

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

COUNCIL STAFF MEETING

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 18, 2024

1. ROLL CALL – OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT BY MAYOR

Mayor Skabich 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 Maceri, Zazzali, Deputy Mayor Mega, Mayor Skabich

Also Present: Township Manager Zichelli, Township Attorney Lagana, Township Clerk Forde

Absent: Councilwoman Peterson

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Staff Meeting – October 21, 2024

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

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Councilwoman Peterson

b) Executive Session – October 12, 2024

Councilman Zazzali moved adoption of the resolution without release, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mega, and passed by the following vote:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Councilwoman Peterson

3. AWARD OF BID

a) To consider resolution awarding Snow Removal Bid to K. Torluccio Property Services.

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

was in the amount of \$374,238 and a more formal letter was forthcoming. The Township Manager requested an executive session to discuss personnel.

5. TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY – No Report.

6. TOWNSHIP CLERK – No Report. The Township Clerk thanked the General Election Board workers and Master Board worker for the way they handled election day duties.

7. COUNCIL REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Mega – Deputy Mayor Mega reported that the November 12th Senior Meet and Greet was well attended and informative. She reported the Council received feedback on what the senior community would like to see in the Town's programs. She thanked all who attended and for their feedback. Deputy Mayor Mega reported that the Police Department was currently running a Toy Drive for St. Joseph's Hospital Pediatric Unit. She reported those in support of the Drive, could drop off a new, unwrapped toy in the collection box of Town Hall by December 18th. Deputy Mayor Mega reported Morgan's Farm Historic House was a part of the Essex County Historic House Tour on the weekend of December 7th and 8th. Deputy Mayor Mega reported the Free Fall rabies clinic was scheduled for November 20th at Town Hall. Deputy Mayor Mega reported the Tree Lighting was scheduled for December 6th at Community Park at 6 PM. Deputy Mayor Mega commended the Fire Department for not only dealing with fires, but also providing house coverage and mutual aid for the departments in other towns. Deputy Mayor Mega wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Maceri – No Report. Councilman Maceri thanked the Township Clerk for coordinating a very successful Senior Meet and Greet. He reported that the Council received great feedback. Councilman Maceri reported commended the Department of Public Works for handling the leaves on the street. Councilman Maceri also commended those responsible for paving the streets.

Councilman Zazzali – No Report. Councilman Zazzali said the Senior Meet and Greet was better than he anticipated. He acknowledged the organization of the Township Clerk and Recreation Director. He concurred that he also received great feedback. He asked the Township Manager to get information out to the seniors. The Township Manager reported he would put the information on the cable channel.

Mayor Skabich – Mayor Skabich directed the Township Clerk to notify the Library Director of her appointment of Amy Rehbein to a full term. Mayor Skabich asked who took notes during the Meet and Greet and what was done with the surveys. The Township reported that the Recreation Director took notes, collected surveys and uploaded email addresses to the system so that seniors received information on all events going on in Town. Mayor Skabich asked if there was any follow up regarding trees. Township Attorney Lagana responded he would have information for the December Staff Meeting. Mayor Skabich reported that Cedar Grove was in the news because NY Giants Quarterback Tommy Devito was starting. She reported she had been asked to be interviewed by PIX 11. Mayor Skabich acknowledged the High School Football team was doing quite well this season.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) To consider resolution concerning reappointment of Advisory Health Council members.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, New Jersey, that Diane Nicolette be re-appointed as a member of the Advisory Health Council for three-year terms, effective January 1, 2025 and terminating December 31, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Chris Lee is re-appointed as a member of the Advisory Health Council for three-year terms, effective January 1, 2025 and terminating December 31, 2027.

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

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

- b) To consider resolution concerning reappointment of Environmental Commission Members.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, New Jersey, that Hetal Mistry be reappointed as a member of the Environmental Commission for a three-year term effective January 1, 2025 and terminating December 31, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Melissa Skabich be reappointed to the Environmental Commission for a three-year term effective January 1, 2025 and terminating December 31, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sarah Mahmoud be reappointed as the Alt. # 2 member to the Environmental Commission for a full one-year term effective January 1, 2025 and terminating December 31, 2025.

