

ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – JANUARY 7, 2019

REORGANIZATION MEETING

The Reorganization Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway was held on Monday, January 7, 2019 in the Council Chambers located within the Municipal Building, 65 Mt. Hope Road, Township of Rockaway, State of New Jersey commencing at 7:30p.m.

Council President Jedynak led those present in the Salute to the American Flag.

Council President Jedynak called for a Moment of Silence to remember the Service and Sacrifices of the Armed Service Members who Protect our Nation and the First Responders who Protect our Neighborhoods.

Present: Council Members Quinn, Friedlander, Palumbo, Smith, Sackett, Kelley, Jackson, Abrahamsen, Jedynak

Present from Administration: Mayor Michael Puzio, Attorney John Iacofano, Ms. Patricia Seger, Mr. David Dyer, Ms. Lisa Palmieri, Ms. Allison Ferrante,

Council President Jedynak stated “this meeting was advertised in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq.). Notice was published in the Township’s Official Newspapers, the Daily Record and the Star Ledger on January 5, 2019. Notice was posted on the Official Bulletin Boards of Rockaway Township.”

Lieutenant Michael Dachisen was designated as Sergeant of Arms.

President Jedynak read the Township Code 2-5.15.

Township Code 2-5.15 Decorum:

While the Council is in session, the members shall preserve order and decorum. The Council President, at his/her discretion shall direct the Chief of Police or such other person in the Police Department as he may designate to be the Sergeant of Arms at the Council meeting. The Sergeant at Arms shall employ reasonable means to maintain the proper order and decorum consistent with accepted standards.

Council President Jedynak made a statement at this time: “As of this meeting, I have decided to step aside as Council President to allow another Council Member to share leadership responsibilities and serve as Council President this year. I have personal and family commitments that have taken up significantly more time over the past year. I will continue to serve in my capacity as an At-Large Council Member, and look forward to playing a supporting role and continuing to represent the taxpayers of Rockaway Township.”

Motion was made by Vice-President Abrahamsen, seconded by Council Member Palumbo to appoint Council Member Kelley as Council President.

Motion was made by Council Member Friedlander, seconded by Council Member Quinn to appoint Council Member Sackett as Council President.

Roll Call Was Taken for the Motion made by Vice-President Abrahamsen.

Yah Votes: 5(Palumbo, Smith, Kelley, Abrahamsen, Jedynak)

Nah Votes: 4(Quinn, Friedlander, Sackett, Jackson)

Motion is carried.

The Council took a recess at this time for Council Member Kelley to be sworn in at this time.

The meeting resumed.

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Puzio stated the following: "I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and welcome all of you to Rockaway Township's 2019 reorganization meeting. It is my privilege to serve as your Mayor and I am eager to highlight some of Mayor Michael Dachisen and our Administration's accomplishments from 2018 and share with you my vision for the future.

As required by code 2-3.1 the Mayor shall annually report to the Council and the public on the work of the previous year. In 2018:

- Purchased and refurbished a used curbside recycling truck sorely needed in the division. Saving the tax payers \$215,000.
- Provided curbside collection to the township residents, along with the collection and disposal of 13 containers at the 2 recycling centers.
- Installed over 800 feet of drainage pipping and catch basins.
- Milled 2 intersections with the townships shared service Road Zipper and paved the roads in house.
- Rehabilitated the townships basketball court at Peterson field. Which included soil grading, storm basin rebuilding and paving.
- Rebuilt basins and prepped 9 streets for capital budget paving.
- Plowed and salted streets during 3 back to back Nor'easters.
- Provided snow removal on 4,000 feet of sidewalks and stairs at township buildings.
- Completed the Omaha Avenue Water Main Replacement Project with the installation of 2,600 feet of new service lines and seven new fire hydrants.
- Replaced eight older style fire hydrants throughout our distribution system.

- Replaced 20 plus year old control panels at North Lake Shore sewer pumping stations with a new control system.
- Flushed almost 10,000 feet of sewer lines for preventative maintenance.
- Completed repairs to 29 water leaks of various sizes.
- Designed and painted on a weekly bases 52 soccer fields, 3 football fields, 3 lacrosse fields and 22 baseball fields, for men's and women's league sports as well as boy's and girl's little league.
- Provided services to Recreation summer programs
- Designed and accepted the delivery of a new KME Fire Apparatus.
- Accepted several new members to the volunteer fire/ems service.
- Completed the purchase of a new fire/rescue boat.
- Completed one hundred and twenty-nine Life Hazard Registration Inspections.
- The police department introduced the ALICE System for responding to active shooter incidents into all of the township's public schools. Instruction was given to all of the school employees so that they would be prepared should the unthinkable happen in our schools. Refresher follow-ups will continue in 2019.
- Police Department started a new Honor Guard unit. This team of officers represent the PD in appropriate ceremonies and public events throughout the year, such as the Memorial Day parade. Praise for the professionalism and sharpness of the officers has been forth coming from the public, other departments and the Governor's Wife, to name a few.
- The department successfully intervened in 12 overdose incidents as of this date by delivering doses of NarCan, which resulted in saving the lives of those who were suffering opioid overdoses. Without the timely intervention of these officers, additional lives would have been lost to the opioid epidemic.
- The department has hired seven new patrol officers in 2018 and promoted a total of eight officers to higher rank ranging from captain to sergeant.
- Along the lines of shared services.
 - Generated \$230,000 in offsetting revenue through shared services agreements that provide public and environmental services to four additional municipalities in Morris County.
 - These shared agreements not only generate considerable revenue for the Township, but also realize efficiencies in service delivery, forge sensible relationships based on geography, demographics and service needs, and enhance the Township's potential for relevant grant funding. By comparison, the Division of Health brought in \$33,087 in 2013
 - Notably, the Division of Health successfully implemented the first year of a new public health shared services agreement in Jefferson Township

