

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

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

JULY 15, 2024

1. ROLL CALL, INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Skabich called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: Councilmembers Maceri, Peterson, Zazzali (*arrived 7:01 PM*), Deputy Mayor Mega, Mayor Skabich
Also Present: Township Manager Zichelli, Township Attorney Lagana and Township Clerk Forde

The flag salute was led by Mayor Skabich.

Mayor Skabich 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 14, 2023, filed with the Township Clerk, and posted on the public bulletin board in the Municipal Building Lobby in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) To consider approval of minutes of executive session (1) – May 20, 2024

Councilwoman Peterson moved for the approval of the minutes without release, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mega and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Peterson, Zazzali, Deputy Mayor Mega
NO: None
ABSTAIN: Councilman Maceri, Mayor Skabich

b) To consider approval of minutes of regular public meeting – June 3, 2024.

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

AYE: Councilmember Maceri, Peterson, Zazzali, Deputy Mayor Mega, Mayor Skabich
NO: None

c) To consider approval of minutes of executive session – June 3, 2024.

Deputy Mayor Mega moved for the approval of the minutes without release, seconded by Councilman Zazzali and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Maceri, Peterson, Zazzali, Deputy Mayor Mega, Mayor Skabich
NO: None

d) To consider approval of minutes of executive session – June 17, 2024.

Councilwoman Peterson moved for the approval of the minutes without release, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mega and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Peterson, Deputy Mayor Mega, Mayor Skabich
NO: None
ABSTAIN: Councilman Maceri, Councilman Zazzali

- e) To consider approval of minutes of staff meeting – June 17, 2024.

Deputy Mayor Mega moved for the approval of the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Peterson and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Peterson, Deputy Mayor Mega, Mayor Skabich
NO: None
ABSTAIN: Councilman Maceri, Councilman Zazzali

- f) To consider approval of minutes of re-organization meeting – July 1, 2024

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

AYE: Councilmember Maceri, Peterson, Zazzali, Deputy Mayor Mega, Mayor Skabich
NO: None

3. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. To consider adoption of Pending Bond Ordinance No. 24-936 – Bond Ordinance Amending Bond Ordinance No. 21-873 Finally Adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, New Jersey on June 21, 2021.

The Ordinance was read by title only as follows:

PASSED ORDINANCE NO. 24-936

BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NO. 21-873 FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE, NEW JERSEY ON JUNE 21, 2021.

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

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

AYE: Councilmember Maceri, Peterson, Zazzali, Deputy Mayor Mega, Mayor Skabich
NO: None

- b. To consider adoption of Pending Ordinance No. 24-937 – An Ordinance Fixing Salary Grades and Ranges, Wages and Fees of the Officers and Employees of the Township of Cedar Grove for FY 2024.

The Ordinance was read by title only as follows:

PASSED ORDINANCE NO. 24-937

AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARY GRADES AND RANGES, WAGES AND FEES OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE FOR FY 2024

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

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

AYE: Councilmember Maceri, Peterson, Zazzali, Deputy Mayor Mega, Mayor Skabich
NO: None

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

Mayor Skabich 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 Skabich closed this portion of the meeting.

5. REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

- a. Township Manager – The Township Manager reported the Verona Township Manager reached out to discuss some inequities in the medical transportation shared service agreement between the two townships. He explained Cedar Grove and Verona shared medical transportation to riders for medical appointments in both towns. He explained Cedar Grove residents paid a \$5.00 fee per ride (each way) for which the Township had an operating expense of \$5,000 in 2024 for this service. He explained Verona reviewed the call data and Cedar Grove had approximately 37% of all call volume which would equate to an expense of \$17,027.20, which is over three times the amount presently budgeted. He explained this year, the Township's call volume was less than it was in prior years. He asked for the Council's guidance as to raising the budgetary amount threefold for next year's budget, scrap the program entirely or raise the budget line while also raising the cost per ride. He recommended elevating costs to \$7 or \$8 per ride. He reported this would not offset the cost too much.

Mayor Skabich asked if Verona received any pushback for the increase. The Township Manager responded he did not know as the one dollar increase was fairly recent.

Deputy Mayor Mega asked if the Township would bill the residents. The Township Manager responded residents would pay the bus driver directly. He explained the bus driver is an employee of Verona.

Councilman Maceri asked the reason for the increase. The Township Manager responded the contract had not been reviewed for a long time.

Councilman Maceri asked if Verona was willing to work with Cedar Grove. The Township Manager responded affirmatively.

After much deliberation, the Governing Body decided to raise the cost to \$7. Mayor Skabich indicated she would still like to know if there was any pushback from Verona residents.

