# TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE ESSEX COUNTY NEW JERSEY

#### **COUNCIL STAFF MEETING**

**MINUTES** 

**JUNE 20, 2022** 

### 1. ROLL CALL – OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT BY MAYOR

Mayor Tanella called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and 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, filed with the Township Clerk, and posted on the public bulletin board in the Municipal Building's lobby in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Present: Councilmember Peterson, Skabich, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Maceri, Mayor Tanella Also Present: Township Manager Tucci, Township Attorney Nabbie, Township Clerk Stutz

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Staff Meeting – April 18, 2022

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

AYE: Councilmember Peterson, Skabich, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Maceri, Mayor Tanella NO: None

b) Staff Meeting – May 16, 2022

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

AYE: Councilmember Peterson, Skabich, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Maceri, Mayor Tanella NO: None

c) Executive Session – May 16, 2022

Councilwoman Peterson moved approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Deputy Mayor Maceri, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Peterson, Skabich, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Maceri, Mayor Tanella NO: None

d) Executive Session – June 6, 2022 - Interview

Councilman Zichelli moved approval and release of the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Skabich, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Skabich, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Maceri, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

ABSTAIN: Councilwoman Peterson

e) Executive Session – June 6, 2022

Councilwoman Skabich moved approval and release of the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman Zichelli, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Skabich, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Maceri, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

ABSTAIN: Councilwoman Peterson

3. TOWNSHIP MANAGER – The Manager provided an update on the status of a federal grant application requested by a W. Lindsley Rd. resident. Mr. Tucci reported that the referenced grant application deadline was 12/31/2021. The Manager further advised that the Municipal Engineer's discussions with the resident's engineer and grant representative indicated discrepancy in facts related to the application. The Manager noted block party requests from residents of Morris Court and Sherman Ave., to which the governing body agreed. Mr. Tucci presented the Finance Director's recommendations for water/sewer bill adjustment requests from 266 Cedar St., 9 Pine Dr. and 31 Highpoint, to which the governing body concurred. The Manager requested an executive session to discuss a potential contract for Police Chief, a personnel matter, and contract negotiations with County of Essex.

## **4. TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY** – No report

5. TOWNSHIP CLERK – The Clerk requested confirmation of appointments for the July 1<sup>st</sup> Reorganization meeting. Mayor Tanella requested nomination for Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Councilman Zichelli nominated current Deputy Mayor Maceri as Mayor, seconded by Councilwoman Peterson and agreed to unanimously. Councilwoman Peterson nominated Councilman Zichelli as Deputy Mayor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Maceri and agreed to unanimously. There was consensus that the Clerk confirm interest in re-appointment of expiring term Zoning board members, incoming Mayor Maceri to service as Class I Planning Board member, Councilwoman Skabich replace Deputy Mayor Maceri on the Environmental Commission, and all other liaisons to remain the same. Mayor Tanella suggested that the Cedar Ridge Sr. Citizen Liaisons conduct biannual meetings and plan a luncheon meeting in the fall at the Cedar Ridge Sr. Citizen Building, to which the governing body agreed.

### 6. COUNCIL REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Maceri congratulated Mayor Tanella on his productive term and acknowledged the leadership provided on Council accomplishments.

Councilman Zichelli noted the American flag depository box located in the Municipal Building lobby for resident use.

Councilwoman Skabich reported that she attended the recent Loose Wheel grand opening event on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Councilwoman Peterson announced the return of National Night Out event on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Community Park. Councilwoman Peterson also noted upcoming Chamber of Commerce concerts at Morgan Farm.

The Township Manager advised that he met with consultant, School Superintendent, and Township's Traffic Safety Officer to discuss safe access to schools. Mr. Tucci noted that drills are necessary with Police Department and Board of Education staff without children present. Mr. Tucci further noted that a report is forthcoming from the consultant.

### 7. NEW BUSINESS

a) To consider introduction of Pending Ord. No. 22-896 – Salary Grades and Wages and Fees of Offices of Cedar Grove Police Dept. for fiscal Years 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026

The Clerk read the ordinance by title only.

PENDING ORDINANCE NO. 22-896

AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARY GRADES AND WAGES AND FEES OF THE OFFICERS OF THE CEDAR GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023, FISCAL YEAR 2024, FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND FISCAL YEAR 2026.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Unless heretofore created and established in the Township of Cedar Grove, the salary grades and ranges, wages and fees of the officers of the Cedar Grove Police Department shall be as follows:

## **SALARY GRADES**

# FISCAL YEAR 2023 EFFECTIVE 1-1-2023

<u>GRADE</u>	POSITION CLASSIFICATION	<u>PROBATIONARY</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
P-1	Patrolman	\$46,671.	\$130,567.
		<u>MINIMUM</u>	MAXIMUM
P-2	Police Sergeant		\$146,234.
<b>P-</b> 3	Police Lieutenant		\$169,635.
P-4	Police Captain		\$183,206
<b>P-</b> 5	Police Chief	\$173,328.	\$197,863.

