

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

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

DECEMBER 5, 2016

1. ROLL CALL, INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Tanella called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

Also Present: Township Manager Tucci, Township Attorney Zielinski, and Township Clerk Stutz

The flag salute was by Mayor Tanella.

Mayor Tanella 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 31, 2015 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(a) To consider approval of regular public meeting minutes of November 7, 2016

Deputy Mayor Maffucci moved approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman Cicala, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

ABSTAIN: Councilman Longo

3. PUBLIC HEARING

(a) 2017 CDBG Application

The Township Manager explained that the hearing is required as part of the application process to solicit comments and/or recommendation from the public for projects to be included in the application. Mayor Tanella opened this portion of the meeting to anyone wishing to be heard on this item. There being no one present wishing to be heard, Mayor Tanella closed this portion of the meeting.

(b) To consider adoption of Pending Ordinance #16-801 - Amending Chapter 198 of the Township Code entitled "Residential Property Maintenance"

The ordinance was read by title only as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART II ENTITLED "GENERAL LEGISLATION," CHAPTER 198 ENTITLED "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, RESIDENTIAL" TO ADD SECTION 198-7 ENTITLED "MAINTENANCE OF ABANDONED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES"

Mayor Tanella opened the public hearing on this item. There being no one present wishing to be heard, Mayor Tanella closed the public hearing.

Councilman Longo moved that the ordinance be adopted at second reading, published in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times as a passed ordinance to take effect as prescribed by law, seconded by Councilman Cicala, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

(c) To consider adoption of Pending Ordinance #16-802 – 2017 Allowable Rent Increase

The ordinance was read by title only as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE RENT
INCREASE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 208 OF THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE**

Mayor Tanella opened the public hearing on this item. There being no one present wishing to be heard, Mayor Tanella closed the public hearing.

Deputy Mayor Maffucci moved that the ordinance be adopted at second reading, published in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times as a passed ordinance to take effect as prescribed by law, seconded by Councilman Cicala, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

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

Mayor Tanella 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, Mayor Tanella closed this portion of the meeting.

5. REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

(a) Township Manager – No report

(b) Township Clerk – No report

(c) Township Attorney – Attorney Zielinski provided recommended settlement proposals of three tax appeals; Block 120, Lot 96; Block 291, Lot 59; Block 300, Lot 80. Deputy Mayor Maffucci moved to authorize settlement, seconded by Councilman Cicala, and passed unanimously. Attorney Zielinski requested an executive session to discuss correspondence from U.S. Dept. of Justice pertaining to Coptic Church investigation.

(d) Other Reports – No reports

6. CONSENT AGENDA

(a) To consider resolution concerning re-appointment of Township Officials

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 it does hereby reappoint the following Township officials, commencing January 1, 2017:

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|----|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. | Joshua Zielinski | Township Attorney |
| 2. | Robert J. Candido | Township Prosecutor |
| 3. | Peter D. Russo | Public Defender |
| 4. | Theresa Platvoet | Court Administrator |
| 5. | Courtney Demarest | Deputy Court Administrator |

Councilman Kumburis moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Deputy Mayor Maffucci, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

(i.) Township Attorney

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

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the appointment of a Township Attorney for the Township of Cedar Grove, and funds are available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 states "no local unit shall be required to advertise for bids for professional services", and

WHEREAS, **JOSHUA ZIELINSKI** is an attorney-at-law in the State of New Jersey and comes under the "professional services" provision of the Local Public Contracts Law:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, New Jersey, that it does hereby re-appoint **JOSHUA ZIELINSKI** of the firm McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney, & Carpenter, LLC to serve as the Township Attorney commencing January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate Township officials be authorized to execute an agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this appointment shall be published in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times.

Councilman Kumburis moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Deputy Mayor Maffucci, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

(ii.) Municipal Prosecutor

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

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the appointment of a Township Prosecutor for the Township of Cedar Grove, and funds are available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 states "no local unit shall be required to advertise for bids for professional services", and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, New Jersey, that it does hereby re-appoint **ROBERT J. CANDIDO** to serve as the Township Prosecutor commencing January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate Township officials be authorized to execute an agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this appointment shall be published in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times.

Councilman Kumburis moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Deputy Mayor Maffucci, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

(iii.) Public Defender

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

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the appointment of a Public Defender for the Township of Cedar Grove, and funds are available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 states "no local unit shall be required to advertise for bids for professional services", and

WHEREAS, **PETER D. RUSSO** is an attorney-at-law in the State of New Jersey and comes under the "professional services" provision of the Local Public Contracts Law:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, New Jersey, that it does hereby re-appoint **PETER D. RUSSO** to serve as the / commencing January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate Township officials be authorized to execute an agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this appointment shall be published in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times.