The Township Manager reported that the renovation of the Little Falls Road Basketball Courts was complete. The Township Manager reported that the Recreation Director was looking for proposals for covering the bocce ball courts with a lit structure to protect players from the elements. He reported there was money bonded for this project in the 2024 Capital. The Township Manager reported the CGPD and the Verona Police Department scheduled National Night Out for Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 6:00 PM at Community Park. The Township Manager reported the County Liaison asked that he inform the Council of a concert in Cedar Grove Park scheduled for Tuesday, July 30th. The Township Manager requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel and potential litigation.

- b) Township Clerk – No Report.
- c) Township Attorney – No Report.
- d) Other Reports

Deputy Mayor Mega – Deputy Mayor Mega thanked everyone who supported the Morgan’s Plant Sale. Deputy Mayor Mega reported the fireworks display was a huge success.

Councilwoman Peterson – No Report.

Councilman Maceri – Councilman Maceri reported that a great job was done on the basketball courts. He said that he appreciated the hard work that went into getting it done right.

Councilman Zazzali – Councilman Zazzali sympathized with the victims of the fatal accident last week. He thanked the first responders. He asked the Township Manager if anything could be done regarding the intersection. The Township Manager responded he was in touch with the DOT which was committed to checking traffic lights, signals and the traffic pattern.

Mayor Skabich – Mayor Skabich shared that she was heartsick over the accident. She reported that she was happy the DOT was working on solutions. Mayor Skabich commended the Recreation Department. She shared that she spent a full day with her daughter, doing activities that were run by the Township. She offered a wave of gratitude for all the Township did for

residents. Mayor Skabich announced her first Meet the Mayor was scheduled for Monday, July 29, 2024 at 9:30.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. To consider resolution concerning approval of raffle application – Community Church of Cedar Grove.

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

Community Church of Cedar Grove
65 Bowden Road
Cedar Grove NJ 07009

On-Premise 50/50 Raffle to be held
October 25, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at
65 Bowden Rd., Cedar Grove NJ 07009

Community Church of Cedar Grove
65 Bowden Road
Cedar Grove NJ 07009

Off-Premise Raffle to be held
November 24, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. at
65 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.

Deputy Mayor Mega moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Zazzali passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Maceri, Peterson, Zazzali, Deputy Mayor Mega, Mayor Skabich
NO: None

- b. To consider resolution concerning approval of raffle application – Cedar Grove Elks #2237.

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 Road
Cedar Grove NJ 07009

Annual Instant Raffle to be held
September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2024
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.

Deputy Mayor Mega moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Zazzali passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Maceri, Peterson, Zazzali, Deputy Mayor Mega, Mayor Skabich
NO: None

- c. To consider resolution concerning annual renewal of inactive ABC license for 2024-2025.

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

WHEREAS, the following corporations has applied for the renewal of its Alcoholic Beverage License for the period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, namely:

<u>LICENSE NO.</u>	<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>TRADENAME</u>	<u>FEE</u>
0704-33-010-003	Shu Box, Inc. 256 Pompton Ave.	Shu Box Cafe	\$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 Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control of the State of New Jersey waived the requirement of filing a verified petition requesting authorization for the local issuing authority to consider its renewal application for the 2024-2025 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 its license for the 2024-2025 license term as an inactive license and to grant or deny said application in the reasonable exercise of their discretion and;

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. is 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, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Deputy Mayor Mega moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Zazzali passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Maceri, Peterson, Zazzali, Deputy Mayor Mega, Mayor Skabich
NO: None

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. To consider resolution concerning the 2024 salary for unrepresented employees.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove did adopt Ordinance No. 23-914 fixing salary grades and ranges, wages and fees of the officers and employees of the Township of Cedar Grove; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that the salaries as hereinafter enumerated shall constitute the salaries for Fiscal Year 2024 for the officer and employees covered under Section One, Group I, of the Salary Ordinance.

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

AYE: Councilmember Maceri, Peterson, Zazzali, Deputy Mayor Mega, Mayor Skabich

NO: None

- b. To consider resolution approving the submission and execution of NJDOT Local Aid Grant application and agreement to NJDOT for the Reconstruction of Reservoir Place and Rockledge Place.

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 RECONSTRUCTION OF RESERVOIR PLACE AND ROCKLEDGE PLACE

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 Engineer Alexandra H. Handel and Township Clerk Dale A. Forde are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2025-Reconstruction of Reservoir Place an-00388 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Cedar Grove.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager and Township 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.

