

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

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

DECEMBER 7, 2015

1. ROLL CALL, INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Chiusolo called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Present: Councilman Kumburis, Maffucci, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Chiusolo
Also Present: Township Manager Tucci, Township Attorney Zielinski, and Township Clerk Stutz
Absent: Councilman Longo

The invocation was given by Rev. Slobodan Petkovski of the Macedonian Church followed by the flag salute by Mayor Chiusolo.

Mayor Chiusolo 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 January 1, 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. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

(a) Ceremonial Swearing-in of Councilmember

Senator Kevin O'Toole administered the oath of office to elected Councilmember Michael Maffucci. Senator O'Toole commented that Councilman Maffucci has been a life-long friend, raised in Cedar Grove, and whose children now reside in the Township and raising their family. Councilman Maffucci thanked Senator O'Toole, the residents of Cedar Grove, his campaign members, family, and particularly his wife for their support. Councilman Maffucci pledged to represent all Township residents during his tenure. Councilman Maffucci extended congratulations to the Cedar Grove High School football team for a successful season despite their recent loss to Verona in the championship final.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(a) To consider approval of regular public meeting minutes of June 1, 2015

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

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Councilman Longo

(b) To consider approval of regular public meeting minutes of November 2, 2015

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

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Councilman Longo

4. PUBLIC HEARING

- (a) To consider adoption of Pending Ordinance #15-788, 2016 Maximum 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 Chiusolo opened the public hearing on this item. There being no one present wishing to be heard, Mayor Chiusolo closed the public hearing.

Deputy Mayor Tanella 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 Kumburis, and passed by the following vote:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Councilman Longo

- (b) 2016 Community Development Block Grant

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

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

Mayor Chiusolo 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 Chiusolo closed this portion of the meeting.

6. REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

(a) Township Manager – The Manager reported that the Township received \$5,000 for the benefit of the Morgan Farm and Museum from the estate of long-time resident and Historical Society member Ren Chandler. Mr. Tucci advised that a Holiday Breakfast is scheduled for employees at Town Hall on 12/18 at 9:00 a.m. The Manager requested an executive session to discuss PBA negotiations.

(b) Township Clerk – No report

(c) Township Attorney – Attorney Zielinski provided a memo pertaining to the ability of the Township to prohibit home businesses from selling guns or weapons.

(d) Other Reports

Mayor Chiusolo recommended that the Township Attorney draft an ordinance to prohibit the sale of guns/weapons by home business, to which Deputy Mayor Tanella and Councilman Maffucci agreed. Councilman Kumburis abstained. Mayor Chiusolo noted a letter of resignation from long-time Recreation Advisory Board member Regina Guth. Mayor Chiusolo requested to present Ms. Guth with a plaque at the January regular public meeting, to which the governing body agreed. Mayor Chiusolo commented on the receipt of e-mails and phone calls from residents of Anderson Pkwy., Lopez Rd, pertaining to an application currently before the Zoning Board. Mayor Chiusolo explained that the Township Council is unable to comment on the application, as it may come before the governing body on appeal. The Manager responded to Mayor Chiusolo’s inquiry regarding an update on request for a traffic signal Grove Ave./Pompton Avenue intersection. Mayor Chiusolo noted that the FBI recently released “active shooter” response guidelines and suggested posting on the Township website.

Councilman Kumburis commented that the Peckman River Regional Flood Control Board has raised concerns regarding continued “de-snagging” efforts by member municipalities to reduce potential flood risk. The Manager explained the routine de-snagging efforts conducted by the DPW, particularly before any storm event.

Councilman Maffucci provided a brief synopsis of the educational sessions that he attended at the annual League of Municipalities Conference.

Mayor Chiusolo extended holiday wishes to all residents.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

(a) To consider resolution concerning approval of limousine license application

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

WHEREAS, application for limousine license for 2016 has been received from:

| APPLICANT | TRADE NAME |
|--|-------------------|
| Raymond Yazgi 95 Lopez Rd. Cedar Grove, NJ 07009 | Economy Limousine |

WHEREAS, a satisfactory investigation has been conducted by the Police Chief.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk be directed to renew said limousine license for the above named applicant.

