

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

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

JANUARY 14, 2019

1. ROLL CALL, INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

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

Present: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Vargo, Mayor Cicala
Also Present: Township Manager Tucci, Township Attorney Zielinski, Township Clerk Stutz

The flag salute was led by Mayor Cicala.

Mayor Cicala made the required announcement concerning the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: Adequate notice of this meeting was duly published in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times and the Star Ledger on December 27, 2018, 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

a) Presentation of Recreation Advisory Board Awards

Councilman Tanella presented an award to David Schoner in recognition of his volunteer efforts, particularly the “Cedar Grove Waves” flag display in remembrance and honor of the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attack.

Councilwoman Peterson presented an award to Francene Faieta, former member of the Recreation Advisory Board (2005-2018). Councilwoman Peterson highlighted Ms. Faieta’s extensive volunteer efforts in local athletic organizations, the community and schools.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) To consider approval of minutes of regular public meeting of December 3, 2018

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

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Vargo, Mayor Cicala
NO: None

b) To consider approval of minutes of special public meeting – December 17, 2018

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

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Deputy Mayor Vargo, Mayor Cicala
NO: None
ABSTAIN: Councilman Tanella

4. REJECTION OF BID

a) To consider resolution rejecting bid for Rehabilitation of VFW Water Tank

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 Rehabilitation of VFW Water Tank project and were publicly opened and read by the Township Clerk on November 14, 2019 as follows:

BIDDER	TOTAL BID AMOUNT
Guimar Gen. Contractor LLC Newark NJ	\$ 424,441.50
Allied Painting Inc. Cherry Hill NJ	\$ 450,030.00
Manda Corp. Cliffside Park NJ	\$ 466,900.00
Brave Industrial Paint LLC Long Branch NJ	\$ 467,000.00
The G Meyer Group Manasquan NJ	\$ 507,200.00
Utility Service Co., Inc. Perry GA	\$ 602,000.00
Bragaton Construction Inc. Livingston NJ	\$ 678,800.00
U.S. Tank Painting Inc. Millstone Twp. NJ	\$ 696,900.00
Tsivicos Enterprises, Inc. Neptune NJ	\$ 712,000.00

WHEREAS, the bids submitted have been reviewed by the Municipal Engineer, and the Township Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the bids of the three (3) apparent low bidders failed to fully comply with the Bid Specifications; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with Bid Specification constitutes an incurable defect necessitating rejection of three apparent low bids; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has recommended rejection of all bids received per memo dated January 2, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that all bids for the Rehabilitation of VFW Water Tank project be rejected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bid specifications be revised and the project be re-bid.

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

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

NO: None

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

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, Mayor Cicala closed this portion of the meeting.

6. REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

a) Township Manager – The Manager provided a memo from the Fire Chief seeking authorization to execute a memorandum of agreement with NJ Office of Emergency Management. The Manager explained that execution of the agreement enables the Township to be a participating agency of NJ All-Hazards Incident Management Team. Following further explanation of benefits of participation, there was consensus to execute the agreement. The Manager suggested budget hearing dates; 1/28, 1/29, and 1/30 if necessary, at 5:00 p.m., to which the governing body agreed. Mr. Tucci noted correspondence sent to the Essex County Executive concerning potential future acquisition of the Police Academy property. Deputy Mayor Vargo commented that the idea of possible acquisition of the property evolved from discussion/suggestion of development of community recreation center. Councilman Tanella further commented that while he is willing to explore possibilities for a community recreation center, fiscal responsibility is a predominant factor in any decision. The Manager noted a request for block party for South End School graduation. The Manager stated that the request could be approved with conditions following conversation with the Police Chief, to which the governing body agreed.

b) Township Clerk – The Clerk reported results of recent RFP opening for Township Attorney and Tax Appeal Attorney. There was consensus to award contract to Mark Semeraro, Esq. for Township Attorney and Tax Appeal Attorney. The Clerk advised that a municipal election will be held on May 14, 2019 for two expiring term Council positions. The Clerk further advised that candidate packets are available from the Clerk's Office during regular working hours. Ms. Stutz further noted that the deadline for candidates to file/submit their nominating petition in the Clerk's Office is March 11, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

c) Township Attorney – No report

d) Other Reports

Councilman Kumburis reported that he recently had a discussion with Mayor Baraka of Newark regarding recreational fishing opportunities at the reservoir. Councilman Kumburis commented that he received a favorable response from Mayor Baraka to the request.