# FISCAL YEAR 2024 EFFECTIVE 1-1-2024

<u>GRADE</u>	POSI	ΓΙΟΝ CLASSIFICATION	PROBATIONARY	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
P-1	Patroli	man	\$ 48,071. MINIMUM	\$134,484. <u>MAXIMUM</u>
P-2 P-3 P-4 P-5	Police	Sergeant Lieutenant Captain Chief	\$178,528.	\$150,621. \$174,724. \$188,702. \$203,799.
<u>FISCAL YEAR 2025</u> <u>EFFECTIVE 1-1-2025</u>				
<u>GRADE</u>	POSI	ΓΙΟΝ CLASSIFICATION	PROBATIONARY	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
P-1	Patroli	man	\$49,513.	\$138,519.
			MINIMUM	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
P-3 P-4 P-5		FISCAL YEAR 2026	\$183,884.	\$179,966. \$194,363 \$209,913.
		<u>EFFECTIVE 1-1-2026</u>	_	
<u>GRADE</u> P-1	POSIT Patroli	<u>FION CLASSIFICATION</u> man	<u>PROBATIONARY</u> \$ 50,998.	MAXIMUM \$142,675.
			<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
P-2 P-3 P-4 P-5	Police	Sergeant Lieutenant Captain Chief	\$189,401.	\$159,794. \$185,365. \$200,194 \$216,210.
Section	n 2.	The Township Council shall, by Re contract, fix the salary of each patrolman and officer within the salary	an and officer within the	e salary grade of each

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication after passage pursuant to law. When adopted, the provisions of Section 1 shall be retroactive to January 1 of each year and shall be deemed to have taken effect as of that date.

Deputy Mayor Maceri moved that Pending Ordinance #22-896 be passed at first reading, published in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times as a pending ordinance with a public hearing of July 11, 2022, seconded by Councilwoman Peterson, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Peterson, Skabich, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Maceri, Mayor Tanella NO: None

b) To consider resolution concerning annual renewal of active ABC licenses for 2022-2023

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

WHEREAS, the following individuals and corporations have applied for the renewal of their Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for the period from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, namely:

LICENSE NO.	<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>TRADENAME</u>	<u>FEE</u>
0704-31-012-001	Cedar Grove Lodge #2237 of B.P.O Elks 405 Bowden Road	Cedar Grove Elks Club	\$ 150.00
0704-33-002-006	Pompton Restaurant Assoc. 1131 Pompton Avenue	Il Tulipano	\$2,002.00
0704-33-003-004	Second Gen Catering Inc. 691 Pompton Ave.	The Grove	\$2,002.00
0704-33-006-002	Seger Restaurant Ent. 182 Stevens Ave.	LuNello's	\$2,002.00
0704-33-007-006	Edward Fitzpatrick, Inc. 292 Grove Avenue	The Grasshopper	\$2,002.00
0704-33-008-009	Down Neck LLC 597 Pompton Ave.	Lombardi's	\$2,002.00
0704-33-011-007	Caidie LLC 505 Pompton Ave.	DelMonico's	\$2,002.00
0704-44-001-009	Shree Nath, Inc. 597 Pompton Avenue	Cedar Grove Liquors	\$1,174.00
0704-44-009-008	Cedar Grove Wine Cellar LLC 420 Pompton Ave.	Cedar Grove Wine Cellar	\$1,174.00

WHEREAS, the above individuals and corporations have submitted their municipal fee for renewal to the Township Clerk, and received the required tax clearance certificate; and

WHEREAS, said applications comply with the State Laws regulating the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that the applications for renewal of existing alcoholic beverage license from the above mentioned individuals and corporations be approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue said licenses to the applicants for the period from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

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

AYE: Councilmember Peterson, Skabich, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Maceri

NO: None

ABSTAIN: Mayor Tanella

c) To consider resolution concerning annual renewal of inactive ABC license for 2022-2023

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

WHEREAS, the following corporation has applied for the renewal of their Alcoholic Beverage License for the period from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, namely:

LICENSE NO.	<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>TRADENAME</u>	<u>FEE</u>
0704-33-010-003	Shu Box, Inc. 256 Pompton Ave.	N/A	\$2,002.

