

**TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE  
ESSEX COUNTY NEW JERSEY**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**JANUARY 8, 2018**

**1. ROLL CALL, INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE**

Deputy Mayor Cicala called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala

Also Present: Township Manager Tucci, Attorney Townes for Township Attorney Zielinski,  
Township Clerk Stutz

Absent: Mayor Tanella

The flag salute was led by Deputy Mayor Cicala.

Deputy Mayor Cicala made the required announcement concerning the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: Adequate notice of this meeting was duly provided to the Verona-Cedar Grove Times and the Star Ledger on December 28, 2017, filed with the Township Clerk, and posted on the public bulletin board in the Municipal Building Lobby in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

**2. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

- a) Swearing-In of Fire Chief

Deputy Mayor Cicala administered the oath to incoming Chief Dave Shaulis.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) To consider approval of regular public meeting minutes of December 4, 2017

Councilman Vargo moved approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Peterson, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala

NO: None

ABSENT: Mayor Tanella

**4. PUBLIC HEARING**

- a) Community Development Block Grant

The Township Manager provided an overview of the Community Development Block Grant program. Mr. Tucci explained that part of the application process is to conduct two public hearings to solicit input from residents on potential projects. The Manager also noted that the 2018 priority project is ADA Playground Equipment at Community Park.

Deputy Mayor opened this portion of the meeting to anyone wishing to be heard on this item only. There being no one present wishing to be heard, Deputy Mayor Cicala closed this portion of the meeting.

**5. MEETING OPEN TO RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP WISHING TO BE HEARD ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA**

Deputy Mayor Cicala opened this portion of the meeting to anyone wishing to be heard on any item on the agenda. There being no one present wishing to be heard, Deputy Mayor Cicala closed this portion of the meeting.

**6. REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS**

a) Township Manager – The Manager commended DPW employees for recent snow removal efforts, and first responders' response to resident needs. The Manager advised that there has been an increase in water main breaks from the severe cold weather. Mr. Tucci also commended the solid waste contractor for efforts to maintain service during the inclement weather.

b) Township Clerk – No report

c) Township Attorney – Attorney Townes noted a memo provided in response to the governing body's desire to add student members to Township boards/committees.

d) Other Reports

Councilmember Kumburis advised residents against feeding wildlife.

Councilmember Vargo provided the family's response to proposed memorial to Bill Fearon. Councilman Vargo stated that the family favors a dedication in Panther Park. Councilman Vargo requested an update on the status of proposed shuttle survey. The Manager reported that he has obtained a sample survey from a neighboring municipality. Mr. Tucci further advised that a similar service was initiated in a neighboring municipality, then abandoned. Councilman Vargo advised that he received complaints regarding the manner of garbage collection. The Manager acknowledged recent problems which have been addressed with the contractor.

Councilwoman Peterson commented that the Township should be proactive in determining a position concerning the legalization of use of marijuana. The governing body concurred with the Manager's suggestion that Clerk obtain relevant information from the League of Municipalities.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

a) To consider resolution concerning re-appointment of Planning Board members

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, New Jersey, that John Badagliacca, Nicholas Gregory, and John Zazzali be re-appointed as members of the Planning Board for a four-year term, effective January 1, 2018 and terminating December 31, 2021.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Richard Hamilton be re-appointed as the Class II member of the Planning Board for a one-year term, effective January 1, 2018 and terminating December 31, 2018.

Councilman Kumburis moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Peterson, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala

NO: None

ABSENT: Mayor Tanella

- b) To consider resolution concerning re-appointment/appointment of Advisory Health Council members

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, New Jersey, that Radhika Pisupati and Sandra Haine be re-appointed/appointed as members of the Advisory Health Council for three-year terms, effective January 1, 2018 and terminating December 31, 2020.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, that Susan Molina be appointed as a member of the Advisory Health Council to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term effective immediately and expiring December 31, 2019.