Deputy Mayor Vargo noted the recent openings of two new businesses on Pompton Avenue in the downtown business area; Woodland Play Space and Care Chiropractic. Deputy Mayor Vargo requested clarification of reported grant money allocated to the City of Newark for the reservoir in Cedar Grove. The Manager explained that the grant allocation was based on an application submitted by the City of Newark over ten years ago to cap the reservoir. Mr. Tucci stated that he contacted Eric Pennington, Business Administrator for City of Newark, who stated that the City of Newark has no plans to cap the reservoir, that the project scope has changed to installation of a disinfecting unit.

Councilman Tanella requested the status of the Hilltop development project. The Manager advised that he has weekly conference calls with K. Hovnanian representatives. Mr. Tucci further commented that there are three buildings under construction, a sales building on the property and 8 units have been sold. The Manager responded to Deputy Mayor Vargo's inquiry concerning water run-off from the project site, stating that Hudson Essex Soil Conservation is the agency overseeing the run-off. Mr. Tucci addressed Deputy Mayor Vargo's concerns regarding traffic flow from the project. The Manager also addressed Councilman Tanella's inquiry on the status of Rt. 23 overlay project.

Mayor Cicala commented that fiscal responsibility is a priority when considering undertaking capital projects, and the governing body should be mindful of the impact of Hilltop development on the school system. Mayor Cicala noted a leadership forum at the YMCA that he had been invited to attend.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) To consider resolution concerning approval of raffle application – Memorial Middle School FSA

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

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

APPLICANTS

Memorial Middle School FSA
500 Ridge Rd.
Cedar Grove NJ 07009

EVENTS, DATES TIMES & PLACE

Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle to be held
April 18, 2019 at 9:00 pm 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 Tanella moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Deputy Mayor Vargo, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Vargo, Mayor Cicala
NO: None

- b) 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 raffle license has been received from:

APPLICANTS

EVENTS, DATES TIMES & PLACE

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

On-Premise 50/50 Raffles to be held
 February 15 at 7:00 p.m., March 9 at 8:00 p.m., April 18, Cedar
 March 27, 2019 at 8:30 pm at
 405 Bowden Rd., 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 Tanella moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Deputy Mayor Vargo, and passed by the following vote:

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

NO: None

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a) To consider resolution concerning 2019 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, 2019 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 2018 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 2019:

<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	2,383,971.00	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 & 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 & 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>\$2,807,471.00</u>	<u>\$1,825,564.00</u>
 <u>Water Utility Fund</u>			
Operating Appropriations	3-4100	\$140,067.00	\$335,055.00
Statutory Expenditures	3-4220		15,000.00
Debt Service	3-4210	_____	<u>140,000.00</u>
TOTAL WATER UTILITY		<u>\$140,067.00</u>	<u>\$490,055.00</u>
 <u>Sewer Utility Fund</u>			
Operating Appropriations	4-5100	\$136,179.00	\$385,309.00
Statutory Expenditures	4-5220		14,500.00
Debt Service	4-5210	_____	<u>250,000.00</u>
TOTAL SEWER UTILITY		<u>\$136,179.00</u>	<u>\$649,809.00</u>
 <u>Swimming Pool Utility Fund</u>			
Operating Appropriations	5-6100	\$38,376.00	\$67,756.00
Statutory Expenditures	5-6220		4,000.00
Debt Service	5-6210	_____	<u>95,000.00</u>
TOTAL SWIMMING POOL UTILITY		<u>\$38,376.00</u>	<u>\$166,756.00</u>

Solid Waste Collection District

Operating Appropriations	9-9950	\$51,395.00	\$436,004.00
Statutory Expenditures	9-9220	<u> </u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
TOTAL SOLID WASTE COLL. DISTRICT		<u>\$51,395.00</u>	<u>\$437,504.00</u>

Deputy Mayor Vargo moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Kumburis, and passed by the following vote:
 AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Vargo, Mayor Cicala
 NO: None

b) To consider resolution concerning 2019 cash management plan

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

CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, that for the year 2019, 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	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.