Councilman Kumburis moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Deputy Mayor Maffucci, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

(iv.) Court Administrator

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 Theresa Platvoet be re-appointed to serve as the Court Administrator for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2017 and terminating December 31, 2017.

Councilman Kumburis moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Deputy Mayor Maffucci, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

(v.) Deputy Court Administrator

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 Courtney Demarest be re-appointed to serve as the Deputy Court Administrator for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2017 and terminating December 31, 2017.

Councilman Kumburis moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Deputy Mayor Maffucci, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

(b) To consider resolution concerning re-appointment of Bond Counsel

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

WHEREAS, there exists a need for specialized legal services in connection with the authorization and the issuance of bonds or notes of the Township of Cedar Grove, and funds are available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, such services were solicited pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.. under a fair and open process; and

WHEREAS, qualifications/proposal for said appointment were received and publicly opened by the Township Clerk on November 5, 2016; as follows:

Gibbons, P.C.
Parker McCay
Walters, McPherson, McNeill

Newark, NJ
Mount Laurel, NJ
Secaucus, NJ

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that the law firm of Gibbons, P.C. of Newark, New Jersey is hereby re-appointed for the calendar year 2017 to provide the specialized legal services necessary in connection with the authorization and the issuance of bonds or notes by the Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the resolution and agreement can be reviewed in the Township Clerk's Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law of New Jersey shall be published in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times.

Deputy Mayor Maffucci moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Cicala, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

(c) To consider resolution concerning re-appointment of Auditor

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

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the appointment of a Township Auditor for the Township of Cedar Grove, and funds are available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 states "no local unit shall be required to advertise for bids for professional services" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4, the annual audit and

WHEREAS, the firm of Nisivoccia & Company is a registered municipal accounting firm in the State of New Jersey and comes under the "professional services" provision of the Local Public Contracts Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, New Jersey, that it does hereby appoint Nisivoccia & Company to serve as Township Auditor for the calendar year 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this appointment shall be published in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times.

Deputy Mayor Maffucci moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Cicala, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

(d) To consider resolution concerning re-appointment of representatives to New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund

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, that the following municipal officials are hereby appointed as the Commissioner and Alternate to the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund for the calendar year 2017:

Commissioner – Thomas J. Tucci, Jr., Township Manager
Alternate – William M. Homa, Chief Finance Officer

Councilman Cicala moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Deputy Mayor Maffucci, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella
NO: None

(e) To consider resolution concerning re-appointment of representatives to Community Development Block Grant Committee

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 the following Municipal Officials are hereby appointed to serve as Cedar Grove’s representatives to the Community Development Block Grant Committee for 2017:

E. Romeo Longo Councilman
Alex Palumbo Municipal Engineer

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

AYE: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella
NO: None

(f) To consider resolution concerning re-appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer

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

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.5 requires that each public agency annually designate an officer or employee to serve as its Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that Kathleen R. Stutz is hereby re-appointed as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Township of Cedar Grove.

Deputy Mayor Maffucci moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Cicala, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella
NO: None

- (g) To consider resolution concerning approval of raffle application – Little Falls School #1 PTSA

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

WHEREAS an application for a raffle license has been received from:

APPLICANT

Little Falls School #1 PTSA
 32 Stevens Ave.
 Little Falls NJ 07470

EVENT, DATE, TIME, AND PLACE

On-Premise Merchandise Raffle to be held
 March 16, 2017 at 5:30 – 11:00 p.m.
 at 691 Pompton Ave. Cedar Grove NJ 07009

WHEREAS the fee has been paid, 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 Cicala moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Deputy Mayor Maffucci, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Maffucci, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella
 NO: None

7. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) To consider resolution concerning 2017 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 2017 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. Reconstruction of Bowden Road from Highview Terrace to Little Falls Road

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

Councilman Longo moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Deputy Mayor Maffucci, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella
 NO: None

(b) To consider resolution concerning 2017 Council Meeting schedule

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

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Chapter 231, Public Laws of 1975, also known as the Open Public Meetings Act, requires that the governing body compile and disseminate a schedule of meetings to be held by it during the coming year 2017;

WHEREAS, meetings of the governing body are held in the Municipal Building, 525 Pompton Avenue at 7:00 p.m. and are open to the public with the exception of executive sessions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following schedule of the meetings of the Township Council is hereby approved for publication:

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS shall be held in the Council Chambers the first Monday of each month, excluding holidays, according to the following schedule:

January 9	June 5
February 6	September 11
March 6	October 2
April 3	November 6
May 1	December 4*

*Immediately following 7:00 PM Annual Tree Lighting

STAFF COUNCIL MEETINGS shall be held in the 2nd Floor Conference Room the third Monday of each month, excluding holidays, according to the following schedule:

January 23	June 19
February 27	September 25
March 20	October 16
April 17	November 20
May 15	December 18

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body shall conduct meetings according to a summer meeting schedule for the months of July and August as follows:

TYPE OF MEETING	DATE
Regular	July 10
Regular	August 14

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that official action will be taken at Regular Meetings and may be taken at any Staff Meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that closed/executive sessions may take place at Regular Meetings or Staff Meetings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the annual Re-organization Meeting shall be held on Wednesday, July 5th at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the schedule of meetings shall be posted on the Bulletin Board on the first floor of the Municipal Building Lobby.

Deputy Mayor Maffucci moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Cicala, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

(c) To consider resolution designating official newspapers of the Township for 2017

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 the Verona/Cedar Grove Times, The Herald News, and the Star Ledger, are hereby designated as the official newspapers of the Township of Cedar Grove for 2017.

Councilman Kumburis moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Deputy Mayor Maffucci, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

(d) To consider resolution concerning term expiration of Environmental Commission member

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution dated December 15, 2014, the Township Council correctly appointed Diane Perkins and inadvertently appointed Staci Molinaro as members of the Environmental Commission for three-year terms beginning January 1, 2015 and expiring December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 47, Section 2 of the Township Code of Cedar Grove, only one of the seven Environmental Commission members was to be appointed for a three-year term commencing January 1, 2015 and expiring December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the Township Council had to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Herbert Speigel who had previously resigned as a member of the Environmental Commission; his term began January 1, 2014 and was set to expire December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution dated December 15, 2014, the Township Council intended to appoint Diane Perkins to a full term of three years expiring December 31, 2017, and intended to appoint Staci Molinaro to fill Dr. Speigel's unexpired term, expiring on December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to correct the error contained in the Resolution dated December 15, 2014, and clarify that Staci Molinaro was appointed to fulfill Dr. Speigel's unexpired term, expiring December 31, 2016;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, modifies the Resolution dated December 15, 2014 to properly reflect that Staci Molinaro was appointed as a member of the Environmental Commission to serve the unexpired term of Dr. Speigel, and therefore her appointment expires December 31, 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

Councilman Cicala moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Deputy Mayor Maffucci, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

(e) To consider resolution concerning transfer of appropriations

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. 40A:4-58 permits certain transfers of appropriations during the last two months of the fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, that the following transfers of appropriation listed herein in the 2016 Municipal Budget be approved:

CURRENT FUND MUNICIPAL BUDGET

To:	
Township Manager’s Office:	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 3,358.00
Legal Services and Costs:	
Other Expenses	30,000.00
Treasurer-Controller’s Office:	
Salaries and Wages	2,869.00
Assessment of Taxes:	
Salaries and Wages	6,413.00
Collection of Taxes:	
Salaries and Wages	1,637.00
Planning Board:	
Salaries and Wages	511.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment:	
Salaries and Wages	511.00
Public Defender:	
Other Expenses	2,580.00
Board of Health:	
Salaries and Wages	888.00
Building Inspector:	
Salaries and Wages	2,484.00
Plumbing Inspector:	
Salaries and Wages	646.00

Electrical Inspector:	
Salaries and Wages	634.00
Township Clerk's Office:	
Salaries and Wages	2,455.00
Public Buildings and Grounds:	
Other Expenses	7,496.00
Equipment Maintenance:	
Salaries and Wages	837.00
Election:	
Other Expenses	<u>200.00</u>
	<u>\$63,519.00</u>
From:	
Operating:	
Salary and Wage Personnel Adjustment Program	<u>\$63,519.00</u>

WATER OPERATING FUND BUDGET

To:	
Operating:	
Salaries and Wages	<u>\$11,818.00</u>
From:	
Operating:	
Salary Adjustment Program	<u>\$11,818.00</u>

SEWER OPERATING FUND BUDGET

To:	
Operating:	
Salaries and Wages	<u>\$12,870.00</u>
From:	
Operating:	
Salary Adjustment Program	<u>\$12,870.00</u>

SWIM POOL OPERATING FUND BUDGET

To:	
Operating:	
Salaries and Wages	<u>\$3,649.00</u>
From:	
Operating:	
Salary Adjustment Program	<u>\$3,649.00</u>