- Improvements to Rockaway Township Senior Center roof, funded largely by \$60,000 Community Development Block Grant secured by joint departmental in-house staff.
- Successfully applied for \$75,000 Community Development Block Grant to provide necessary restoration to interior of Rockaway Township Senior Center.
- Performed 167 communicable disease investigations in Rockaway Township, Butler Borough and Borough of Victory Gardens, stopping and preventing spread of infectious disease.
- Construction Department received more than 1,700 new permits
- Board of Adjustment heard 19 application
- Planning Board heard 25 applications
- Accessible walkway was completed at Peterson Fields
- Started the long anticipated drainage improvements to Richard Mine Road
- Received New Jersey Department of Transportation grant in the amount of \$290,000.00 for Taylor Street roadway improvements
- Applied for several other grants and are awaiting the results
- New Dining establishments in Rockaway Township are the Cheesecake Factory and Miller's Ale House.
- Expansion and addition to Shoprite located within the Rockaway River Commons retail area is underway
- CIBAO meat products will soon open a newly renovated 94,000 square foot warehouse and processing facility along Green Pond Road. CIBAO meat products, operating for over 40 years in Bronx, NY looked to Rockaway Township for a larger facility to accommodate their growing business. The facility is currently undergoing inspections from the United States Department of Agriculture and is expected to create approximately 75 new jobs once they are up and running
- Worked with developers in 2018 to ensure our new residential communities at Pondview and Lennar are compliant with State and local regulations
- Worked with Verizon and JCP&L to complete their cell tower to the point where they are up and running.
- Met with NJDOT to discuss upcoming safety improvements to RT 46 corridor within Rockaway Township

I want to assure the residents that Rockaway Township is moving forward providing the services you expect. We have a great staff that is committed to providing professional services.

Another part of the administrative code (2.3.1(b)) is to recommend to the Township Council goals that I believe are in the best interest of the public. I would like to recommend the following goals for 2019:

- I would like to see completion of the Township basketball courts at Peterson Field
- Gazebo project at Parks Lake Completed
- See new businesses brought to the town (WAWA-reactivate & explore)
- Improve our efficiency and to assist the residents through technology such as: Online payment of licenses, viewing open and closed permits, submitting applications and permits online to name a few.
- New field, tennis courts and improvements to Peterson Field
- Continuing our paving schedule
- Website redesign and improvements

I would like to thank the volunteers, staff, and professional, without whom we would not be able to continue to provide the level of service that residents expect.

To the Township Council, I wish them luck in 2019 and I am looking forward to working with you to accomplish these goals and working together for the betterment of our community. I am committed to put the time and effort for our citizens. As Steve Jobs said “Great things in business are never done by one person; they’re done by a team of people”.

Together we can succeed.”

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS:

A. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (ONE-YEAR TERM):

Pat Matarazzo, Chair
 Craig Barkhausen
 Keith D’Angiolillo
 Lisa Salberg
 Mark Hiler
 David Forti
 Jack Elko

B. OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE (SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION, ONE-YEAR TERM):

Pat Matarazzo, Chair
 Craig Barkhausen
 Mark Hiler
 David Forti

C. PARKS AND RECREATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (ONE-YEAR TERM):

Doug Brooks, Sr.
Doug Brooks, Jr.
Doug Bratton
Jonathan Sackett

D. SHADE TREE COMMISSION (ONE-YEAR TERM):

Edith Yates, Chair
Linda Hiler
Mark Hiler
Robert Thomas Perrault
Kris McMorland

E. FINANCIAL REVIEW BOARD (CLASS II MEMBER):

Lisa Palmieri

F. LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (FIVE-YEAR TERM):

Ray Furman
Neil Weiss, Mayor's Designee

G. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Cpt. Robert Scherr
Chief Martin McParland
Bert parks

H. SAFETY DELEGATE COMMITTEE:

Chief Martin McParland, Delegate
Lt. Paul Reilly, Alternate Delegate

I. PLANNING BOARD (CLASS I & CLASS II ONE-YEAR TERM, CLASS IV THREE-YEAR TERM):

Michael Puzio, Class I
Robert Scherr, Class II
Ray Tahan, Class IV Full Member (Previously an Alternate Member)

J. MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE:

Lisa Palmieri

Brenda Budd
Susan Soeey
Aaron Tomasini
Doug Johnson

K. CLEAN COMMUNITIES COORDINATOR (ONE-YEAR TERM):

Cara Sileno

L. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REVENUE SHARING COMMITTEE (ONE-YEAR TERM):

Peter Tabbot, Regular Member
Allison Ferrante, Alternate Member

M. RECYCLING COORDINATOR (ONE-YEAR TERM):

Al Knoth

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS WITH ADVISE AND CONSENT OF THE COUNCIL:

A. CITIZEN'S RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Robert Colon, Chair
Margaret Argenziano
John Boylan
Tom Maginley
Kevin McAloon
Gerard Nolan
Brian Toohey
Rich Oller
Jacki Quinn Baeder
Nicholas Wallwork
Steve Leo
Amy Kolis

There was discussion amongst the Administration, Mayor and Council regarding the Council not being provided with the Mayor's Appointments for the Citizen's Recreation Committee prior to tonight's meeting.

Council President Jedynak raised concerns about not being provided with resumes or letters of interest for any of the Mayor's Appointments requiring advise and consent of the Council.

Motion was made by Council Member Sackett, seconded by Council Member Palumbo to table the Citizen's Recreation Committee Appointments to the next Council Meeting.

Roll Call Was Taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (Quinn, Friedlander, Jedynek, Palumbo, Sackett, Jackson, Abrahamsen, Smith, Kelley)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion is carried.

