

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

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

APRIL 6, 2020

1. ROLL CALL, INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

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

Present: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Peterson, Mayor Vargo

Also Present: Township Manager Tucci, Township Attorney Semeraro, Township Clerk Stutz

The flag salute was led by Mayor Vargo.

Mayor Vargo 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 26, 2019 and updated April 1, 2020 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.

Mayor Vargo stated, with the consent of the Council, that or agenda will be altered slightly to provide information regarding COVID-19 concerns prior to the individual reports of Township Officials.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) To consider approval of minutes of regular public meeting of March 2, 2020

Councilman Cicala moved approval of the minutes, seconded by Councilman Maceri, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Peterson, Mayor Vargo

NO: None

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

Mayor Vargo 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 Vargo closed this portion of the meeting.

4. REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

Mayor Vargo raised and discussed several issues/concerns with input from the Township Manager that have arisen from COVID:

- Process for reporting number of positive tests and deaths – The Manager explained the reporting hierarchy; first to the State Health Dept. (NJDOH), then to the County, OEM's,

local municipalities. Mr. Tucci commented that fluctuations in numbers reported is due to actual residency of affected individuals, which is not determined until after initial reporting.

- Update on Township facilities and employees – The Manager advised that the Police Department is operating at full strength. The Manager explained the current staggered work schedule of employees, means of conducting business, and provided details of construction inspections. Mr. Tucci advised that all offices are open and functioning and accessible by phone, but not in person. Mr. Tucci further noted that the Municipal Building Lobby is open 24/7 with a table containing various department forms, night drop slot and box to pick up and/or drop off forms, permits, payments, etc. Mr. Tucci also encouraged any residents who need help to call the Police Department.
- Cedar Grove Ambulance & Rescue Squad – Mr. Tucci advised that the CGA&RS has suspended services for the duration of the Pandemic. The Manager stated that the Township is being serviced by a private company, Atlantic Ambulance, with a vehicle readily available in the upper municipal parking lot.
- Senior assistance & outreach – The Manager advised that the senior bus is operational two days/week, medical transportation is available, and a list of personal volunteers is in place to provide specific assistance to seniors in need, co-ordinated through the Township’s Health Dept.
- Recreations efforts – Mr. Tucci advised that numerous suggestions and activities are offered on the Recreation Dept. web and facebook page.
- Foodtown – Mary Vargo detailed the social distancing procedures implemented by the store’s management, including “biofogging” the store every 48-72 hours.

Following discussion of means to update the public regarding COVID-19, there was a consensus to schedule a special public meeting Monday, April 13th at 7:00 p.m. solely for that purpose. Councilman Maceri commented that the State of New Jersey website has a dedicated link (covid19.nj.gov) for information specific to the pandemic. Deputy Mayor Peterson emphasized the importance of residents adhering to social distance guidelines. There was discussion regarding improper disposal of PPE (gloves and masks) within the Township and means to address.

a) Township Manager – The Manager noted recommendations from the Municipal Engineer for award of contracts for professional services for three projects. Mr. Tucci advised that resolutions for award of the contracts are on the agenda. The Manager briefly discussed the issue of tax bills and tax payments. Mr. Tucci explained that Township does not have ability to delay payment of its tax bills, i.e. to State, County, or school district. Mr. Tucci advised that legislation is on the Governor’s desk to defer or enact a 0% interest on such payments. The Manager noted that the Township does have the ability to waive penalty fees on local water/sewer bills. Following brief discussion, there was consensus to waive penalty fees on later water/sewer bill payments for a period of ninety (90) days, subject to retro-active penalty for payment after the ninety (90) day period.

b) Township Clerk – No report

- c) Township Attorney – No report
- d) Other Reports

Councilman Maceri thanked Township residents for their support and co-operation during the COVID-19 pandemic in following the State/County/Township social distancing guidelines. Councilman Maceri also thanked Township employees and first responders for their continued service.