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION DISTRICT BUDGET

To:	
Operating:	
Salaries and Wages	<u>\$55,000.00</u>
From:	
Operating:	
Disposal Fees	<u>\$55,000.00</u>

Councilman Cicala moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Deputy Mayor Maffucci, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

(f) To consider resolution concerning cancellation of developer escrows

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

WHEREAS, the following developer escrow accounts are recorded in the General Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the developer escrow accounts are dormant and actions are required to cancel the following developer escrow accounts from the records of the Township of Cedar Grove;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that the following developer escrow accounts be cancelled:

<u>DATE OPENED</u>	<u>NAME/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
9-27-2000	Edelberto Trujillo	\$0.03
7-03-2001	Park Ridge Developers	\$6,575.11
9-05-2001	K Hovnanian Company Raritan Plaza I	\$55,698.24
9-10-2001	Verizon	\$7,583.50
5-06-2002	Cedar Grove Restaurant Assoc. LP	\$830.19
8-09-2002	Park Ridge Development LLC	\$9,530.31
8-09-2002	Park Ridge Development LLC	\$16,317.46
12-04-2002	Park Ridge Development LLC	\$7,139.08
3-03-2003	Park Ridge Estates LLC	\$12,228.30
3-06-2003	Park Ridge Development LLC	\$152.69
4-28-2003	Park Ridge Estates LLC	\$2,239.40
8-06-2003	Park Ridge Development LLC	\$1,177.89
11-28-2003	K Hovnanian Co. LLC	\$15,095.35
6-24-2004	Township of Cedar Grove FBO Wilson, PA CG Animal	\$10,699.71
9-24-2004	Maeco Construction Mgt. Co.	<u>\$6.29</u>
	Total	<u>\$145,273.55</u>

Deputy Mayor Maffucci moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Cicala, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

(g) To consider resolution concerning award of bid for furnishing of equipment & personnel for snow removal

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to advertising duly made, bids were received for the furnishing of equipment and personnel for snow plowing and publicly opened and read by the Township Clerk on November 29, 2016 as follows:

BIDDER	ITEM #1 TRUCK, PLOW & OPERATOR	ITEM #2 TRUCK H/D PLOW & OPERATOR	ITEM #3 TRUCK, S/SPREADER & OPERATOR	ITEM #4 4-WHEEL DRIVE LOADER	ITEM #5 TANDEM DUMP TRUCK
Sanzari Asphalt Woodland Park, NJ	\$175.00/hr	\$175.00/hr	\$65.00/hr	\$65.00/hr	\$65.00/hr.
AE Recchia, Inc. Cedar Grove, NJ	\$176.00/hr	\$186.00/hr	\$188.00/hr	\$208.00/hr	\$119.00/hr

WHEREAS, the Municipal Engineer, the Township Manager, have reviewed the bids and recommend that the award of bid be made to Sanzari Asphalt, Woodland Park, New Jersey.

WHEREAS, funds are available to satisfy our obligations under this contract in the 2016 Snow Removal Budget Account #0315-2800.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that the award of bid be made to Sanzari Asphalt, Woodland Park, New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper township officials be instructed to execute a contract on behalf of the township.

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

AYE: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

8. 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 \$640,778.59

Deputy Mayor Maffucci moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Longo, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Maffucci, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

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

Kate Hartwyk; Essex County Liaison – Ms. Hartwyk announced that the annual holiday lighting display at Turtle Back Zoo is open. Ms. Hartwyk also noted the upcoming dedication & opening of the County’s “Cedar Grove Park” and Robert O’Toole Community Center on 12/12/16 at 10:00 a.m.

Paul Burns; 2 Elm Drive – Mr. Burns inquired the status of proposed field development at L.R. Parks school property.

AUTHORIZATION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings' Act (N.J.S.A.10:4-12 (b) (1-9) permits the exclusion of the public from a Meeting of the Mayor and Council in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Cedar Grove are of the opinion that such circumstances exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, State of New Jersey that:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of any action on the Executive Session of the Meeting of the Mayor and Council of December 5, 2016.
2. The general nature of the subject matters to be discussed is correspondence from U.S. Dept. of Justice pertaining to Coptic Church investigation.
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public as soon thereafter as it is deemed in the public interest to do so.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Deputy Mayor Maffucci moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Cicala, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Maffucci moved adjournment of the public council meeting, seconded by Councilman Cicala, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Kumburis, Longo, Maffucci, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

PETER H. TANELLA MAYOR

KATHLEEN R. STUTZ MUNICIPAL CLERK