WHEREAS, the above corporation has submitted application for renewal to the Township Clerk, and said application complies with the State Laws regulating the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages; and

WHEREAS, the licensee filed the required verified petition to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control of the State of New Jersey requesting authorization for the local issuing authority to consider its renewal application for the 2022-2023 license term pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control of the State of New Jersey has authorized the Mayor and Council of the Township of Cedar Grove to consider the application of Shu Box, Inc. for renewal of their license for the 2022-2023 license term as an inactive license and to grant or deny said application in the reasonable exercise of their discretion and;

WHEREAS, the licensee must file an amendment to said license application pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:2-2.4 to activate the license during the 2022-2023 term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that the application for renewal of existing alcoholic beverage license from Shu Box, Inc. be approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue said license to the applicant for the period from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

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

AYE: Councilmember Peterson, Skabich, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Maceri, Mayor Tanella NO: None

d) To consider resolution concerning submission and execution of NJDOT Local Aid grant application and agreement

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

Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Improvements to Brunswick Road project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Manager Thomas Tucci and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as **MA-2023-Cedar Grove Township-00** to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Cedar Grove.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Manager Thomas Tucci and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Cedar Grove and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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

AYE: Councilmember Peterson, Skabich, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Maceri, Mayor Tanella NO: None

e) To consider resolution concerning insertion of item of special revenue – Clean Communities Program

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

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, provides that the Director of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of a special item of revenue in the Municipal Budget of the Township of Cedar Grove for 2022 when such items shall have been available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of adoption of the budget; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, Essex County, New Jersey, that it hereby requests that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insert of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2022 in the sum of \$24,485.82 which is now available as a revenue from the Clean Communities Program, which is administered by the Department of Environmental Protection, pursuant to the provision of statute; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$24,485.82 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

Clean Communities Program \$24,485.82

Councilman Zichelli moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Skabich, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Peterson, Skabich, Zichelli, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

f) To consider resolution concerning approval of raffle applications – Cedar Grove Elks

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

WHEREAS, applications for raffle licenses have been received from:

## **APPLICANTS**

# **EVENTS, DATES TIMES & PLACE**

Cedar Grove Elks Lodge #2237	On-Premise 50/50 Raffle to be held
405 Bowden Rd.	July 25, 2022 at 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. at
Cedar Grove NJ 07009	405 Bowden Rd., Cedar Grove NJ 07009
Cedar Grove Elks Lodge #2237	Off-Premise Merchandise Raffle to be held
405 Bowden Rd.	August 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at
Cedar Grove NJ 07009	405 Bowden Rd., Cedar Grove NJ 07009
Cedar Grove Elks Lodge #2237	Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle to be held
405 Bowden Rd.	September 17, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at
Cedar Grove NJ 07009	405 Bowden Rd., Cedar Grove NJ 07009

**WHEREAS**, the fees have been paid, and the applications have 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 applications.

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

AYE: Councilmember Peterson, Skabich, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Maceri, Mayor Tanella NO: None

g) To consider resolution concerning deed restriction – Block 40, Lot 101

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

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE, COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY DECLARING THAT THE DEED RESTRICTION INCLUDED IN THE DEED DATED JANUARY 4, 1972 AND RECORDED ON JULY 17, 1972 AND ANY PROPERTY INTEREST CREATED BY THE DEED DATED JANUARY 4, 1972 AND RECORDED ON JULY 17, 1972 CONVEYING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 100 CEDAR RIDGE DRIVE, WHICH PROPERTY IS IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 40, LOT 101, AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE, FROM THE TOWNSHIP TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION, BE REMOVED.

**WHEREAS**, on January 4, 1972 the Township of Cedar Grove, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (the "**Township**"), a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey (the "**State**"), deeded the subject property known as Block 40, Lot 101, to the Board of Education, which Deed was recorded on July 17, 1972 at Deed Book 4414, Page 771; and

**WHEREAS**, the January 4, 1972, deed of conveyance included a restriction on the use of the property set forth at Deed Book 4414, page 772 which states that the property must be used for school, athletic and recreational purposes and subject to the right of the grantor to use all or a portion of the land for the purpose of a leaf disposal site until such lands are developed and utilized by the grantee for school, athletic and recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, on September 29, 1981, the Board of Education sold the subject property by way of a deed of conveyance recorded at Deed Book 4730, Page 11 and the deed of conveyance included a reverter clause stating that the property must be developed for senior housing within ten (10) years of September 29, 1981 or in the event the property ceases to be used for the purpose of senior citizen housing, then the contract of sale shall be rescinded or the title to the property shall thereupon revert to and revest in the Cedar Grove Board of Education and be subject to all restrictions and conditions of use originally imposed upon it in the deed from the Township to the Board of Education; except that such restrictions and conditions of use originally imposed shall not cause a

reverter of the lands to the Township of Cedar Grove until the Board of Education has had a reasonable time, not to exceed one (1) year, to determine what educational and recreational use can be made of the property and elects not or fails to select such use; and