Councilman Cicala concurred with Councilman Maceri's comments.

Councilman Tanella also echoed the comments from Councilmen Maceri and Cicala and thanked the Township Manager for his efforts to keep the governing body and public informed and safe during this time.

Councilwoman Peterson commended the employees of local businesses for their efforts to continue to remain open and service residents.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a) To consider introduction of Pending Bond Ordinance #20-856 – Various Capital Improvements

The clerk read the Ordinance by title only:

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,460,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,410,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

The improvement described in Section 3 of this Bond Ordinance (the "Improvement") is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Cedar Grove, in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "Township") as a general improvement. For the said Improvement there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$1,460,000. Such sum includes the sum of \$50,000 as the down payment (the "Down Payment") required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law"). The Down Payment is now available by virtue of provision in one or more previously adopted budgets for down payments for capital improvement purposes. No down payment is required by the Local Bond Law for the Improvement described in Section 3(a)(23) as the purpose authorized therein involves a project funded by a State grant in the amount of \$350,000 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation as permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11c (the "Grant").

SECTION 2:

In order to finance the additional cost of the Improvements not covered by application of the Down Payment and Grant, negotiable bonds of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,410,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bonds"). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding \$1,410,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bond Anticipation Notes" or "Notes").

SECTION 3:

(a) The Improvements authorized and the purposes for which obligations are to be issued, the estimated cost of each Improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each Improvement and the period of usefulness of each Improvement are as follows:

<u>Improvements</u>	<u>Appropriation and Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
1) Reconstruction of police locker room, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto.	\$90,000	\$85,698	15 Years
2) Road Overlay Program, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto.	150,000	142,855	10 Years
3) Acquisition of turf management equipment, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto.	15,000	14,280	15 Years
4) Building Department data conversion, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto.	10,500	9,996	5 Years
5) Replacement of the roof at the Department of Public Works, including all costs, improvements, equipment	27,000	25,704	15 Years

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and/or appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto.			
6) Acquisition of Fire Department safety equipment, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto.	8,000	7,616	15 Years
7) Police vehicle conversion equipment, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto.	30,000	28,560	5 Years
8) Tree Replanting Program, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto.	40,000	38,080	5 Years
9) Acquisition of playground equipment for Community Park, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto.	75,000	71,400	15 Years
10) Computer upgrades for the Finance and Tax Department, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto.	40,000	38,080	5 Years
11) Curb and side-walk replacement program, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto.	12,000	11,424	10 Years
12) Acquisition of tables and chairs for Fire Department, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or	10,000	9,520	5 Years

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appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto.			
13) Recycling Center paving, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto.	90,000	85,712	10 Years
14) Acquisition of computer hardware and software, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto.	15,000	14,280	5 Years
15) Tax Map upgrades, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto.	20,000	19,040	5 Years
16) Replacement of windows at Municipal Building, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto.	10,000	9,520	15 Years
17) Installation of Bocce Court retaining wall at Community Park, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto.	17,000	16,184	15 Years
18) Cable TV Studio equipment upgrade, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto.	50,000	47,600	15 Years
19) Police 9-1-1 system upgrade, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or appurtenances	180,000	171,428	10 Years

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necessary therefore and/or related thereto.			
20) Installation of security cameras at Municipal Building, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto.	12,500	11,900	5 Years
21) Police records management system, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto.	97,000	92,379	5 Years
22) Acquisition of signage for South End Fire House, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto.	10,000	9,520	10 Years
23) Reconstruction of Myrtle Avenue, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto.	414,000	414,000	20 Years
24) Replacement of the roof at Morgan Farm House, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto.	20,000	19,040	15 Years
25) Acquisition of electric car charging station, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto.	17,000	16,184	5 Years
TOTAL	\$1,460,000	\$1,410,000	

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvements is \$1,410,000.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvements is \$1,460,000 which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the Township. The excess of the appropriations made for each of the Improvements over the estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes authorized to be issued therefor is the amount of the Down Payment for each purpose.