The Township Manager reported this resolution authorized Municipal Engineer Alexandra Handel to submit a grant application on behalf of the Township with the NJDOT for \$576,068.88 for the complete reconstruction of Reservoir Ridge and Rockledge Place as part of the MA-2025 Reconstruction Project. As is typical, the Township will make necessary utility repairs prior to paving and will ask PSE&G if they have more gas work to do before construction starts. This work is contingent upon NJDOT approval/funding.

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

AYE: Councilmember Maceri, Peterson, Zazzali, Deputy Mayor Mega, Mayor Skabich

NO: None

- c. To consider resolution approving the submission and execution of NJDOT Local Aid Grant application and agreement to NJDOT for the Reconstruction of Ridge Court and Mountain Way.

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 RECONSTRUCTION OF RIDGE COURT AND MOUNTAIN WAY.

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 Engineer Alexandra H. Handel and Township Clerk Dale A. Forde are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as LAIIF-2024-Reconstruction of Ridge Court an-00078 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Cedar Grove.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Manager and Township 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.

The Township Manager reported this resolution authorized Mrs. Handel to submit a grant application with the NJDOT for reconstruction of Ridge Court and Mountain Way in the amount of \$530,438.88.

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

AYE: Councilmember Maceri, Peterson, Zazzali, Deputy Mayor Mega, Mayor Skabich

NO: None

- d. To consider resolution authorizing J&J Land and Property, LLC to Repair and Paint the Barn at Morgan’s Farm in an amount not to exceed \$14,200.00.

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE AUTHORIZING J&J LAND AND PROPERTY LLC, WITH OFFICES AT 4 TEMPESTA TERRACE, WEST CALDWELL, NEW JERSEY, 07006 TO REPAIR AND PAINT THE BARN AT MORGAN’S FARM, LOCATED AT 903 POMPTON AVENUE, CEDAR GROVE, NEW JERSEY, 07009 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,200.00

WHEREAS, the Township of Cedar Grove owns real property at 903 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, New Jersey, commonly known as Morgan’s Farm; and

WHEREAS, on said property exists an appurtenant barn needing minor repair and repainting; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cedar Grove received two (2) quotations to provide this service and J&J Land and Property LLC provided the lowest quotation; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this service through the 2024 Capital Bond Ordinance 24-932 in the amount of \$20,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, State of New Jersey that J&J Land and Property LLC is authorized to repair and paint the barn at Morgan’s Farm in an amount not to exceed \$14,200.00.

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

AYE: Councilmember Maceri, Peterson, Zazzali, Deputy Mayor Mega, Mayor Skabich
 NO: None

- e. To consider resolution authorizing the Acceptance of a Donation from David’s Cookies in the amount of \$2,700.00 for the Purchase of Police Equipment.

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION FROM DAVID’S COOKIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,700.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF POLICE EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Township of Cedar Grove is in receipt of a donation from David's Cookies in the amount of \$2,700.00; and

WHEREAS, this constitutes additional revenues received for the Township and must, as such, be added to the municipal budget by way of resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cedar Grove graciously accepts this donation in the amount of \$2,700.00 and will apply it toward the purchase of police equipment for the Cedar Grove Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, State of New Jersey graciously accepts David's Cookies generous donation in the amount of \$2,700.00 for the purchase of police equipment and hereby records same as revenues for budgetary purposes.

Councilman Maceri asked if the donation would go as a revenue addition to the municipal budget or capital budget. The Township Manager explained the adopted resolution would formalize the donation going into the budget.

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

AYE: Councilmember Maceri, Peterson, Zazzali, Deputy Mayor Mega, Mayor Skabich

NO: None

- f. To consider resolution authorizing acceptance of maintenance bond and release of performance bond for KM Construction Corp. for contract of the Reconstruction of Sweetwood Drive and David Road.

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

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE BOND AND RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND FOR KM CONSTRUCTION CORP. FOR CONTRACT OF THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SWEETWOOD DRIVE AND DAVID ROAD

WHEREAS, a contract was awarded by the Township Council at a meeting held on February 5, 2024 to KM Construction Corp. for Contract of the Reconstruction of Sweetwood Drive and David Road in the amount of \$278,141.50, Resolution No. #3C; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 and 2 were adopted by the Township Council at a meeting held on June 17, 2024 under Resolution No. 9A, decreasing the contract by \$63,960.64, for a total not to exceed \$214,180.86; and

WHEREAS, the Maintenance Bond has now been received, reviewed, and approved by the Township Attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove hereby accepts Maintenance Bond No. B1302652, which is on filed

in the Office of the Township Clerk, and hereby authorizes the release of Performance Bond No. B1302652; and release of the retainage of \$4,283.62.