**WHEREAS**, subsequent to the conveyance to the Board of Education, the property was developed as senior housing which use has continued, uninterrupted for forty (40) years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) permitted the property to be financed in 1983 and again in 2014 and title insurance covered the subject deed restrictions under the Multifamily Accelerated Processing Guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, HUD has since changed the Multifamily Accelerated Processing Guidelines to no longer permit title insurance as a cure to the subject deed restriction clause; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council determined it is not in the best interests of the Township to maintain the deed restriction on the use of the Property for school, athletic and recreational purposes in favor of the Township and that the senior housing located at 100 Cedar Ridge Drive has and continues to meet the needs of the Township and its residents and it is in the best interests of the Township and its residents for continued use of the property as senior housing; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the Township's understanding that a new mortgage to be executed with HUD will require written assurances in the mortgage or such other documents to assure that the property shall continue to be used for senior housing for at least the next forty (40) years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council recognizes that it is in the best interests of the Township to remove the deed restriction clause in the January 4, 1972 Deed (recorded on July 17, 1972 at Deed Book 4414, Page 771) and vacate any property interest held by the Township as a result of the deed restriction clause in the September 29, 1981 Deed (recorded at Deed Book 4730, Page 11) in order to maintain senior housing on the subject property known as 100 Cedar Ridge Drive (Block 40, Lot 101), Cedar Grove, New Jersey.

# NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

- **Section 1.** The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
- **Section 2**. The deed restriction clause in the January 4, 1972 deed recorded on July 17, 1972 at Deed Book 4414, Page 771 for the property located at 100 Cedar Ridge Drive, which property is identified as Block 40, Lot 101, as shown on the official Tax Map of the Township, is hereby voluntarily vacated by the Township.

- **Section 3.** Any property interest held by the Township as a result of the deed restriction clause in the September 29, 1981 Deed recorded at Deed Book 4730, Page 11 for the property located at 100 Cedar Ridge Drive, which property is identified as Block 40, Lot 101, as shown on the official Tax Map of the Township, is hereby voluntarily vacated by the Township.
- **Section 4.** The Township Manager or Mayor, as necessary, is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effect and confirm the release of the deed restriction clauses as described herein.
  - **Section 5**. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

AYE: Councilmember Peterson, Skabich, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Tanella NO: None

h) To consider resolution awarding contract for profession services for Update of township Tax Maps

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 Update of Township Tax Maps; 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 3, 2021 as follows; and

<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Suburban Consulting Engr. Inc.	\$ 48,650.00
Civil Solutions	\$132,500.00
Neglia Engineering Assoc.	\$285,000.00

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Engineer has recommended that a contract for the above referenced professional services be awarded to Suburban Consulting Engr. Inc..; and

WHEREAS, funds are now available for this purpose in Bond Ord. #22-892.

**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 Suburban Consulting Engr. Inc. of Flanders, NJ, for an amount not to exceed \$57,500.00 in accordance with the revised proposal dated December 6, 2021.

- 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.

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

AYE: Councilmember Peterson, Skabich, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Maceri

NO: None

ABTAIN: Mayor Tanella

#### 8. APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, New Jersey, that the attached summary of bills having been duly audited and found correct be and they are thereby ordered paid and that warrants be drawn on the Treasurer in the aggregate amount of \$ 2,998,604.86.

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

AYE: Councilmember Peterson, Skabich, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Maceri, Mayor Tanella NO: None

## 9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Tanella opened this portion of the meeting to any one wishing to be heard. There being no one present wishing to be heard, Mayor Tanella closed this portion of the meeting.

## AUTHORIZATION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

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

- 1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of any action in the Executive Session of the Meeting of the Mayor and Council of June 20, 2022.
- 2. The general nature of the subject matters to be discussed are potential Police Chief contract, personnel, and contract negotiations with Essex County.
- 3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public as soon thereafter as it is deemed in the public interest to do so.
- 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Councilwoman Skabich moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Zichelli, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Peterson, Skabich, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Maceri, Mayor Tanella NO: None

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to discuss, the staff council meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. by acclaim.