SECTION 4:

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer of the Township (the "Chief Financial Officer"); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year from its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the Township Council of the Township at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5:

The capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 6:

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The Improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses, and are capital improvements or properties that the Township may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the Improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, taking into consideration the respective amounts of all obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 12.90 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Township Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this bond

ordinance by \$1,410,000 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$50,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

SECTION 7:

Any funds received from time to time by the Township as contributions in aid of financing the purposes described in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvements by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvements or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the Township authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvements shall, be held and applied by the Township as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the Township authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 8:

The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 9:

The Chief Financial Officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

SECTION 10:

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. The Township reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that Township incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The Township reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Township under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is \$1,410,000.

SECTION 11:

This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Councilman Cicala moved that Pending Ordinance #20-856 be passed at first reading, published in the Star Ledger as a pending ordinance with a public hearing of April 20, 2020, seconded by Councilman Tanella, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Peterson, Mayor Vargo

NO: None

- b) To consider introduction of Pending Bond Ordinance #20-857 – Sewer Utility Improvements

The clerk read the Ordinance by title only:

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$280,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$280,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the “Improvements”) are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Cedar Grove, New Jersey (the “Township”) as general improvements. For the said Improvements there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$280,000. No down payment is required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the “Local Bond Law”) as the purpose authorized herein is deemed self-liquidating and the obligations authorized herein are deductible from the gross debt of the Township, as more fully explained in Section 6(e) of this ordinance.

SECTION 2:

In order to finance the additional cost of the Improvements, negotiable bonds of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$280,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the “Bonds”). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding \$280,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the “Bond Anticipation Notes” or “Notes”).

SECTION 3:

(a) The Improvements authorized and the purposes for which obligations are to be issued, the estimated cost of each Improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of

bonds or notes to be issued for each Improvement and the period of usefulness of each Improvement are as follows:

<u>Improvements</u>	<u>Appropriation and Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
1) Acquisition of a Backhoe, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto.	\$140,000	\$140,000	15 Years
2) Sewer Treatment Plant Engineering Study, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto.	45,000	45,000	40 Years
3) Acquisition of a Mason Dump Truck, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto.	75,000	75,000	5 Years
4) Storm Drain Outfall Screening, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto	20,000	20,000	40 Years
TOTAL	\$280,000	\$280,000	

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvements is \$280,000.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvements is \$280,000 which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the Township.

SECTION 4:

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer of the Township (the “Chief Financial Officer”); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year from its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The

Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the Township Council of the Township at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5:

The capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 6:

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The Improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses, and are capital improvements or properties that the Township may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the Improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, taking into consideration the respective amounts of all obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 18.12 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Township Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$280,000 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$45,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

(e) This bond ordinance authorizes obligations of the Township solely for a purpose described in paragraph (h) of Section 40A:2-7 of the Local Bond Law, and the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance are to be issued for a purpose which is self-liquidating within the meaning and limitation of Section 40A:2-45 of said Local Bond Law and are deductible pursuant to paragraph (c) of Section 40A:2-44 et. seq. of said Local Bond Law from the gross debt of the Township.

SECTION 7:

Any funds received from time to time by the Township as contributions in aid of financing the purposes described in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvements by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvements or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the Township authorized therefor by this Bond

Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvements shall, be held and applied by the Township as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the Township authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 8:

The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 9:

The Chief Financial Officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

SECTION 10:

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. The Township reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that Township incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The Township reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Township under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is \$280,000.