Councilman Kumburis moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Peterson, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala

NO: None

ABSENT: Mayor Tanella

- c) To consider resolution concerning re-appointment of Downtown Advisory Committee members

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, Essex County, New Jersey, that Michael Maffucci, Patricia Montana, and Joe Tencza be re-appointed as members Of the Downtown Advisory Committee for three-year terms effective January 1, 2018 and terminating December 31, 2010.

Councilman Kumburis moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Peterson, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala

NO: None

ABSTAIN: Councilman Vargo

ABSENT: Mayor Tanella

- d) To consider resolution concerning re-appointment of Environmental Commission members

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, Essex County, New Jersey, that David Snyder be appointed to a three-year term on the Environmental Commission effective January 1, 2018 and terminating December 31, 2020; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, Essex County, New Jersey, that Joseph Maceri and Alex Conte be appointed to fill vacancies on the Environmental Commission, as Alternate #1 and Alternate #2 respectively, effective January 1, 2018 and terminating December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018 respectively.

Councilman Kumburis moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Peterson, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala

NO: None

ABSENT: Mayor Tanella

- e) To consider resolution concerning re-appointment of Municipal Alliance Committee members

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, New Jersey, that Michael Grabas and Patrick Mullen be re-appointed as members of the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention Committee for a three-year term, effective January 1, 2018 and terminating December 31, 2020.

Councilman Kumburis moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Peterson, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala

NO: None

ABSENT: Mayor Tanella

- f) To consider resolution concerning re-appointment/appointment of Recreation Advisory Board members

There was consensus to table consideration of the resolution until next meeting.

- g) To consider resolution concerning approval of raffle application – Laning Ave. School & Community Association

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**WHEREAS**, application for raffle license has been received from:

**APPLICANTS**

**EVENTS, DATES TIMES & PLACE**

Laning Avenue School & Community Assoc.  
18 Laning Road  
Verona NJ 07044

On-Premise 50/50 Raffle to be held  
March 14, 2018 at 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. at  
1131 Pompton Ave., Cedar Grove NJ 07009

Laning Avenue School & Community Assoc.  
18 Laning Road  
Verona NJ 07044

On-Premise Merchandise Raffle to be held  
March 14, 2018 at 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. at  
1131 Pompton Ave., Cedar Grove NJ 07009

**WHEREAS**, the fees have been paid, and the application has been reviewed by the Township Clerk and found acceptable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that it does hereby approve said application.

Councilman Kumburis moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Peterson, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala

NO: None

ABSENT: Mayor Tanella

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) To consider resolution concerning 2018 Cash Management Plan

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, that for the year 2018, the following shall serve as the cash management plan of the Township of Cedar Grove.

1. Cash Management and Investment Objectives

The Township of Cedar Grove objectives in this area are:

- A. Preservation of capital.
- B. Adequate safekeeping of assets.
- C. Maintenance of liquidity to meet operating needs.
- D. Diversification of the Township's portfolio to minimize risks associated with individual investments.

- E. Investment of assets in accordance with State and Federal Laws and regulations.

2. Designation of Official Depositories

1. The following Government Unit Depository Protection Act approved banks are authorized depositories for deposit of funds:

PNC Bank	570 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, N.J.
TD Bank	85 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, N.J.
Bank of America	508 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, N.J.
Santander	532 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, N.J.
State of N.J. Cash Mgmt Fund	State Street Bank and Trust P.O. Box 5994, Boston MA 02206-5994
Valley National Bank	491 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, N.J.
Investors Bank	310 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, N.J.
Columbia Bank	1027 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, NJ
Chase Bank	664 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, NJ
Clifton Savings Bank	1433 Van Houten Avenue, Clifton, NJ

2. Designated official depositories are required to submit to the Chief Financial Officer, a copy of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act Notification of eligibility, which is filed semi-annually with the Department of Banking each June 30th and December 31st of each year.