A. AFFORDABLE HOUSING OFFICER (ONE-YEAR TERM):

Valerie Schrek

B. MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY (ONE-YEAR TERM):

Iaciofano & Perrone

C. BOND COUNSEL (ONE-YEAR TERM):

Deborah Verderame (Pearlman and Miranda)

D. MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR (ONE-YEAR TERM):

Peter King

Lisa Thomson, Alternate

E. PUBLIC DEFENDER (ONE-YEAR TERM):

Joseph O'Toole

John Grey, Alternate

Gerald Kelly, Alternate

Joseph Bell, Jr., Alternate

Motion was made by Council Member Sackett, seconded by Council Member Quinn to approve the Mayor's Appointments with Advice and Consent of the Council.

Roll Call Was Taken:

Yah Votes:

B: 8 (Quinn, Friedlander, Palumbo, Smith, Sackett, Jackson, Abrahamsen, Kelley)

C: 4 (Quinn, Friedlander, Sackett, Jackson)

D: 8 (Quinn, Friedlander, Palumbo, Smith, Sackett, Jackson, Abrahamsen, Kelley)

E: 8 (Quinn, Friedlander, Palumbo, Smith, Sackett, Jackson, Abrahamsen, Kelley)

F: 8 (Quinn, Friedlander, Palumbo, Smith, Sackett, Jackson, Abrahamsen, Kelley)

Nah Votes:

- B: 1 (Jedynak)
- C: 5 (Jedynak, Palumbo, Smith, Abrahamsen, Kelley)
- D: 1 (Jedynak)
- E: 1 (Jedynak)
- F: 1 (Jedynak)

Motion is carried, with the exception of the appointment of Municipal Attorney.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS:

A. AUDITOR (ONE-YEAR TERM):

Nisivoccia & Company

B. PLANNING BOARD CLASS III MEMBER (ONE-YEAR TERM):

Phyllis Smith

C. FINANCIAL REVIEW BOARD:

Dan Goscicki

D. ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

Jim Loftus

Adam Lusardi

Council Member Sackett, seconded by Council Member Friedlander to modify Adam Lusardi's appointment from a Full Member, to an Alternate Member.

Roll Call Was Taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (Quinn, Friedlander, Jedynak, Palumbo, Smith, Sackett, Jackson, Abrahamsen, Kelley)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion is carried.

E. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION ALTERNATES (ONE YEAR TERM):

Judith Brown, Alternate I

Charlie Boguset, Alternate II

Motion was made by Council Member Jackson, seconded by Vice-President Abrahamsen to approve the Council Appointments.

Roll Call Was Taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (Quinn, Friedlander, Jedynak, Palumbo, Smith, Sackett, Jackson, Abrahamsen, Kelley)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion is carried.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APPOINTMENTS:

A. TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Marc Frega
John Knab

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. December 11, 2018 – Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Vice-President Abrahamsen to approve the December 11, 2018 Minutes.

Roll Call Was Taken.

Yah Votes: 8 (Quinn, Friedlander, Jedynak, Palumbo, Smith, Jackson, Abrahamsen, Kelley)

Nah Votes: 1 (Sackett)

Motion is carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Michael Iliardi, 19 N. Brookside Drive – Mr. Iliardi thanked the Council President for moving the Open to the Public portion to earlier in the meeting. Mr. Iliardi also raised concerns about there not being enough microphones for the Council, and there not being name plates for some members of Administration and Council Member Jackson.

Pat Degnan, 88 Valley View Drive – Ms. Degnan raised concerns about communications she had with the Council President at the December 11, 2018 meeting concerning the preparation of the agenda and the Clerk's duties. Ms. Degnan also raised concerns about how she was treated by the Vice-President.

Deborah Linell, 237 W. Lakeshore Drive – Ms. Linell raised concerns about the consistent behavior of the majority of the Council, mistakes made by the Clerk and the appointment of Council Member Kelley as Council President rather than Council Member Sackett.

James Warters, 48 Seneca Avenue – Mr. Warters thanked President Kelley for not using the timer and monitoring the "five-minute rule", thanked the Clerk's office for their assistance while he was researching reorganization meetings from previous years, raised concerns about the scheduling of the 2019 Reorganization Meeting when there were no appointments required to be made January 1st.

Patrick Deo, 11 Valley Road – Mr. Deo congratulated President Kelley and stated that he hoped the Mayor and Council can work better together going forward and he wished

them well. Mr. Deo also raised concerns about the Council, Administration and Mayor not being familiar with the Township Code and questioned whether public hearings had been held in the fall for budget hearings.

John Schmidt, Gloucester City, NJ – Mr. Schmidt stated that the residents of Rockaway Township are calling for change, changes are being made and asked everyone to give the Mayor and Council time to work together and make things better. Mr Schmidt raised concerns about the public budget meetings outlined in the Township Code, the Mayor's appointments of Department Heads not being on the agenda, raised concerns about the appointments of the Township Attorney and the Acting Clerk, OPRA requests and emails amongst Council Members.

Mary Hollenbeck, 31 Notch Road – Ms. Hollenbeck raised concerns about the Bowlbyville sewer line assessments, questioned why they were never done, when they will move forward and why the anticipated revenue was never included in the Township's budget.

Stacey Gregg, 40 Sunrise Road – Ms. Gregg wished everyone a Happy New Year, questioned the status of purchasing additional microphones for the Council, raised concerns about her road not having sewers, her home having a Wharton mailing address, actions of the Acting Clerk, the Recall Election, actions of President Kelley and stated that the Council has lost the confidence of the public.

ORDINANCES TO INTRODUCE:

- A. O-19-01 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A PERPETUAL DEED OF EASEMENT TO ACCOMMODATE THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL SERVICE BY JCP&L TO REAL PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS LOT 1 in Block 11301 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY WHICH IS MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE "MCVEIGH PROPERTY", 65 MOUNT HOPE ROAD**

There was no discussion about this Ordinance amongst the Council.