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

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

- c) To consider resolution concerning the renewal of an Amusement Device License.

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

WHEREAS, the following businesses have applied for renewal of their Amusement Device License for 2025:

APPLICANT	TRADE NAME	LICENSE FOR
Edward Fitzpatrick (Owner)	Grasshopper	Juke Box

WHEREAS, the application has been reviewed, the fee has been paid, and the Fire Prevention Bureau, Code Enforcement Official, the Police Department have all made inspections and certify that the above locations comply with local ordinances;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that the Township Clerk be directed to renew the license of the above-named establishment.

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

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

- d) To consider resolution concerning reappointment of Recreation Advisory Board members.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, New Jersey, that Sam Ventola be re-appointed as a member of the Recreation Advisory Board for a three year term, effective January 1, 2025 and terminating December 31, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Ashton Sroka is re-appointed as a member of the Recreation Advisory Board for a three year term, effective January 1, 2025 and terminating December 31, 2027.

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

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

- e) To consider resolution concerning reappointment of Planning Board Members.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, New Jersey, that Edward Cadillo be re-appointed as a member of the Planning Board for a four-year term, effective January 1, 2025 and terminating December 31, 2028.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Richard Hamilton be re-appointed as the Class II member of the Planning Board for a one-year term, effective January 1, 2025 and terminating December 31, 2025.

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

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

- f) To consider resolution concerning appointment to the Essex County Solid Waste Advisory Council.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, Essex County, that the following municipal officials are hereby appointed to serve as designees to the Essex County Solid Waste Advisory Council for a two-year term effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027:

Dan Donavan – Engineering Aide
Marisa Digori – Engineering Dept. Secretary

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

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

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a) To consider resolution authorizing refund due to tax overpayments.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF 2024 TAXES DUE TO OVERPAYMENTS BY THE MORTGAGE COMPANY

WHEREAS, tax payments have to be refunded due to overpayments made by the mortgage company; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has reviewed and approved the same,

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

Block /Lot/Qualifier	Refund To:	Amount:
Block 27 Lot 38 45 Overlook Rd.	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Services Centralized Refunds P.O. Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9760	\$2,574.75
Block 27 Lot 108 90 Elmwood Rd.	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Services Centralized Refunds P.O. Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9760	\$3,778.61
Block 201 Lot 86 68 Old Orchard Ct.	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Services Centralized Refunds P.O. Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9760	\$2,466.78
Block 304 Lot 1 128 Carlson Parkway	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Services Centralized Refunds P.O. Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9760	\$2,322.97
Block 312 Lot 26 9 Dominick Court	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Services Centralized Refunds P.O. Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9760	\$6,282.50

Total: \$17,425.61

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

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Councilwoman Peterson

- b) To consider resolution concerning the increase and/or amendment to change funds.

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

RESOLUTION TO INCREASE/AMEND CHANGE FUNDS

WHEREAS, in the daily course of business when collecting payments for various municipal charges and fees it is often necessary to make change for certain transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cedar Grove has established change funds in order to facilitate the ability to make change; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has recommended and increase/amendment to the change funds as follows; and

Change Fund	Current Amount:	Amended Amount:
Animal Control/Health Dept. Change Fund	\$40.00	\$60.00
Recreation Change Fund	\$0.00	\$60.00
Tax Collector Change Fund	\$100.00	\$200.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, that the change funds are hereby increased as amended

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, that the change funds are hereby reestablished in the following amounts for the following Departments:

Change Fund	Amount:
Animal Control/Health Dept. Change Fund	\$60.00
DPW Change Fund	\$25.00
Library	\$50.00
Municipal Court Change Fund	\$150.00
Recreation Change Fund	\$60.00
Tax Collector Change Fund	\$200.00

Total: \$545.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, that each Department shall be responsible for the protection and accountability of said change funds and that said change funds only be used to make change and shall not be used to purchase goods and/or services of any kind.

