

Resolution 20-084

Mayor Lieberberg announced that the presentation and public hearing for the 2020 budget will be at the April 21, 2020 meeting.

Mayor Lieberberg brought forth Resolution 20-084 and asked for a motion to approve. Ms. Prupis made a motion to approve, noting that the budget would be noticed on March 26, 2020 in The Item and the public hearing would be held on April 21, 2020. Mayor Lieberberg seconded the motion.

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Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

TOWNSHIP OF MILLBURN
RESOLUTION 20-084
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BUDGET AND
SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE (April 21, 2020)

MUNICIPAL BUDGET NOTICE
Municipal Budget of the Township of Millburn, County of Essex
for the Fiscal Year 2020

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget be published in The Item of Millburn and Short Hills in the issue of March 26, 2020.

The Governing Body of the Township of Millburn does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2020:

RECORDED VOTE: Ayes: Cheryl Burstein, Tara Prupis, Dianne Thall Eglow, Richard Wasserman, Jackie Benjamin Lieberberg
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstain: NONE

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Millburn, County of Essex, on March 17, 2020.

A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at Town Hall on April 21, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2020 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested parties.

Ordinance/Second Reading and Consideration of Adoption

Ordinance 2550-20: ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER VII "TRAFFIC", SECTION 7-29 "SPEED LIMITS" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLBURN

Mayor Lieberberg brought forth referenced Ordinance 2550-20, which was scheduled public hearing and consideration of adoption this evening. Mayor Lieberberg stated that she would like to carry the public hearing of Ordinance 2550-20 to the April 21, 2020 Committee meeting due to the situation created by the pandemic. Mayor Lieberberg made a motion to carry the public hearing to April 21, 2020 meeting, which was seconded by Ms. Burstein.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

Ordinance 2550-20 is hereby carried to the April 21, 2020 Township Committee meeting.

Ordinance/Introduction

Ordinance 2554-20

Ms. Thall Eglow brought forth Ordinance 2554-20 for introduction. Mr. Gabloff reviewed the need for the CAP bank as a sort of insurance policy. Ms. Burstein noted this is done every year. Ms. Thall Eglow moved that the ordinance be taken up and passed on first reading, noting that the public hearing would take place on April 21, 2020. Mr. Wasserman seconded the motion.

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Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

**ORDINANCE NO. 2554-20
CALENDAR YEAR 2020
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4 45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Millburn, in the County of Essex, finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2020 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body for said year, amounting final appropriations otherwise advisable and necessary; and, hereby determines that a 1% increase in the to \$452,656.94 in excess of the in the Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated, as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Township of Millburn, in the County of Essex, a majority of the full authorized of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2020 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Millburn shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40: 45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$1,584,299.29 and that the CY 2020 municipal budget for the Township of Millburn be approved and adopt accordance with ordinance; and,

BE IF FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, with the that a Director certified copy of this ordinance as of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IF FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon be within 5 days after such adoption of this ordinance upon field with said Director.

Ordinance 2555-20

Mayor Lieberberg brought forth Ordinance 2555-20 for introduction and gave an explanatory statement. Mayor Lieberberg moved that the ordinance be taken up and passed on first reading, noting that the public hearing would take place on April 21, 2020. Mr. Wasserman seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

**ORDINANCE NO. 2555-20
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY PURCHASE OR
CONDEMNATION OF AN EASEMENT INTEREST IN A PORTION OF THE REAL PROPERTY
LOCATED AT 388 HOBART AVENUE, KNOWN AS BLOCK 3402, LOT 1**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: *This ordinance is being proposed to authorize the acquisition of permanent easement on the corner of Hobart Avenue and Hobart Gap Road in order to enable certain signal and related infrastructure improvements to be made to the intersection, and to permit access for*

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maintenance of certain existing roadway improvement.

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(a)(1) “any municipality, by ordinance, may provide for the acquisition of any real property, capital improvement, or personal property: (1) by purchase, gift, devise, lease, exchange, or condemnation;” and

WHEREAS, there is a need to improve the intersection of Hobart Avenue and White Oak Ridge Road with the addition of a signal and related infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, through consultation with the Township’s engineering consultants, Simco Engineering, PC the Township has determined that certain signal improvements at the intersection of Hobart Avenue and White Oak Ridge Road would improve roadway safety the intersection; and

WHEREAS, Simco Engineering, PC has designed proposed signal and infrastructure improvements which improvements will require the Township to acquire a permanent easement over a portion of property located at 388 Hobart Avenue, also known as Block 3402, Lot 1, as identified in the attached parcel description by metes and bounds, in the Township of Millburn; and

WHEREAS, during the process of designing the infrastructure improvements, it was determined that there exist certain roadway improvements adjacent to the existing roadway, but not within an easement area which permits access to maintain such improvements; and

WHEREAS, based upon the goal of improving traffic safety at the intersection and maintaining existing roadway improvements, and in consultation with the Township’s consulting engineers, the Township has identified the property located at 388 Hobart Avenue as a necessary location on which to locate certain improvements related to the proposed signal and infrastructure improvements and to maintain existing roadway improvements; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee:

1. The appraisal of the permanent easement located at 388 Hobart Avenue, (Block 3402, Lot 1) prepared by Integra Realty Resources on behalf of the Township is hereby accepted and approved in its entirety, including but not limited to the appraised value of \$3,000.00.
2. The Business Administrator and/or the firm of Maraziti, Falcon, LLP is authorized to submit a written offer for the purchase of the aforementioned easement and to negotiate its acquisition with the property owner on the basis of the aforementioned appraisal.
3. In the event that the Business Administrator and/or the firm of Maraziti, Falcon, LLP is unable to acquire the property interest through good faith negotiation, the firm of Maraziti Falcon, LLP is authorized to file an action in Superior Court to acquire the same through condemnation in accordance with the Eminent Domain Act of 1971, N.J.S.A. 20:3-1 et seq. and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(a)(1).
4. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as provided by law.

Old Business

No one presented new business.

New Business

No one presented new business.

Public Comment

Mayor Lieberberg announced she was returning to public comment via Facebook Live.

Mr. McDonald read a question from Nancy Stone, of 10 Fielding Road. Ms. Stone posed questions regarding the COVID-19 cases in town. Mayor Lieberberg advised that those cases are self-quarantined and the town has limited information that can be shared.

Ms. Stone asked about the percentage of the police and fire budget. She said it should be increased due to robberies. Mr. Wasserman concurred, stating that is why four additional police officers are going to be hired. He stated that they may move forward with hiring more in 2021. Ms. Thall Eglow asked for confirmation, which was given by Mr. Gabloff that 4 new police officers and 4 new cars are in the proposed budget. Mr. Wasserman advised that they will be patrol officers. Ms. Stone was advised that the police budget and the budget in full will be posted on the website, if she would like to look at it in more detail.

As there were no additional comments, Mayor Lieberberg closed the public comment.

Adjournment

Mayor Lieberberg asked if anyone had any remaining comments or questions. Receiving none, she called for a motion to close the public session of the meeting, which was offered by Ms. Thall Eglow and seconded by Ms. Prupis. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM. Vote: All Ayes

Christine A. Gatti, RMC
Township Clerk

Approved: April 21, 2020