ORDINANCE NO. O-19-01

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A PERPETUAL DEED OF EASEMENT TO ACCOMMODATE THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL SERVICE BY JCP&L TO REAL PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS LOT 1 in Block 11301 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY WHICH IS MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE "MCVEIGH PROPERTY", 65 MOUNT HOPE ROAD

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-4 authorizes a municipality to acquire easements; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5 requires that the conveyance of easements by municipalities be accomplished by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide electrical service to a certain Verizon Wireless Cell Tower which has been constructed pursuant to a competitive bid and ground lease respecting on a designated portion of the property identified as Lot 1 in Block 11301 on the Official Tax Map of the Township of Rockaway (Property), and, in order to relocate and enhance the delivery of electrical service to municipal improvements located on the Property, it is necessary to for the Township of Rockaway, as the owner of the subject real property, to convey an easement to JCP&L to accommodate the provision of such electrical services; and

WHEREAS, the physical scope and path of the easement is specifically described in a metes and bounds description prepared by Anthony M. DeVizio, P.E.,P.L.S. (DeVizio), and which is depicted on Survey completed by DeVizio dated November 28, 2018 and on an Easement and Utility Layout prepared by Nicholas D. Barile, P.E. completed on November 28, 2018, which have been attached to the easement; all of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference; and,

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Township Council that approving the conveyance of the Deed of Easement, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference, is necessary for the Township to allow for the provision of electrical service to the Verizon Cell Tower and to relocate and enhance the electrical services to certain municipal operations, and, that such conveyance would, therefore, be in the best interests of the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Township is hereby authorized to convey the Deed of Easement aforesaid under the terms and conditions set forth therein.

After all requirements respecting the enactment of this ordinance have been fulfilled the Easement and the aforesaid metes and bounds description and survey prepared by Anthony M. DeVizio, P.E.,P.L.S. (DeVizio), and the Easement and Utility Layout prepared by Nicholas D. Barile, P.E. shall be recorded in the Office of the Morris County Clerk.

SECTION 2. Having passed a first reading, this Ordinance shall be published in the manner required by N.J.S.A. 40:49-6, at least once not less than ten (10) days prior to the time fixed for further consideration for final passage.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:49-6, at least one week prior to the time fixed for final passage, a copy of the Ordinance, together with notice of the introduction, including time and place fixed for final passage, shall be mailed to every person whose land may be affected by the Ordinance.

SECTION 4. The Township Clerk shall, within sixty (60) days after the Ordinance becomes effective, file a certified copy thereof, under the seal of the Township of Rockaway, together with a copy of the proof of publication thereof, in the Office of the Clerk of Morris County, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:67-21.

SECTION 5. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all instruments and to do all things necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

SECTION 6. All Ordinances, resolutions, and regulations or parts of ordinances, resolutions and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed as to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 7. If any section, paragraph, article, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, article, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and approval in accordance with law.

ATTEST
TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Christina Clipperton,
Acting Township Clerk

Michael Puzio, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Christina Clipperton, Acting Township Clerk of the Township of Rockaway, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of an Ordinance introduced by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened meeting held on _____, and adopted at a duly convened meeting held on _____.

Christina Clipperton, Acting Township Clerk

Statement of Purpose

To authorize the Township's conveyance of a perpetual Deed of Easement to provide electrical service to the Verizon Cell Tower in order to fulfill the Township's obligations pursuant to its award of a public competitive bid and ground lease and to relocate and enhance the delivery of electrical services to municipal operations located on the subject premises, which houses the Municipal Building, Main Library, and DPW Garage

Motion was made by Council Member Jackson, seconded by Council Member Quinn to introduce Ordinance O-19-01.

Roll Call Was Taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (Quinn, Friedlander, Jedynek, Palumbo, Smith, Sackett, Jackson, Abrahamsen, Kelley)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion is carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTIONS:

- A. R-19-01** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT TO COLLECT MONEYS AND FEES AND DEPOSIT THEM IN A DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY
- B. R-19-02** RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR 2019
- C. R-19-03** RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY FOR THE YEAR 2019
- D. R-19-04** RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN BOARD FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY FOR THE YEAR 2019
- E. R-19-05** RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE FEE FOR RECEIVING NOTICES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR 2019
- F. R-19-06** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SEWER ASSESSMENT PAYMENTS
- G. R-19-07** RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING INTEREST ON DELINQUENT TAXES
- H. R-19-08** RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICER TO PROVIDE SURETY BONDS ON VARIOUS EMPLOYEES AND APPOINTEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY
- I. R-19-09** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY

- J. R-19-11** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY TO JOIN MORRIS COUNTY ADAPTIVE RECREATIONAL PROGRAM (McARP)
- K. R-19-12** REDEMPTION OF TAX TITLE LIEN C#17-0004 AGAINST BLOCK 10608 LOT 1 KNOWN AS 36 CHRISTOPHER STREET.
- L. R-19-13** 2017 & 2018 TAX COURT JUDGMENT REFUNDS
- M. R-19-14** A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS
- N. R-19-15** RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICER TO CERTIFY UNPAID MUNICIPAL LIENS
- O. R-19-16** RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PENALTY ON DELINQUENT TAXES
- P. R-19-17** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF SMALL BALANCES LESS THAN \$10.00
- Q. R-19-18** RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
- R. R-19-19** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NJDOT FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO MOUNT PLEASANT AVENUE

Council Member Sackett requested that Resolution R-19-02 be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Council Member Jedynek requested that Resolution R-19-04 be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

**TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

R-19-01

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT TO COLLECT MONEYS AND FEES AND DEPOSIT THEM IN A DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14, the Administrator of the Municipal Court of the Township of Rockaway shall cause all moneys and fees collected in her custody to be deposited only in a designated depository for the Township of Rockaway in a Court Administrator’s Account, and that all Warrants drawn on said Account shall be by the Court Administrator of the Township of Rockaway for the calendar year 2019.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a true copy of a Resolution Adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened Meeting held on January 7, 2019.