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

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Councilman Longo

(b) To consider resolution concerning approval of raffle application – CGHS ATP

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

Cedar Grove High School APT
90 Rugby Rd.
Cedar Grove, NJ 07009

EVENT, DATE, TIME, AND PLACE

On-Premise 50/50
March 16, 17, 18, 19, 2016 at 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.
90 Rugby Rd., Cedar Grove NJ

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

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Councilman Longo

(c) To consider resolution concerning approval of raffle application – CG Elks Club

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

Cedar Grove Elks Lodge #2237
405 Bowden Rd.
Cedar Grove, NJ 07009

EVENT, DATE, TIME, AND PLACE

On-Premise 50/50
1/15/16 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., 2/20/15 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
2/24/16 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. 3/12/16 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
at 405 Bowden Rd., Cedar Grove NJ

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 herby approve said application.

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Maffucci
SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Tanella

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

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Councilman Longo

8. NEW BUSINESS

(a) To consider resolution concerning 2016 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 2016;

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 11 | June 6 |
| February 8 | September 12 |
| March 7 | October 3 |
| April 4 | November 7 |
| May 2 | December 5* |

*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 25 | June 20 |
| February 22 | September 26 |
| March 21 | October 17 |
| April 18 | November 21 |
| May 16 | December 19 |

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 11 |
| Regular | August 8 |

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 Friday, July 1st at 12:00 NOON 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 Tanella moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Kumburis, and passed by the following vote:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Councilman Longo

(b) To consider resolution concerning tax cancellation

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. 54:4-3.30, a veteran who has been discharged or released under honorable circumstances and is 100% permanently disabled as a result of a service connected disability declared by the United States Veterans Administration shall be exempt from property taxation; and

WHEREAS, Robert C. Ringer of 71 Skytop Road, Block – 93 Lot – 29, has filed a claim with the tax assessor certifying his right of property tax exemption in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.31; and

WHEREAS, the claim filed by Robert C. Ringer of 71 Skytop Road, Block – 93 Lot – 29 for the property tax exemption has been allowed by the tax assessor; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 property taxes subject to tax exemption totals \$1,156.80.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that the required 2015 tax cancellation be made:

| <u>Block</u> | <u>Lot</u> | <u>Owner & Location</u> | <u>Tax Cancellation</u> |
|--------------|------------|---|-------------------------|
| 93 | 29 | Robert C. & Cristina S. Ringer 71 Skytop Road Cedar Grove, NJ 07009 | <u>\$1,156.80</u> |

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

AYE: Councilman Kumburis, Longo, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Zunic, Mayor Chiusolo

NO: None

ABSENT: Councilman Longo

(c) To consider resolution concerning cancellation of 2015 tax overpayments

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

WHEREAS, the following tax overpayments appear on the Tax Collector's tax overpayment list: and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has determined that actions are required to cancel the following Tax overpayments 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 tax overpayments be cancelled.

Township of Cedar Grove
Schedule of Tax Overpayments
\$50.00 and Under

| <u>BLOCK</u> | <u>LOT</u> | <u>ADDRESS</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 13 | 33 | 15 Essex Road | 10.00 |
| 22 | 2 | 14 Westland Road | 2.63 |
| 27 | 41 | 57 Overlook Road | .20 |
| 40 | 237 Co037 | 37 Highpoint | .01 |
| 50 | 7 | 69 Devonshire Road | 26.80 |
| 50 | 41 | 128 Ridge Road | .08 |
| 50 | 51 | 21 Devonshire Road South | 4.00 |
| 64 | 4 | 88 Ozone Avenue | .01 |
| 68 | 27 | 26 Sweetwood Drive | 1.00 |
| 94 | 7 | 32 Greendale Road | .09 |
| 103 | 20 | 63 Winding Way | .03 |
| 104 | 8 | 90 Winding Way | 3.00 |
| 110 | 139 | 14 Elm Drive | .02 |
| 130 | 302 | 265 Cedar Street | .01 |
| 130 | 327 | 8 Frances Court | .07 |
| 146 | 6 | 27 Sycamore Drive | .40 |
| 170 | 17 | 77 Brunswick Road | .01 |
| 174 | 17 | 111 Sunrise Terrace | .62 |
| 174 | 21 | 95 Sunrise Terrace | .62 |
| 176 | 48 | 43 Myrtle Avenue | .32 |
| 192 | 17 | 22 Hillside Avenue | .35 |
| 195 | 18 Co027 | 904-A2 Pompton Avenue | .01 |
| 201 | 59 | 28 Personette Street | .21 |