3. CASH MANAGEMENT

1. All funds shall be deposited within 48 hours of receipt in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.

2. The Chief Financial Officer shall minimize the possibility of idle cash accumulating in accounts by assuring that the amounts in excess of negotiated compensating balances are kept in interest bearing accounts or promptly swept into the investment portfolio.

3. The method of calculating banking fees and compensating balances shall be reviewed on a monthly basis.

4. Investment decisions shall be guided by the cash flow projections prepared by the Chief Financial Officer.

4. PERMISSIBLE INVESTMENTS

1. Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed the United States of America.

2. Government money market mutual funds.

3. Any federal agency or instrumentality obligation authorized by Congress that matures within 397 days from the date of purchase, and has a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or external factors.

4. Bonds or other obligations of the local unit or school districts of which the local unit is a part.

5. Any other obligations with maturities not exceeding 397 days, as permitted by the Division of Investments.

6. Local Government investment pools.

7. New Jersey Cash Management Fund

8. Repurchase agreements of fully collateralized securities.

5. AUTHORITY FOR INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

1. The Chief Financial Officer is authorized and directed to make investments on behalf of the Township. All investment decisions shall be consistent with this plan and all appropriate regulatory constraints.

6. SAFEKEEPING

1. Securities purchased on behalf of the Township shall be delivered electronically or physically to the Township's custodial bank, which shall maintain custodial and/or safekeeping accounts for such securities on behalf of the Township.

7. AUDIT

1. The Cash Management Plan shall be subject to annual audit conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14.

Councilman Vargo moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Peterson, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

ABSENT: Mayor Tanella

b) To consider resolution concerning interest for delinquent tax payment

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 regulates the due dates for the payment of taxes and authorizes the rate of interest for delinquent payment of taxes, and authorizes a grace period not exceeding ten (10) days;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to allow a period of ten (10) days grace from the quarterly tax due date before charging interest; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the rate of interest to be charged for the payment of taxes, assessments, and property maintenance when they become delinquent shall be at the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency, eighteen percent (18%) per annum of any amount in excess of \$1,500.00, and an additional six percent (6%) penalty for a delinquency over \$10,000.00 if not paid prior to the end of the calendar year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution will take effect January 1, 2018.

Councilman Vargo moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Kumburis, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala

NO: None

ABSENT: Mayor Tanella

- c) To consider resolution concerning tax sale certificate redemption fee

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-54 provides that the Tax Collector shall provide to any party entitled to redeem a Tax Sale Certificate two calculations of the amount required for redemption within a calendar year at no cost. For each subsequent calculation requested from the Tax Collector there shall be a fee of \$50.00; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-97.1 provides that the Tax Collector shall charge a lienholder of a Tax Sale Certificate a fee of \$50.00 for the calculation of the amount due to redeem the Tax Sale Certificate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to provide to any party entitled to redeem a Tax Sale Certificate two calculations of the amount required for redemption within a calendar year at no cost. For each subsequent calculation requested from the Tax Collector there shall be a fee of \$50.00. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized to charge a lienholder of a Tax Sale Certificate a fee of \$50.00 for the calculation of the amount due to redeem the Tax sale Certificate.

Councilwoman Peterson moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Vargo, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala

NO: None

ABSENT: Mayor Taella

- d) To consider resolution concerning petty cash funds

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove hereby authorizes the establishment of a petty cash fund for the following departments in the amounts set forth effective January 1, 2018.

Finance Department	\$120.00
Engineering Department	\$100.00
Police Department	\$100.00
Library	\$100.00
Recreation	\$ 60.00

**WHEREAS**, a check will be drawn by the Treasurer of the Township of Cedar Grove establishing a petty cash fund, which will not be charged to a budget appropriation, but will create an asset on the Current Fund Balance Sheet known as “Cash-Petty Cash Fund”.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, Essex County, New Jersey, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 that petty cash funds be established in the aggregate of \$480.00.