Christina Clipperton
Acting Township Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

R-19-03

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE
TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY FOR THE YEAR 2019**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act requires the relevant Governing Body to, by Resolution, select official newspapers to be recipients of Notices required by said Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway that the Daily Record be the primary official newspaper for the calendar year 2019, and that the Star Ledger and The Citizen are selected as official newspapers in the event that the Daily Record is unable to publish required notices or in the event that a notice requires notification to more than one official newspaper.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a true copy of a Resolution Adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened Meeting held on January 7, 2019.

Christina Clipperton
Acting Township Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

R-19-05

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE FEE FOR RECEIVING NOTICES
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR 2019**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act provides that any person may request a Public Body mail to them copies of any Regular Meeting Schedule and revision, and any advance notice of Meetings upon prepayment of such person of a reasonable sum, if any such sum has been fixed by Resolution of the Governing Body to cover the cost of providing such Notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway as follows:

1. That the fee to be paid by persons desiring Notice as above described, pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, for the year 2019 is \$45.00.

2. That all requests for Notices shall terminate at midnight on December 31st of each year.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a true copy of a Resolution Adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened Meeting held on January 7, 2019.

Christina Clipperton
Acting Township Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW
JERSEY**

R-19-06

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SEWER ASSESSMENT
PAYMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Township Council has initiated a program of assessing property owners for sewer payments over a 20 year period; and

WHEREAS, on occasion property owners are unable to make the periodic payments as scheduled; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township and the property owners that some relief be granted in the form of late payment allowance, 5-year assessment payment plan, or other form of relief; and

WHEREAS, it has become cumbersome for the Township Council to review each application for relief; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has agreed to perform this process for the Township Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that until the powers granted hereby are withdrawn or amended by subsequent Resolution of the Township Council, the Business Administrator and/or the Chief Financial Officer shall be and are hereby authorized to perform this review process for sewer assessment relief, and to grant said relief in accordance with the New Jersey Statutes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that property owners denied relief from the Administration may appeal said decision to the Township Council.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a true copy of a Resolution Adopted by the

Township Council of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened Meeting held on January 7, 2019.

Christina Clipperton
Acting Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO. R-19-07

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING INTEREST ON DELINQUENT TAXES

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 permits municipalities to charge interest on Delinquent Taxes at the Rate of 8% for the first \$1,500.00 of delinquency and 18% on amounts in excess thereof; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-66(a) establishes due dates for the payment of current year quarterly real property taxes as being February 1, May, 1, August 1 and November 1 and further establishes that tax payments received thereafter are delinquent; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Township Administrative Code 2-13.5 it has been the practice of the Township Department of Revenue to calculate and charge interest for the delinquent payment of taxes in accordance with applicable law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the parameters set forth in N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 (a) (1) and N.J.S.A. 54:4-64 (a)(4) it has been the practice of the Township Department of Revenue to extend the time for the receipt of current year quarterly taxes as is set forth in such statutes: and

WHEREAS, after due consideration, the Council desires to establish the 2019 rates at which interest shall be charged for Delinquent Taxes, and to memorialize its practices of granting Rockaway Township taxpayers' extensions of time for the payment of quarterly real property taxes and of determining the dates upon which interest for Delinquent Taxes begins to accrue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. Interest shall be charged on current year delinquent real property taxes in any quarter when payment is received by the Township after the last

day of any applicable extension period set forth in N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 (a) (1) and/or N.J.S.A. 54:4-64 (a)(4).

2. Interest to be applied on Delinquent Taxes by the Township's Department of Revenue shall be 8% on the first \$1,500.00 and 18% on the remainder thereof, for the calendar year 2019;

3. Interest applicable to Delinquent Taxes shall continue to begin to accrue on and be calculated from the due dates for the payment of current year quarterly real property taxes set forth in N.J.S.A. 54:4-66(a);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be returned to the Tax Collector.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a true copy of a Resolution Adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened meeting held on January 7, 2019.

Christina Clipperton, Acting Township Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

R-19-08

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICER TO PROVIDE SURETY BONDS ON
VARIOUS EMPLOYEES AND APPOINTEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Acting Township Clerk be and is hereby designated as the Officer to provide Surety Bonds on the Various Employees and Appointees of the Township of Rockaway for the year 2019.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a true copy of a Resolution Adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened Meeting held on January 7, 2019.

Christina Clipperton
Acting Township Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

R-19-09

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CASH MANAGEMENT
PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY**

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township of Rockaway to earn additional revenue through the investment and prudent management of its cash receipts; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 1983, Chapter 8, approved January 18, 1983 is an act concerning the Local Fiscal Affairs Law and amends N.J.S.A. 40A:5-2 and N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14; and

WHEREAS, this requires that each local unit shall adopt a cash management plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following shall constitute the Cash Management Plan for the Township and the Treasurer shall deposit and manage its funds pursuant to this plan:

Definitions

1. Treasurer shall mean the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Rockaway.
2. Fiscal Year shall mean the twelve-month period ending December thirty-one.
3. Cash Management Plan shall mean that plan as approved by resolution.

Designation of Depositories

The following banks and financial institutions are hereby designated as official depositories for the Deposit of all public funds referred to in the Plan, including any certificates of Deposit which are not otherwise invested in Permitted Investments as provided for in this Plan:

Lakeland Bank, Bank of America, Valley National Bank, Santander Bank, TD Bank, Provident Bank, Bayonne Community Bank, Fulton Bank of New Jersey, Investors Savings Bank, Peapack-Gladstone Bank and Affinity Federal Credit Union.

Audit Requirement

1. The Cash Management Plan shall be subject to the annual audit conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4.

Authority to Invest

1. The Treasurer shall be responsible for municipal deposits and investments.

Investment Instruments

1. The Treasurer shall invest at his discretion in any investment instrument as approved by the State of New Jersey in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1.