SECTION 11:

This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Councilman Maceri moved that Pending Ordinance #20-857 be passed at first reading, published in the Star Ledger as a pending ordinance with a public hearing of April 20, 2020, seconded by Deputy Mayor Peterson, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Peterson, Mayor Vargo

NO: None

- c) To consider introduction of Pending Bond Ordinance #20-858 – Water Utility Improvements

The clerk read the Ordinance by title only:

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS WATER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$200,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$200,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the “Improvements”) are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Cedar Grove, New Jersey (the “Township”) as general improvements. For the said Improvements there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$200,000. No down payment is required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the “Local Bond Law”) as the purpose authorized herein is deemed self-liquidating and the obligations authorized herein are deductible from the gross debt of the Township, as more fully explained in Section 6(e) of this ordinance.

SECTION 2:

In order to finance the additional cost of the Improvements, negotiable bonds of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$200,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the “Bonds”). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding \$200,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the “Bond Anticipation Notes” or “Notes”).

SECTION 3:

(a) The Improvements authorized and the purposes for which obligations are to be issued, the estimated cost of each Improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each Improvement and the period of usefulness of each Improvement are as follows:

<u>Improvements</u>	<u>Appropriation and Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
1) Water Main Insertion Valves, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto.	\$60,000	\$60,000	15 Years

<u>Improvements</u>	<u>Appropriation and Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
2) Water Distribution System Upgrades, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto.	75,000	75,000	40 Years
3) Annual System Leak Survey, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto.	15,000	15,000	5 Years
4) Water Meter Replacement, including all costs, improvements, equipment and/or appurtenances necessary therefore and/or related thereto.	50,000	50,000	15 Years
TOTAL	\$200,000	\$200,000	

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvements is \$200,000.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvements is \$200,000 which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the Township.

SECTION 4:

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer of the Township (the “Chief Financial Officer”); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year from its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the Township Council of the Township at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5:

The capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 6:

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The Improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses, and are capital improvements or properties that the Township may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the Improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, taking into consideration the respective amounts of all obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 23.62 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Township Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$200,000 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$15,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

(e) This bond ordinance authorizes obligations of the Township solely for a purpose described in paragraph (h) of Section 40A:2-7 of the Local Bond Law, and the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance are to be issued for a purpose which is self-liquidating within the meaning and limitation of Section 40A:2-45 of said Local Bond Law and are deductible pursuant to paragraph (c) of Section 40A:2-44 et. seq. of said Local Bond Law from the gross debt of the Township.

SECTION 7:

Any funds received from time to time by the Township as contributions in aid of financing the purposes described in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvements by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvements or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the Township authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvements shall, be held and applied by the Township as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the Township authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 8:

The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 9.

The Chief Financial Officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

SECTION 10:

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. The Township reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that Township incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The Township reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Township under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is \$200,000.

SECTION 11:

This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Deputy Mayor Peterson moved that Pending Ordinance #20-858 be passed at first reading, published in the Star Ledger as a pending ordinance with a public hearing of April 20, 2020, seconded by Councilman Cicala, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Peterson, Mayor Vargo

NO: None

d) To consider resolution concerning amendment to 20 Capital Budget

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 desires to amend the 2020 Capital Budget of said municipality by inserting various water utility improvements, various sewer utility improvements and various general improvements.

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

AMENDMENT
CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE
COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY

PROJECTS SCHEDULE FOR 2020
METHOD OF FINANCING

<u>Project</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Debt Authorized</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>
Various General Improvements	<u>\$1,460,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,410,000.00</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
Various Water Utility Improvements	<u>\$200,000.00</u>	<u>\$200,000.00</u>	
Various Sewer Utility Improvements	<u>\$280,000.00</u>	<u>\$280,000.00</u>	

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

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Peterson, Mayor Vargo

NO: None

- e) To consider resolution concerning amendments to 2020 Temporary Budget

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

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to providing temporary appropriations sufficient to cover commitments made during the period of January 1, 2020 to the date of adoption of the annual budget and no adequate provision has been made in the 2020 temporary appropriations to cover such commitments, and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purpose of covering such commitments; and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2020 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$9,096,291.00 for the Current Fund Budget, \$1,437,777.00 for the Water Utility Budget, \$1,733,326.00 for the Sewer Utility Budget, \$384,002.00 for the Swimming Pool Utility Budget and \$812,622.00 for the Solid Waste Collection District Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED (not less than two-thirds of all of the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