| <u>BLOCK</u> | <u>LOT</u> | <u>ADDRESS</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|--------------|------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 261 | 51 Co114 | 98 Glen Road Road | .02 |
| 272 | 1 | 3 Highfield Lane | .20 |
| 272 | 16 | 84 The Fairway | 1.62 |
| 300 | 11 Co027 | 303 Holly Lane | .20 |
| 300 | 11 Co070 | 610 Holly Lane | .45 |
| 303 | 20 | 39 Anderson Parkway | 18.00 |
| 305 | 16 | 65 Carlson Parkway | .01 |
| 310 | 61 | 40 Vincent Road | 4.00 |
| 340 | 268 | 94 West Lindsley Road | .01 |
| 350 | 8 | 8 Pine Drive | .02 |
| 350 | 49 | 40 Pine Drive | .03 |
| 351 | 5 | 190 Stevens Avenue | .13 |
| 358 | 1 | 17 Ring Place | .47 |
| 370 | 11 Co026 | 51 Chestnut Court | .17 |
| | | Total | <u>\$75.82</u> |

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

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Councilman Longo

(d) To consider resolution concerning 2016 salary of DPW employees

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

WHEREAS, The Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove did adopt Ordinance 15-786, fixing salary grades and ranges, wages and fees of certain employees within the Department of Public Works of the Township of Cedar Grove; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance provides that the Township Council shall, by resolution, fix the salary of each employee within the salary ranges as set forth in Section One of the Salary Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that the salaries as hereinafter enumerated shall constitute the salaries for Fiscal Year 2016 for the employees covered under Section One of the Salary Ordinance, represented by the Township of Cedar Grove Employees' Association.

REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES

| <u>GRADE</u> | <u>JOB CLASSIFICATIONS</u> | <u>MINIMUM</u> | <u>MAXIMUM</u> |
|--------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 3 | Maintenance Worker | \$34,591. | \$54,616. |

| | | | |
|---|--|---------|----------|
| 4 | Equipment Operator | 40,000. | 56,963. |
| 5 | Sewer Plant Operator | 42,000. | 59,002. |
| 6 | Mechanic Auto/Sewer/Water | 45,000. | 68,646. |
| 7 | Engineering Aide | 47,000. | 69,100. |
| 8 | Parks/Grounds Department Foreman Road Department Foreman Water Department Foreman Sewer Department Foreman Senior Engineering Aide | 57,246. | 83,977. |
| 9 | Superintendent | 81,906. | 106,214. |