Records and Reports

1. The Treasurer shall report all investments in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.2.
2. At a minimum the Treasurer shall:
 - a. Keep a record of all investments.
 - b. Keep a cash portion record which reveals, on a daily basis, the statute of the cash in its bank accounts.
 - c. Confirm investments with the governing body at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
 - d. Report monthly to the governing body as to the status of cash balances in bank accounts, revenue collection, interest rates and interest earned.

Cash Flow

1. The Treasurer shall ensure that the accounting system provides regular information concerning the cash position and investment performance.
2. All moneys, shall be turned over to the Treasurer and deposited in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.
3. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to invest surplus funds of the Township of Rockaway as the availability of the funds permit. In addition, it shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer to minimize the possibility of idle cash by depositing the moneys in interest bearing accounts wherever practical and in the best interest of the Township of Rockaway.
4. The Treasurer shall ensure that funds are borrowed for Capital Projects in a timely fashion.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a true copy of a Resolution Adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened Meeting held on January 7, 2019.

 Christina Clipperton
 Acting Township Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY
 MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

R-19-11

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY TO JOIN
 MORRIS COUNTY ADAPTIVE RECREATIONAL PROGRAM (McARP)**

WHEREAS, there has been created a Morris County Adaptive Recreational Program (McARP); and

WHEREAS, said program intends to provide recreational services for persons with disabilities of all ages, and further to give said persons an opportunity to explore new leisure time skills in conjunction with their age and specific disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the total project cost is estimated to be approximately \$300,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Rockaway cost with respect thereto will be approximately \$3,259.00 Fair Share Assessment (FSA).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Rockaway as follows:

1. That the Township of Rockaway hereby intends to join the Morris County Adaptive Recreational Program (McARP) as described above and contribute thereto in the amount not in excess of Fair Share Assessment (FSA) for one year.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a true copy of a Resolution Adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened Meeting held on January 7, 2019.

Christina Clipperton
Acting Township Clerk

RESOLUTION # R-19-12

**REDEMPTION OF TAX TITLE LIEN C#17-0004
AGAINST BLOCK 10608 LOT 1
KNOWN AS 36 CHRISTOPHER STREET.**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector's Office has received payment for redemption of **Tax Title Lien #17-0004** on **Block: 10608 Lot: 1** known as: **36 CHRISTOPHER ST.** in the name of: **SERNA / OSORIO.**

WHEREAS, reimbursements are now required to be made to the following Lien Holder,
**TRYSTONE CAPITAL ASSETS
575 RT 70
PO BOX 1030, 2ND FLOOR
BRICK, NJ 08723**

From Tax Lien Redemption Account, Lien, Penalty, Interest and Costs:

TAX TITLE LIEN: \$ 745.80

PREMIUM: \$ 1,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Township Treasurer is authorized to prepare a check in the amount of: **\$ 1,745.80** made payable to:

"ABOVE LIEN HOLDER"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Treasurer.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened Meeting held on **JANUARY 7, 2019**.

Christina Clipperton
Acting Township Clerk

RESOLUTION # R-19-13

2017 & 2018 TAX COURT JUDGMENT REFUNDS

WHEREAS, pursuant to **N.J.S.A. 54:3-27.2**, in the event that a taxpayer is successful in an appeal from an assessment of real property, the prospective taxing district shall refund any excess taxes paid within 60 days of the date of final judgment.

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector's office has a received Tax Court Judgments on **BLOCK 11116 LOT 42 also known as MT HOPE AVE.** in the name of **MAKOR INC.**

WHEREAS, Tax Court Judgment (Docket #002686-2017) entered on 12/4/18 reduced the assessed value of the property for tax year 2017 from 2,576,300 to 2,318,700 which resulted in a tax credit of **\$8,042.27**,

WHEREAS, Tax Court Judgment (Docket #003671-2018) entered on 12/4/18 reduced the assessed value of the property for tax year 2018 from 2,576,300 to 2,318,700 which resulted in a tax credit of **\$7,467.82**,

WHEREAS, a refund for the total amount of **\$15,510.09 is due and payable to:**
LASSER HOCHMAN LLC TRUST ACCOUNT / MAKOR INC.
75 EISENHOWER PARKWAY
ROSELAND, NJ 07068

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Township Treasurer is authorized to refund the above owner and the tax collector to adjust her records accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be Forwarded to the Township Treasurer.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened Meeting held on **JANUARY 7, 2019**.

Christina Clipperton
Acting Township Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. R-19-14

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY FOR 2019

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 Local Budget Law provides that where any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2019 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided and,

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2018 budget, less appropriations made for the Capital Improvement Fund, Debt Service, and Relief for the Poor (Public Assistance) are as follows:

CURRENT FUND	\$	35,874,108.00
WATER UTILITY FUND	\$	1,907,927.00

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2018 budget less appropriations for Capital Improvement Fund, Debt Service, and Relief for the Poor (Public Assistance) in the said budget is as follows:

CURRENT FUND	\$	9,416,953.00
WATER UTILITY FUND	\$	500,830.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the

Township of Rockaway, County of Morris, that the following temporary appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Finance Department for their records.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened meeting held on **January 7, 2019**.

Christina Clipperton

Acting Township Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

R-19-15

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICER TO CERTIFY UNPAID MUNICIPAL LIENS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be and is hereby designated as the Officer to make examination of the Records as to unpaid Municipal Liens and to certify the results thereof for the year 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the certified copy of this resolution be returned to the Tax Collector

I HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a true copy of a Resolution Adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened Meeting held on January 7, 2019.

Christina Clipperton

Acting Township Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

R-19-16

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PENALTY ON DELINQUENT TAXES

WHEREAS, Chapter 75, “Laws of 1991”, authorizes the Governing Body to fix a 6% Penalty to be charged to a Taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 and who fails to pay said delinquency prior to year-end closing; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Penalty is to be calculated with Interest included in the total delinquency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be returned to the Tax Collector.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a true copy of a Resolution Adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened Meeting held on January 7, 2019.