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

AYE: Councilmember Maceri, Peterson, Zazzali, Deputy Mayor Mega, Mayor Skabich

NO: None

- g. To consider resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2024 Ford F-450 Mason Dump Truck through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council contract #15-C, Item Number 16 for an amount not to exceed \$76,709.00.

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2024 FORD F-450 MASON DUMP TRUCK FROM CIOCCA FORD OF FLEMINGTON, NJ, THROUGH THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL CONTRACT #15-C, ITEM NUMBER 16 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$76,709.00

WHEREAS, the Township of Cedar Grove needs to purchase a new Ford F450 Mason Dump for the Township which is available from Ciocca Ford of Flemington, NJ, through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (“MPCCPC”) Contract # 15-C, Item No. 16; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purchase through 2024 Capital Bonding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, State of New Jersey that a Ford F450 Mason Dump be purchased from Ciocca Ford of Flemington, NJ.

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

AYE: Councilmember Maceri, Peterson, Zazzali, Deputy Mayor Mega, Mayor Skabich

NO: None

- h. To consider resolution authorizing a contract to Foley Cat Inc. awarded through Sourcewell Contract 011723-CAT for the purchase of one (1) Caterpillar Inc 205 Mini Hydraulic Excavator for an amount not to exceed \$71,095.00.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT TO FOLEY CAT INC. AWARDED THROUGH SOURCEWELL CONTRACT 011723-CAT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) CATERPILLAR INC 205 MINI HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$71,095.00

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52-34-6.2 (b) (3) authorizes contracting units to purchase goods, or to contract for services through the use of a nationally recognized and accepted cooperative purchase agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cedar Grove desires to purchase (1) Caterpillar Inc. 205 Mini Hydraulic Excavator; and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell is a nationally recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing contracting unit, which has awarded contract 011723-CAT, to Foley CAT Inc. for a Caterpillar Inc. 205 Mini Hydraulic Excavator;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that a contract be awarded to Foley Cat. Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$71,095.00.

The Township Manager reported this item was noticed in the July 4th Issue of the Verona Cedar Grove Times with any comments concerning the purchase be submitted to the Township by this meeting. He reported none were received. The Township Manager asked the Mayor to open this portion to the public if there are any comments on the purchase of this item and this item only.

Mayor Skabich asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding this resolution. There being none, that portion of the meeting was closed.

Councilman Zazzali moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mega passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Maceri, Peterson, Zazzali, Deputy Mayor Mega, Mayor Skabich

NO: None

- i. To consider resolution authorizing Service First Cooling and Heating, with offices at 147A Woodport Road, Sparta, New Jersey to Install a new air handling unit at the Municipal Building in an amount not to exceed \$43,400.

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE AUTHORIZING SERVICE FIRST COOLING AND HEATING, WITH OFFICES AT 147A WOODPORT ROAD, SPARTA, NEW JERSEY, 07871 TO INSTALL A NEW AIR HANDLING UNIT AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$43,400.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Building's common area air handling unit is broken; and

WHEREAS, the air handling unit repair costs continue to increase annually; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Building is used as a cooling center and charging center in the event of severe weather because of its generator backup capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Township received two quotations for service to replace the entire air handling system for the Municipal Building's common areas and the lowest quotation received totaled an amount not to exceed \$43,400; and

WHEREAS, there are existing capital funds repurposed from previously appropriated amounts in 2021 to fund this service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that Service First Cooling and Heating, with offices at 147A Woodport Road, Sparta, New Jersey, 07871 be authorized to replace the Municipal Building's Air Handling Unit in an amount not to exceed \$43,400.

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

AYE: Councilmember Maceri, Peterson, Zazzali, Deputy Mayor Mega, Mayor Skabich

NO: None

8. APPROVAL OF BILLS

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 of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, New Jersey, that the summary of bills, having been duly audited and found to be correct, are hereby ordered paid and that warrants be drawn by the Treasurer in the aggregated amount of \$4,100,579.99.

Deputy Mayor Mega moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Mayor Skabich passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Maceri, Peterson, Zazzali, Deputy Mayor Mega, Mayor Skabich

NO: None

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

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

There being no one else present wishing to be heard, Mayor Skabich 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 July 15, 2024.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is potential litigation and personnel.
4. 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.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

AYE: Councilmember Maceri, Peterson, Zazzali, Deputy Mayor Mega, Mayor Skabich
 NO: None

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

AYE: Councilmember Maceri, Peterson, Zazzali, Deputy Mayor Mega, Mayor Skabich
 NO: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

MELISSA SKABICH MAYOR

ATTEST:

DALE A. FORDE MUNICIPAL CLERK