- 1. Emergency temporary appropriations be made as follows:

<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Salaries And Wages</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>
CURRENT FUND			
<u>General Government</u>			
Township Council	1-105	---	\$ 5,000.
Township Manager	1-106	\$ 60,000.	3,000.
Township Clerk	1-107	40,000.	5,000.
Elections	1-110	---	5,000.
Treasurer-Controller	1-115	50,000.	8,000.
Assessment of Taxes	1-120	35,000.	8,000.
Annual Audit	1-154	---	4,000.
Collection of Taxes	1-130	25,000.	2,000.
Legal Services	1-140	---	55,000.
Municipal Court	1-145	45,000.	30,000.
Municipal Prosecutor	1-150	---	7,000.
Public Defender	1-150	---	2,000.
Engineering Services	1-155	---	---
Bldgs. & Grounds	1-160	10,000.	5,000.
Planning Board	1-165	6,000.	3,000.
Zoning Board	1-170	6,000.	1,000.
Shade Trees	1-175	---	13,000.
Downtown Advisory Comm.	1-186	---	8,000.
Ins. Group Insurance	1-190	---	500,000.
Ins. – Workman's Comp.	1-190	---	30,000.
Ins. – Other Premiums	1-190	---	30,000
<u>Public Safety</u>			
Fire	1-205	---	60,000.
Police	1-210	500,000.	130,000.
Emergency Management	1-220	2,000.	1,000.
Inspection of Buildings	1-255	40,000.	35,000.
Inspection of Plumbing	1-256	6,000.	1,000.
Electrical Inspector	1-259	6,000.	1,000.
<u>Street and Roads</u>			
Road Repair & Maint.	1-305	70,000.	2,000.
Equip. Repair & Maint.	1-310	30,000.	4,000.
Snow Removal	1-315	62,000.	130,000.
Vehicle Maintenance	1-650	---	60,000.
<u>Health & Welfare</u>			
Board of Health	1-510	20,000.	40,000.
Senior Citizen Trans.	1-516	10,000.	10,000.
Animal Control	1-511	---	8,000.

<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Salaries And Wages</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>
<u>Recreation & Education</u>			
Library	1-601	80,000.	80,000.
Parks & Playgrounds	1-605	50,000.	5,000.
Celebration Public Events	1-610	---	10,000.
Recreation	1-615	90,000.	60,000.
<u>Miscellaneous</u>			
Contingency	1-701	---	3,000.
<u>Utility Expenses</u>			
Utility Expenses and Bulk Purchases	1-820	---	300,000.
<u>Statutory Expenditures</u>			
Social Security	1-901	---	40,000.
Police & Firemen's Retirement	1-901		1,190,942
Public Employees Retirement	1-901	---	194,957.
<u>Debt Service</u>			
	1-805	---	1,000.
<u>State & Federal Programs</u>			
Municipal Drug Alliance	1-1212	3,000.	15,000.
Non-Public Nursing	1-0509	---	12,000.
<u>Capital Improvements</u>			
Capital Improvement Fund	1-1115		50,000.
Local Access CATV Equip.	1-1156		8,000.
Imp. to Myrtle Avenue	1-1160		18,000.
Total Current Fund		<u>\$1,246,000.</u>	<u>\$3,193,899.</u>
<u>Water Utility Fund</u>			
Operating Appropriations	3-4100	\$240,000.	\$ 500,000.
Public Employees Retirement	3-4220	-----	75,789.
Total Water Utility		<u>\$ 240,000.</u>	<u>\$ 575,789.</u>
<u>Sewer Utility Fund</u>			
Operating Appropriations	4-5100	\$ 420,000.	\$400,000.
Public Employees Retirement	4-5220	-----	139,354.
Total Sewer Utility		<u>\$ 420,000.</u>	<u>\$539,354.</u>