Christina Clipperton
Acting Township Clerk

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY**

RESOLUTION R-19-17

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF
SMALL BALANCES LESS THAN \$10.00**

WHEREAS, P.L.1983, c.568 (C.40A:5-17.1) provides that the governing body of a municipality may, by resolution, authorize the cancellation of any property tax refund or delinquency of less than \$10.00; and

WHEREAS, section 1 of P.L.1983, C.568 (C.40A:5-17.1) is amended to include the cancellation of any charges and fees imposed by the municipality of less than \$10.00.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Rockaway to authorize the tax collector to cancel such small balances and adjust her records accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector, the Chief Financial Officer and the Municipal Auditor.

Certification

I HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a true copy of a Resolution Adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened meeting held on January 7, 2019.

Christina Clipperton
Acting Township Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

R-19-18

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT
OFFICERS**

BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY APPROVED, the names shown on the attached list, reflecting the Officers in the various Fire Companies of the Rockaway Township Fire Department for the year 2019.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a true copy of a Resolution Adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened Meeting held on January 7, 2019.

Christina Clipperton
Acting Township Clerk

**ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT
2019 OFFICERS**

Sheard, Robert	Department Director
Heath, Mike	Department Chief
Aragona, Joe	Deputy Chief
Babcock, Craig	Fire Marshal
McCormack, Brian	Assistant EMS Chief

Company 1, Hibernia

Bush, Kris	Co. Chief
Pais, Carlos	Fire Captain
Klein, Michael	Fire Lt.
Klimek, Rob	Fire Lt.
Derewicz, Steven	Air 13 Coord.

Company 2, Mt. Hope

Jenkins, Matt	Co. Chief
D'Amico, Sean	Fire Capt.
Grohowski, Tom T.	Fire Lt.
McCormack, Amber	EMS Lt.

Company 3, Marcella

Shay, Kevin	Co. Chief
Pedersen, Kurt	Fire Captain
Parks, Robert	Fire Lt.
Hazen, Robert	Fire Lt.
Parks, Bert	Boat 3 Coord.

Company 4, Birchwood

Miller, Randy	Co. Chief
Jenkins, Jason	Fire Captain
Sperry, Stephen	Fire Lt.
Corby, Mike	Fire Lt.

Company 5, White Meadow Lake

Russo, Jim	Co. Chief
Garvey, Tom	Fire Captain
Lerner, Scott	Fire Lt.
Janiszewski, Rob	Fire Lt.
Treible, Tyler	EMS Lt.

513 Air Truck

Ostensen, Paul, Jr.	Coordinator
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Ice & Water Rescue Unit

Luski, Drew	Coordinator
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R-19-19

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NJDOT FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO MOUNT PLEASANT AVENUE

WHEREAS, the Township of Rockaway (“Township”) desires to make an application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation (“NJDOT”) for the purposes of securing funds for the proposed Roadway Improvements to Mount Pleasant Avenue Project (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the proposed project generally consists of milling and resurfacing activities along approximately 850 feet of Mount Pleasant Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Project has been recommended by the Municipal Engineer; and,

WHEREAS, the Township's preliminary engineering estimate of the total project cost is \$221,500.00, approximately 85% of which will be requested by the Township in the proposed grant application; and,

WHEREAS, the Township is interested in securing available grant funding for projects proposed to improve infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway, County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, they being the Governing Body thereof as follows:

1. The Township hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and/or the Mayor's designee to submit an electronic grant application identified as LAIF-Rockaway Township – 00081 Roadway Improvements to Mount Pleasant Avenue to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Rockaway.
2. The Mayor and/or the Mayor's designee are hereby authorized and directed to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Rockaway and their signatures shall constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement.
3. The Mayor, together with all other appropriate officers, employees, consultants and professionals of the Township, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution Adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened meeting held on January 7, 2019.

Christina Clipperton
Acting Township Clerk

Motion was made by Vice-President Abrahamsen, seconded by Council Member Friedlander to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Resolutions R-19-02 and R-19-04.

Roll Call Was Taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (Quinn, Friedlander, Jedynak, Palumbo, Smith, Sackett, Jackson, Abrahamsen, Kelley)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion is carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

A. R-19-02 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR 2019

Council Member Sackett raised concerns about Council Meetings not being scheduled on Tuesdays.

Motion was made by Council Member Sackett, seconded by Council Member Smith to amend the meeting date of January 16, 2019 to January 22, 2019.

Roll Call Was Taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (Quinn, Friedlander, Jedynak, Palumbo, Smith, Sackett, Jackson, Abrahamsen, Kelley)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion is carried.

There was discussion amongst the Council, Administration and Township Attorney regarding the schedule being proposed by Resolution R-19-02 and the Township Code's regulations for the scheduling of regular meetings.

There was further discussion about the scheduling of budget meetings on the regular meeting schedule.

Attorney Iacofano advised the Council of what they needed to vote on this evening to be in compliance with state statutes and the Open Public Meetings Act.

**TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

R-19-02

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY COUNCIL
MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR 2019**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Public Meetings Act requires that the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway hold an Annual Organization or Reorganization Meeting, and to post and maintain, deliver to the Daily Record Newspaper and the Citizen of Morris County Newspaper, file with the Municipal Clerk and to mail to persons requesting notification, a Schedule of Meetings of the Governing Body to be held during the succeeding year; and

WHEREAS, such Schedule must contain the location of each meeting to the extent it is known, and the time and date of each meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway as follows:

1. The Schedule of all Regular Meetings for the year 2019 to the extent known, and the time, date, and location of each meeting is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof.
2. In the event that said schedule is hereafter revised, the Township Clerk is hereby directed, within seven (7) days following said revision, to post notice thereof and direct notice to the Daily Record and the Star Ledger, to file said notice with the Township Clerk and mail said notice to those persons requesting same.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a true copy of a Resolution Adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened Meeting held on January 7, 2019.