Councilman Vargo moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Kumburis, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala

NO: None

ABSENT: Mayor Tanella

- e) To consider resolution concerning 2018 temporary budget

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 the Township of Cedar Grove is authorized to make temporary appropriations sufficient to cover commitments made during the period January 1, 2018 to the date of the adoption of annual budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the total of such temporary appropriations, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 shall not exceed twenty-six and one-quarter per centum (26.25) of the total of the 2017 annual budget, less certain appropriations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, New Jersey, that the following shall constitute the Temporary Budget for the Township of Cedar Grove for fiscal year 2018:

2018 TEMPORARY MUNICIPAL BUDGET

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>SALARIES AND WAGES</u>	<u>OTHER EXPENSES</u>
<u>CURRENT FUND</u>			
<u>General Government</u>			
Township Council	1-105	\$ _____	\$2,000.00
Township Manager	1-106	32,600.00	1,000.00
Township Clerk	1-107	22,300.00	6,000.00
Elections	1-110	_____	500.00
Treasurer-Controller	1-115	32,000.00	8,000.00
Assessment of Taxes	1-102	15,900.00	4,500.00
Collection of Taxes	1-130	15,500.00	2,000.00
Legal Services	1-140	_____	25,000.00
Municipal Court	1-145	25,000.00	8,000.00
Municipal Prosecutor	1-150	_____	3,500.00
Public Defender	1-151	_____	1,000.00
Annual Audit	1-154	_____	5,000.00
Engineering Services	1-155	5,000.00	4,000.00
Public Bldgs. & Grounds	1-160	12,000.00	20,000.00
Planning Board	1-165	6,800.00	1,500.00
Zoning Board	1-170	6,800.00	1,500.00
Shade Trees	1-175	_____	2,000.00
Environmental Comm.	1-180	_____	50.00
Historical Society	1-185	_____	100.00
Ins.-Surety Bond Prem.	1-190	_____	2,071.00
Ins.-Group Insurance	1-190	_____	250,943.00
Ins.-Workmans Comp.	1-190	_____	50,000.00
Ins.-Other Premiums	1-190	_____	50,000.00
Ins.-Self Insurance	1-190	_____	100.00
<u>Public Safety</u>			
Fire	1-205	_____	31,000.00
Municipal Alliance Grant	1-1212	500.00	1,000.00
First Aid Organization	1-215	_____	10,000.00
Police	1-210	2,234,170.00	53,000.00
Emergency Mgmt.	1-220	_____	50.00
Inspection of Bldgs.	1-255	22,600.00	4,300.00
Inspection of Plumbing	1-256	2,400.00	100.00
Electric Sub-Code	1-259	4,000.00	1,000.00
<u>Streets &amp; Roads</u>			
Road Repair & Maintenance	1-305	60,000.00	15,000.00
Equip. Repair & Maintenance	1-310	12,000.00	6,000.00
Snow Removal	1-315	17,500.00	42,350.00
Vehicle Maintenance	1-650	_____	20,000.00
Utility Exp. & Bulk Purchases	1-820	_____	60,000.00

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>SALARIES AND WAGES</u>	<u>OTHER EXPENSES</u>
<u>Health and Welfare</u>			
Board of Health	1-510	10,400.00	10,000.00
Sr. Citizen Trans.	1-516	4,700.00	2,600.00
Animal Control	1-511	_____	3,600.00
Non-Public Nursing Services	1-509	_____	3,000.00
<u>Recreation &amp; Education</u>			
Library	1-601	60,000.00	29,000.00
Parks & Playgrounds	1-605	28,500.00	10,000.00
Recreation	1-615	27,000.00	12,000.00
<u>Miscellaneous</u>			
Contingency	1-701		800.00
<u>Statutory Expenditures</u>			
F.I.C.A.	1-901		62,000.00
<u>Debt Service</u>	1-805	_____	<u>1,000,000.00</u>
TOTAL CURRENT FUND		<u>\$2,657,670.00</u>	<u>\$1,825,564.00</u>