<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Salaries And Wages</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>
<u>Swimming Pool Utility Fund</u>			
Operating Appropriations	5-6100	\$ 150,000.	\$ 20,000.
Statutory Expenditures	5-6220	-----	14,000.
Total Swim Pool Utility			<u>\$34,000.</u>
		<u>\$150,000.</u>	
<u>Solid Waste Collection District</u>			
Operating Appropriations	9-9950	\$ 20,000.	<u>\$300,000.</u>
Public Employees Retirement	9-9220		<u>3,518.</u>
Total Solid Waste Collect Dist.		<u>\$ 20,000.</u>	<u>\$303,518.</u>

2. That said emergency temporary appropriations have been provided for in the 2020 municipal budgets of Current Fund, Water, Sewer, Swimming Pool Utility and Solid Waste Collection District Budgets.
3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services

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

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Peterson, Mayor Vargo

NO: None

- f) To consider resolution concerning street acceptance – Evergreen Place

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

In the Matter of:

**731-735 Pompton Avenue Assoc. LLC
Block 200 Lots 45 & 46**

WHEREAS, 731-735 Pompton Avenue Assoc., LLC received final site plan approval from the Planning Board for construction of on-site improvements on Block 200 Lots 45 & 46; and

WHEREAS, on-site improvements included construction of a roadway to be dedicated to public use; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has certified that the roadway has been installed according to all Township specifications and ordinances and in accordance with requirements of the Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the required deed has been properly executed, required maps submitted, and maintenance bond issued.to permit acceptance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove does hereby accept said roadway, known as Evergreen Place as a public street in the Township of Cedar Grove

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

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Peterson, Mayor Vargo

NO: None

- g) To consider resolution concerning release of developer agreement escrows – 731-735 Pompton Ave. LLC

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

In the Matter of:

731-735 Pompton Avenue Assoc. LLC

Block 200 Lots 45 & 46

WHEREAS, 731-735 Pompton Avenue Assoc., LLC received final site plan approval from the Planning Board for construction of on-site improvements on Block 200 Lots 45 & 46; and

WHEREAS, a developer's agreement was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Cedar Grove on September 9, 2013; and

WHEREAS, sureties were posted to guarantee construction of site improvements consistent with the Planning Board approval of the project; and

WHEREAS, the developer has requested release of said sureties; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Community Development and Municipal Engineer have advised that all required improvements have been completed as stipulated in the condition of the Planning Board resolution of approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Council authorize the release of said surety and any applicable interest to the applicant in the amount as follows:

- (a) Performance Bond No. CT020218 in the amount of \$625,594.00
- (b) Cash Performance Guarantee in the amount of \$69,622.00
- (c) Post approval escrow in the amount of \$34,811.00

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

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Peterson, Mayor Vargo

NO: None

h) To consider resolution concerning tax reduction granted by Tax Court of New Jersey

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

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Township of Cedar Grove has determined that action is required as a result of 2012 – 2013, 2015 - 2019 tax reductions granted by the Tax Court of New Jersey;

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has certified to the foregoing as well as to the amount of the tax cancellations, which are set forth along with the name and address of the taxpayer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that the required tax cancellations and refunds be made:

2012 – 2013, 2015 - 2019 Tax Reductions Granted by the Tax Court of New Jersey

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Owner & Location</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax Cancellations and Tax Refund</u>
280	330	Wilberton Associates	2012	\$10,706.96
		2 Cliffside Drive	2013	11,135.45
		Cedar Grove, NJ 07009	2015	11,870.76
			2016	12,151.13
			2017	12,537.30
			2018	16,268.84
			2019	<u>16,554.02</u>
				<u>\$91,224.46</u>

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

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Peterson, Mayor Vargo

NO: None

6. 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 \$2,972,463.63

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

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Peterson, Mayor Vargo

NO: None

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 \$1,086,695.95

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

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Peterson, Mayor Vargo

NO: None

7. CONTRACTS & AGREEMENTS

- a) To consider resolution concerning award of contract for professional engineering design services for Reconstruction of Ozone Ave.