Christina Clipperton
Acting Township Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"

The schedule of the 2019 Regular Meetings for Rockaway Township shall be as follows. All meetings will be held in the Municipal Building, 65 Mt. Hope Road, Rockaway Township at 7:30 p.m. Formal action may be taken at all meetings.

January 7, 2019 (Reorganization)
January 22, 2019
February 12, 2019
February 26, 2019
March 12, 2019
March 26, 2019
April 9, 2019
April 23, 2019
May 14, 2019
May 28, 2019
June 11, 2019
June 25, 2019
July 9, 2019
July 23, 2019
August 13, 2019
August 27, 2019
September 10, 2019
September 24, 2019
October 10, 2019 (Thursday)
October 24, 2019 (Thursday)
November 12, 2019
November 26, 2019
December 10, 2019
December 26, 2019 (Thursday)

Motion was made by Council Member Jackson to amend Resolution R-19-02 to have the following dates: January 7, 2019 (Reorganization), January 22, 2019, February 12, 2019, February 26, 2019, March 12, 2019, March 26, 2019, April 9, 2019, April 23, 2019, May 14, 2019, May 28, 2019, June 11, 2019, June 25, 2019, July 9, 2019, July 23, 2019, August 13, 2019, August 27, 2019, September 10, 2019, September 24, 2019, October 10, 2019 (Thursday), October 24, 2019 (Thursday), November 12, 2019, November 26, 2019, December 10, 2019, December 26, 2019 (Thursday)

Roll Call Was Taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (Quinn, Friedlander, Jedynek, Palumbo, Smith, Sackett, Jackson, Abrahamsen, Kelley)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion is carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Quinn to adopt Resolution R-19-02 as amended.

Roll Call Was Taken.

Yah Votes: 7 (Quinn, Friedlander, Palumbo, Smith, Sackett, Jackson, Abrahamsen)

Nah Votes: 1 (Kelley)

Abstentions: 1 (Jedynak)

B. R-19-04 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN BOARD FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY FOR THE YEAR 2019.

Motion was made by Council Member Jedynak, seconded by Council Member Jackson, to add a third bulletin board to this resolution, the bulletin board located to the left of the Municipal Building entrance.

Roll Call Was Taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (Quinn, Friedlander, Jedynak, Palumbo, Smith, Sackett, Jackson, Abrahamsen, Kelley)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion is carried.

**TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

R-19-04

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN BOARD FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY FOR THE YEAR 2019

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act requires that the Township of Rockaway post certain notices at a central location.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway notices to be posted by the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act are to be placed on the Bulletin Boards maintained by the Township Clerk in the Municipal Building and to the left of the Municipal Building entrance, and in the Rockaway Township Main Library.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a true copy of a Resolution Adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened Meeting held on January 1, 2019.

Christina Clipperton
Acting Township Clerk

Motion was made by Council Member Jedynak, seconded by Council Member Jackson to adopt Resolution R-19-04 as amended.

Roll Call Was Taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (Quinn, Friedlander, Jedynak, Palumbo, Smith, Sackett, Jackson, Abrahamsen, Kelley)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion is carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Palumbo, seconded by Council Member Jackson to reaffirm tonight's meeting as the Township's Reorganization Meeting.

Roll Call Was Taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (Quinn, Friedlander, Jedynak, Palumbo, Smith, Sackett, Jackson, Abrahamsen, Kelley)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion is carried.

Council President Kelley made a motion, seconded by Council Member Smith to go into closed session to discuss the litigation identified as Schmidt & Hollenbeck v. Rockaway Township, Docket Number C-131-18 and Schmidt v. Rockaway Township & Christina Clipperton, Docket Number MRS-L-002525-18, the closed session would take approximately 40 minutes and records of this closed session shall be made public within 120 days from January 7, 2019.

Roll Call Was Taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (Friedlander, Jedynak, Palumbo, Smith, Sackett, Jackson, Abrahamsen, Kelley)

Nah Votes: 0

Abstentions: 1 (Quinn)

Motion is carried.

Council Member Quinn left the meeting at 11:14PM.

The Council entered into Closed Session at 11:25PM.

Council Member Friedlander left the meeting at 12:01AM.

Council Member Sackett left the meeting at 12:11AM.

The meeting resumed at 12:18AM.

Motion was made by President Kelley, seconded by Council Member Palumbo to direct the Township Attorneys Iacofano and Perrone to recuse themselves and to cease any further participation in the litigations identified as Schmidt & Hollenbeck v. Rockaway Township, Docket Number C-131-18 and Schmidt v. Rockaway Township & Christina Clipperton, Docket Number MRS-L-002525-18.

Roll Call Was Taken.

Yah Votes: 6 (Jedynak, Palumbo, Smith, Jackson, Abrahamsen, Kelley)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion is carried.

President Kelley formed a Special Committee to evaluate attorneys to represent the Council, Township and Acting Clerk for the matters identified as Schmidt & Hollenbeck v. Rockaway Township, Docket Number C-131-18 and Schmidt v. Rockaway Township & Christina Clipperton, Docket Number MRS-L-002525-18. The Special Committee will consist of President Kelley, Council Member Palumbo and Council Member Jackson.

With no further business to attend to this evening, a motion was made by Council Member Jedynak, seconded by Council Member Jackson to adjourn the meeting at 12:24AM.

Roll Call Was Taken.

Yah Votes – 6 (Jedynak, Palumbo, Smith, Jackson, Abrahamsen, Kelley)

Nah Votes – 0

Motion is carried

The next Regular Meeting of the Council of the Township of Rockaway is scheduled for January 22, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Clipperton
Acting Municipal Clerk