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>SALARIES AND WAGES</u>	<u>OTHER EXPENSES</u>
<u>Water Utility Fund</u>			
Operating Appropriations	3-4100	\$132,800.00	\$335,055.00
Statutory Expenditures	3-4220		15,000.00
Debt Service	3-4210	_____	<u>140,000.00</u>
TOTAL WATER UTILITY		<u>\$132,800.00</u>	<u>\$490,055.00</u>
<u>Sewer Utility Fund</u>			
Operating Appropriations	4-5100	\$170,506.00	\$385,309.00
Statutory Expenditures	4-5220		14,500.00
Debt Service	4-5210	_____	<u>250,000.00</u>
TOTAL SEWER UTILITY		<u>\$170,506.00</u>	<u>\$649,809.00</u>
<u>Swimming Pool Utility Fund</u>			
Operating Appropriations	5-6100	\$43,191.00	\$67,756.00
Statutory Expenditures	5-6220		4,000.00
Debt Service	5-6210	_____	<u>95,000.00</u>
TOTAL SWIMMING POOL UTILITY		<u>\$43,191.00</u>	<u>\$166,756.00</u>

Solid Waste Collection District

Operating Appropriations	9-9950	\$39,951.00	\$436,004.00
Statutory Expenditures	9-9220	<u>                    </u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
<b>TOTAL SOLID WASTE COLL. DISTRICT</b>		<u>\$39,951.00</u>	<u>\$437,504.00</u>

Councilwoman Peterson moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Vargo, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala

NO: None

ABSENT: Mayor Tanella

- f) To consider resolution concerning 2018 CDBG application submission

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager and the Township Engineer to submit applications for funding under the 2018 Community Development Block Grant Program to the Essex County Division of Housing and Community Development; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, as required by the Essex County Division of Housing and Community Development that projects for which applications will be submitted are approved in the following priority order:

1. ADA Accessible Playground at Community Park

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Essex County Division of Housing and Community Development.

Councilman Vargo moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Kumburis, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala

NO: None

ABSENT: Mayor Tanella

- g) To consider resolution authorizing execution of Redevelopment Agreement

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Redevelopment Agreement between the Township of Cedar Grove and Hilltop at Cedar Grove Urban Renewal, LLC.

Councilman Vargo moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Peterson, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala

NO: None

ABSENT: Mayor Tanella

**9. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

The Bill Resolution was read by title and amount as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, New Jersey, that the attached summary of bills having been duly audited and found correct be and they are thereby ordered paid and that warrants be drawn on the Treasurer in the aggregate amount of \$547,672.04

Councilman Vargo moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Peterson, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala

NO: None

ABSENT: Mayor Tanella

**10. MEETING OPEN TO RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP WISHING TO BE HEARD ON ANY ITEM ON OR OFF THE AGENDA CONCERNING TOWNSHIP BUSINESS**

Deputy Mayor Cicala opened this portion of the meeting to anyone wishing to be heard.

Kate Hartwyk; Essex County Liaison – Ms. Hartwyk advised that the County of Essex is scheduled to conduct the Dee Management program on County Hilltop property on Tuesday and Thursday in February. Councilwoman Peterson addressed Ms. Hartwyk to request the County to consider permitting bicycle riding on the lower pathway at Cedar Grove Park. Councilman Kumburis requested an update of well head removal. Councilman Kumburis referred to a recently opened dog park in North Caldwell on County property and suggested something similar on County property in Cedar Grove. Councilman Vargo inquired the status of pedestrian crosswalk on West Bradford Ave.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Vargo moved adjournment of the public council meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Peterson, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala

NO: None

ABSENT: Mayor Tanella

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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PETER H. TANELLA      MAYOR

ATTEST:

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KATHLEEN R. STUTZ      MUNICIPAL CLERK