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

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

- c) To consider resolution concerning the insertion of an item of special revenue in the amount of \$163,150.54 from the NJDOT- Brunswick Road Grant.

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

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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 2024 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 2024, which is now available as a revenue in the sum of \$163,150.54 from the State of NJDOT-Brunswick Rd. Grant 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$163,150.54 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

NJDOT Brunswick Road Grant \$163,150.54

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

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

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

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

- d) To consider resolution concerning the insertion of an item of special revenue in the amount of \$21,093.33 from the NJDOT- Sweetwood and Grant.

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 2024 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 2024, which is now available as a revenue in the sum of \$21,094.33 from the NJDOT Sweetwood & David Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$21,094.33 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

NJDOT Sweetwood & David Grant \$21,094.33

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

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

- e) To consider resolution concerning 2025 Police Department employee salaries.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Township of Cedar Grove adopted Ordinance No. 22-896, fixing salary grades and ranges, wages, and fees of the Officers of the Cedar Grove Police Department of the Township of Cedar Grove; and

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

WHEREAS, the salaries set forth below have a “for-budgeted” purpose of taking effect January 1, 2025, with certain Officers not receiving the reflected amount set forth in their respective column until such time their step adjustment shall take place during various times during the year.

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 2025 which shall become effective January 1, 2025, for Officers of the Cedar Grove Police Department covered under Section One of the Salary Ordinance subject to the third recital concerning step movement.

PROPOSED 2025 (Effective 1/1/2025) POLICE DEPARTMENT PATROL GRADE P-1

PATROL

NAME	2025 SALARY	LONGEVITY	HOLIDAY PAY
Dominick Buscio	\$138,518	\$8,311	\$6,776
Anthony Cardona	\$138,518	\$5,540	\$6,648
Daniel Cirasa	\$108,849	--	\$5,024
Connor Grawehr	\$138,518	\$2,770	\$6,520
Anthony Grigolo	\$138,518	\$2,770	\$6,520
Christopher Heck	\$138,518	\$5,540	\$6,648
Robert Hectus	\$138,518	\$13,851	\$7,032
Nicole Hoyt	\$138,518	\$5,540	\$6,648
Joseph Johnson	\$138,518	\$5,540	\$6,648
Carolyn Lynch	\$138,518	\$11,081	\$6,904
Christopher Lynch	\$138,518	\$5,540	\$6,648
Jeffrey McElroy	\$138,518	\$13,851	\$7,032
James Muneyyirci	\$108,849	--	\$5,024
Michael Passafiume	\$138,518	\$5,540	\$6,648
Alan Rock	\$138,518	\$2,770	\$6,520
Stephen Sinisi	\$108,849	--	\$5,024
John Smigelsky	\$138,518	\$8,311	\$6,777
Nyron Watson	\$123,682	\$2,474	\$5,823
Justin Westra	\$138,518	\$2,770	\$6,520
VACANT	\$64,378	--	\$2,970

SERGEANT

NAME	2025 SALARY	LONGEVITY	HOLIDAY PAY
Raymond Casella	\$155,140	\$6,205	\$7,446
Joseph Ligas	\$155,140	\$6,205	\$7,446
Jason Rivers	\$155,140	\$9,308	\$7,509
Kristain Schnieder	\$155,140	\$15,514	\$7,876

LIEUTENANT

NAME	2025 SALARY	LONGEVITY	HOLIDAY PAY
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Robert McDermott	\$179,964	\$10,798	\$8,804
Richard Parisi	\$179,964	\$17,996	\$9,136
Jose Rodriguez	\$179,964	\$14,397	\$8,971
Joseph Russomanno	\$179,964	\$10,798	\$8,804
Jason Wolfstirn	\$179,964	\$14,397	\$8,971

CAPTAIN

NAME	2025 SALARY	LONGEVITY	HOLIDAY
VACANT	\$194,363	\$15,549	\$9,688
Francis Pumphrey	\$194,363	\$19,436	\$9,868

CHIEF

NAME	2025 SALARY	LONGEVITY	HOLIDAY
John Kennedy	\$209,913	\$20,991	\$10,657

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

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

- f) To consider resolution concerning Municipal employee stipends.