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

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

NO: None

c) To consider resolution concerning rate of interest on delinquent payment of taxes

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, 2019.

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

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

NO: None

d) 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.

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

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

NO: None

- e) 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, 2019.

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.

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

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

NO: None

- f) To consider resolution concerning submission of 2019 MAC grant application

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

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Essex;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Cedar Grove Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2019 in the amount of:

DEDR	22,000.00
Cash Match	5,500.00
In-Kind	16,500.00

2. The Township Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

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

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

NO: None

g) To consider resolution concerning purchase of dump truck through national co-operative

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Cedar Grove utilizes Sourcewell, a national co-operative previously known as National Joint Powers of Alliance (NJPA), for the purchase a 10-Cubic Yard Dump Truck with Spreader and Plow, parts and accessories for the Cedar Grove Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the contract amount for the a 10-Cubic Yard Dump Truck with Spreader and Plow, parts and accessories at the Cedar Grove Department of Public Works will not exceed \$185,878.00; and

WHEREAS, the funds are available to satisfy our obligations under this contract through Bond Ordinance No. 18-826.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove authorizes the Township of Cedar Grove to utilize Sourcewell for the purchase of a 10-Cubic Yard Dump Truck with Spreader and Plow, parts and accessories for the Cedar Grove Department of Public Works from Brown's Hunterdon Mack Sales & Services for an amount not to exceed \$185,878.00.

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

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

NO: None

- h) To consider resolution concerning purchase of utility vehicles through Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Cedar Grove utilizes the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract #15-C for the acquisition of utility vehicles ; and

WHEREAS, the contract amount for the acquisition of two (2) utility vehicles for the Cedar Grove Water and Sewer Departments will not exceed \$61,578.00; and

WHEREAS, the funds are available to satisfy our obligations under this contract through Bond Ordinance No. 18-827 and 18-828.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove authorizes the Township of Cedar Grove to purchase through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract #15-C for the acquisition of two (2) utility vehicles the Cedar Grove Water and Sewer Departments from DFFLM, LLC. for an amount not to exceed \$61,578.00.

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

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

NO: None

- i) To consider resolution concerning purchase of utility service/truck bodies through Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Cedar Grove utilizes the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract #15-D for the acquisition of utility service/truck bodies; and

WHEREAS, the contract amount for the acquisition of utility service/truck bodies for the Cedar Grove Water and Sewer Departments will not exceed \$19,620.00; and

WHEREAS, the funds are available to satisfy our obligations under this contract through Bond Ordinance No. 18-827 and 18-828.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove authorizes the Township of Cedar Grove to purchase through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract #15-D for the acquisition of utility service/truck bodies for the Cedar Grove Water and Sewer Departments from Tony Sanchez Ltd. for an amount not to exceed \$19,620.00. Councilwoman Peterson moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Tanella, and passed by the following vote:

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

NO: None

j) To consider resolution concerning 2019 DPW employee salary

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 salary as hereinafter enumerated shall constitute the salary for Fiscal Year 2019 for the employees covered under Section One of the Salary Ordinance, represented by the Township of Cedar Grove Employees' Association.

REPRESENTED EIMPLOYEE
2019

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>JOB TITLE</u>
Vitiello, Jerry	\$100,439.	9	Superintendent

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

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

NO: None

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 \$841,380.27

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

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

NO: None

10. CONTRACT & AGREEMENTS

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 it does hereby authorize execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and Township of Cedar Grove.

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

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

NO: None

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

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

Kate Hartwyk; Essex County Liaison – Ms. Hartwyk announced the schedule for the County’s deer management program on Hilltop reservation. Ms. Hartwyk also advised that the County will host a job fair at Turtle Back Zoo for part-time employment at that location.

Tara D’Amore; 48 Beech St. – Ms. D’Amore requested reconsideration of her request for waiver of penalty fee on her 3rd quarter water/sewer bill. Following a lengthy discussion, there was consensus to re-consider the request at the 1/28 staff meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NO: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

JOSEPH CICALA MAYOR

ATTEST:

KATHLEEN R. STUTZ MUNICIPAL CLERK