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 Ozone Ave. 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 February 6, 2020 as follows; and

<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Keller & Kirkpatrick, Inc.	\$ 17,300.
Neglia Engr. Assoc.	\$ 27,600.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Engineer has recommended that a contract for the above referenced professional services be awarded to Keller & Kirkpatrick, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, funds are now available for this purpose in 2019 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 Keller & Kirkpatrick, Inc. of Morris Plains, NJ, for an amount not to exceed \$17,300.00 in accordance with the proposal dated February 6, 2020.
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.

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

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Peterson, Mayor Vargo

NO: None

- b) To consider resolution concerning award of contract for professional engineering design services for Reconstruction of ADA Ramps at Various Municipal intersections

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 ADA Ramps at Various Municipal Intersections 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 February 6, 2020 as follows; and

<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Neglia Engr. Assoc.	\$ 19,260.
Keller & Kirkpatrick, Inc.	\$ 19,400.

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

WHEREAS, funds are now available for this purpose in 2019 Community Development Block Grant.

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 Neglia Engr. Assoc. of Lyndhurst, NJ, for an amount not to exceed \$19,260.00 in accordance with the proposal dated February 6, 2020.
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 Cicala moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Tanella, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Peterson, Mayor Vargo

NO: None

- c) To consider resolution concerning award of contract for professional engineering design services for Rutgers Ave. Water Main

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 Rutgers Ave. Water Main 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 February 27, 2020 as follows; and

<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Keller & Kirkpatrick, Inc.	\$ 11,900.
Suburban Consulting Engrs.	\$ 12,450.
Neglia Engr. Assoc.	\$ 14,925.
H2M Architects & Engrs.	\$ 25,500.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Engineer has recommended that a contract for the above referenced professional services be awarded to Keller & Kirkpatrick, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, funds are now available for this purpose in Bond Ordinance #19-843.

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 Keller & Kirkpatrick, Inc. of Morris Plains, NJ, for an amount not to exceed \$11,900.00 in accordance with the proposal dated February 26, 2020.
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 Maceri moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Tanella, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Peterson, Mayor Vargo

NO: None

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

Charles Dovico; 111 Holly Lane – Mr. Dovico expressed concern regarding discarded PPE gloves discarded on Township roadways and removal responsibility. The Manager advised that the

Township will pick up discarded PPE along Township roadways. Mr. Tucci further commented that the removal of such refuse on private property is the responsibility of the property owner.

Gary Gray; 52 Bortic Rd. – Mr. Gray commended the Council/Township for information and updates for the public on the Township’s website.

Jody Prospero; 35 Cedar Grove Pkwy. – Ms. Prospero inquired the number of ambulances available to Township needs in lieu of the suspension of A&RS services. Ms. Prospero raised the question of need for more aggressive measures to ensure social distancing at Township recreation facilities.

Mary Jane Steiner; 315 Little Falls Rd. – Ms. Steiner voiced concern regarding inadequate social distancing of people using the West Essex Bikeway. Ms. Steiner also voiced concern regarding prospective development of Cliffside Drive property relevant to social distancing.

Lisa Snyder; 4 Granite Dr. – Ms. Snyder commented on the availability/use of electric charging station at Municipal Plaza. Ms. Snyder noted that the Normal Ave. parking lot at Mills Reservation has been closed to public. Ms. Snyder also commented that the improper disposal of PPE is not necessarily being done by residents.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Peterson, Mayor Vargo

NO: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

ROBBIE VARGO MAYOR

ATTEST:

KATHLEEN R. STUTZ MUNICIPAL CLERK