| <u>EMPLOYEE</u> | <u>SALARY</u> | <u>GRADE</u> | <u>LONGEVITY</u> | <u>JOB TITLE</u> |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Bahaw, Robbie | \$35,283 | 3 | ___ | Maint. Worker |
| Bellino, Harold | 49,759. | 3 | ___ | Maint. Worker |
| Bennett, Daniel | 37,615. | 3 | ___ | Maint. Worker |
| Brown, Gerard | 37,615. | 3 | ___ | Maint. Worker |
| Calabrese, Eugene | 48,448. | 3 | ___ | Maint. Worker |
| King, Timothy | 52,576. | 3 | ___ | Maint. Worker |
| McElroy, Michael | 46,723. | 3 | ___ | Maint. Worker |
| Mesce, Robert | 51,759. | 3 | ___ | Maint. Worker |
| Smolls, Donald | 37,615. | 3 | ___ | Maint. Worker |
| Struck, Thomas | 49,759. | 3 | ___ | Maint. Worker |
| Resciniti, Thomas | 48,383. | 4 | ___ | Equip. Operator |
| Hunter, William | 53,290. | 4 | ___ | Equip. Operator |
| Webb, David | 53,290. | 4 | ___ | Equip. Operator |
| Lavin, James | 53,614. | 5 | ___ | Sewer Plant Operator |
| Cuccinello, Adrian | 54,002. | 5 | ___ | Sewer Plant Operator |
| DiGeronimo, Peter | \$67,752. | 6 | ___ | Auto Mechanic |
| Gialanella, Michael | 56,702. | 6 | ___ | Water Mechanic |
| Grasso, Michael | 65,631. | 6 | ___ | Water/Sewer Mechanic |
| Hopper, Andrew | 56,462. | 6 | ___ | Sewer Mechanic |
| Donovan, Dan | 59,928. | 7 | ___ | Engineering Aide |
| Bailey, Jeffrey | 58,391. | 8 | ___ | Parks Foreman |
| Jorn, Michael | 81,937. | 8 | ___ | Water Dept. Foreman |
| Locascio, Joseph | 75,330. | 8 | ___ | Senior Engineering Aide |
| Vitiello, Jerry | 92,761. | 9 | ___ | Superintendent |

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

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Councilman Longo

(e) To consider resolution concerning insertion of special item of revenue

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:4-87, provides that the Director of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of a special item of revenue in the Municipal Budget of the Township of Cedar Grove for 2015 when such items shall have been available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation of equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, Essex County, New Jersey, that it hereby requests that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insert of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2015 in the sum of \$4,906.26, which is now available as a revenue from the Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund, which is administered by the Division of Highway Traffic Safety, pursuant to the provision of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$4,906.26 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund \$4,906.26

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

AYE: Councilman Kumburis, Longo, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Zunic, Mayor Chiusolo

NO: None

ABSENT: Councilman Longo

(f) 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 2015 Municipal Budget be approved:

CURRENT FUND MUNICIPAL BUDGET

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| To: | |
| Township Manager's Office: | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ 7,059.00 |
| Legal Services and Costs: | |
| Other Expenses | 27,866.00 |
| Treasurer-Controller's Office: | |
| Salaries and Wages | 3,686.00 |
| Assessment of Taxes: | |
| Salaries and Wages | 1,386.00 |
| Collection of Taxes: | |
| Salaries and Wages | 1,587.00 |
| Other Expenses | 1,424.00 |
| Planning Board: | |
| Salaries and Wages | 501.00 |
| Zoning Board of Adjustment: | |
| Salaries and Wages | 501.00 |
| Public Defender: | |
| Other Expenses | 2,805.00 |
| Board of Health: | |
| Salaries and Wages | 868.00 |
| Building Inspector: | |
| Salaries and Wages | 2,434.00 |
| Plumbing Inspector: | |
| Salaries and Wages | 317.00 |
| Electrical Inspector: | |
| Salaries and Wages | 317.00 |
| Engineering Services and Costs: | |
| Salaries and Wages | 712.00 |
| Public Buildings and Grounds: | |
| Other Expenses | 8,000.00 |
| Equipment Maintenance: | |
| Salaries and Wages | 1,350.00 |
| Shade Tree: | |
| Other Expenses | 2,201.00 |
| Insurance: | |
| Health Benefit Waiver | <u>505.00</u> |
| | <u>\$63,519.00</u> |

From:

Operating:

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| Salary and Wage Personnel Adjustment Program | <u>\$63,519.00</u> |
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WATER OPERATING FUND BUDGET

To:

Operating:

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| Salaries and Wages | <u>\$22,203.00</u> |
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|---------------------------|--|--------------------|
| From: | | |
| Operating: | | |
| Salary Adjustment Program | | \$11,203.00 |
| Other Expenses | | <u>11,000.00</u> |
| | | <u>\$22,203.00</u> |

SEWER OPERATING FUND BUDGET

| | | |
|--------------------|--|--------------------|
| To: | | |
| Operating: | | |
| Salaries and Wages | | <u>\$12,299.00</u> |

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| From: | | |
| Operating: | | |
| Salary Adjustment Program | | <u>\$12,299.00</u> |

SWIM POOL OPERATING FUND BUDGET

| | | |
|--------------------|--|-------------------|
| To: | | |
| Operating: | | |
| Salaries and Wages | | <u>\$3,382.00</u> |

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|---------------------------|--|-------------------|
| From: | | |
| Operating: | | |
| Salary Adjustment Program | | <u>\$3,382.00</u> |

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION DISTRICT BUDGET

| | | |
|----------------------|--|---------------------|
| To: | | |
| Operating: | | |
| Salaries and Wages | | \$65,000.00 |
| Contractual Services | | <u>45,000.00</u> |
| | | <u>\$110,000.00</u> |

| | | |
|---------------|--|---------------------|
| From: | | |
| Operating: | | |
| Disposal Fees | | <u>\$110,000.00</u> |

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

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Councilman Longo

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 \$646,265.91.

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

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Councilman Longo

10. CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

(a) To consider resolution awarding contract for professional engineering design services

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

WHEREAS, The Township has a need for professional engineering design services for the Reconstruction of Commerce Road project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to advertising duly made for a fair and open contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et. seq., proposals were received and publicly opened by the Township Clerk on October 20, 2015 as follows; and

| <u>PROPOSER</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Van Cleef Engr. Assoc. | \$ 15,750.00 |
| Petry Engineering, LLC | \$ 18,400.00 |
| Keller & Kirkpatrick | \$ 18,500.00 |
| Bowman Consulting | \$ 21,800.00 |
| Remington Vernick & Arango Engr. | \$ 35,320.00 |

WHEREAS, the Municipal Engineer has recommended that a contract for the above referenced professional services be awarded to Van Cleef Engr. Assoc.; and

WHEREAS, funds are now available for this purpose in 2015 Municipal Budget.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, Essex County, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Van Cleef Engr. Assoc. of Lebanon, NJ, for an amount not to exceed \$ 15,750.00 in accordance with the proposal dated October 20, 2015
2. This agreement is awarded as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because of the technical of the professional services required for this project; and
3. A notice of this agreement shall be published in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times as required by law.

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

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Councilman Longo

(b) To consider resolution authorizing execution of Utility Engineering and Construction Agreement with NJDOT

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

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation, has proposed Utility Agreement No. UECA-5-Bloomfield-124200 between it and the Township of Cedar Grove; and

WHEREAS, a copy of said Agreement is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Township to accept said Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that the Township Manager, Thomas Tucci, be and hereby is authorized and directed to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Township officials and employees take all steps necessary to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two (2) signed, attested, and officially sealed copies of said Agreement together with two (2) completed Vendor Identification Forms be returned to:

State of New Jersey Dept. of Transportation
P. O. Box 600
Trenton NJ 08625
Att: Babulal Dhulesia, Project Manager
Division of Project Management

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

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Councilman Longo

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

Mayor Chiusolo opened this portion of the meeting to anyone wishing to be heard on any item on or off the agenda.

Essex County Freeholder Len Luciano – Freeholder Luciano congratulated Councilman Maffucci on his successful election. Mr. Luciano also extended good wishes to the governing body and urged the Council to contact him if he could be of any service to the Township.

There being no one else present wishing to be heard, Mayor Chiusolo closed this portion of the meeting.

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 7, 2015.
2. The general nature of the subject matters to be discussed is PBA negotiations.
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 Tanella moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Kumburis, and passed by the following vote:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Councilman Longo

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Councilman Longo

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

JOSEPH CHIUSOLO MAYOR

ATTEST:

KATHLEEN R. STUTZ MUNICIPAL CLERK