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF STIPENDS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES FOR THE POSSESSION OF CERTAIN LICENSES AND PROVISION OF CERTAIN SERVICES IN 2024

WHEREAS, the Township appreciates the enhanced knowledge and skillset of employees with advanced certifications and training; and

WHEREAS, residents of the Township of Cedar Grove benefit from the service these employees are able to provide with advanced certifications and training; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cedar Grove will continue to invest in Township employees who desire to attain advanced certifications and training.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, State of New Jersey that the below stipends are hereby ordered to be paid.

NAME	STIPEND	ANNUAL AMOUNT
Suzanne Verrengia	Deputy Registrar	\$1,000
Joseph Cafarella	Senior Citizen Advisor	\$500
Robbie Bahwah	Licensed Pool Operator	\$500

Joseph M. Zichelli	Municipal Housing Liaison	\$3,000
Rebecca M. Roth	Deputy Municipal Housing Liaison	\$1,500
		BIANNUAL AMOUNT
Joseph Cirasa	Deputy OEM Coordinator	\$675
Joseph Johnson	Detective Stipend	\$1,000
Robert McDermott	Detective Stipend	\$1,000
Nicole Hoyt	Detective Stipend	\$1,000
Jeffrey McElroy	OEM Coordinator	\$2,500
Connor Grehwer	Traffic Safety	\$450
Marisa Landolfi	Website Coordinator/MAC Coordinator/Certified Pool Operator	\$4,000

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

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

g) To consider resolution concerning Public Employee Stipends.

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF STIPENDS TO VARIOUS LICENSED PROFESSIONALS FOR 2024 IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, the Township of Cedar Grove gives stipends to employees possessing specialized licenses; and

WHEREAS, the Township appreciates the skill associated with possessing such specialized licenses and wants to recognize those in possession of such licenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that the stipends set forth below are ordered to be paid for Fiscal Year 2024.

STIPENDS FOR FY 2024

NAME	STIPEND	AMOUNT
James Lavin	CDL	\$500
Jerry Vitiello	CDL	\$500
Jeffrey Bailey	CDL	\$500
David Webb	CDL	\$500
Daniel Donovan	CDL/Recycling	\$1,000

Robert Mesce	CDL	\$500
Brian Storms	CDL	\$500
Thomas Resciniti	CDL	\$500
David Burdett	CDL	\$500
Frank Martorelli	CDL	\$500
Robert Bahaw	CDL	\$500
Peter DiGeronimo	CDL	\$500
Michael Grasso	CDL/Licensed W/S Operator	\$4,500
Michael McElroy	CDL	\$500
William Hunter	CDL	\$500
David Cramer	CDL Pro Rated	\$137.50

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

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

h) To consider resolution concerning Fire Department stipends.

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF STIPENDS TO MEMBERS OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove shall establish the following 2024 fee schedule for stipends and mileage allowance for members of the Volunteer Fire Department of the Township of Cedar Grove.

	2023 Stipend	1% Increase	2024 Stipend
Fire Chief	\$1,732.13	\$17.32	\$1,749.45
Deputy Fire Chief	\$1,082.32	\$10.82	\$1,093.14
Fire Captain	\$540.65	\$5.41	\$546.06
Fire Lieutenant	\$407.01	\$4.07	\$411.08
Fire Chief's Secretary	\$973.17	\$9.73	\$982.90
Fire Prevention Bureau Director	\$756.91	\$7.57	\$764.48
Fire Inspector	\$324.39	\$3.24	\$327.63
Fire Prevention Bureau Secretary	\$324.39	\$3.24	\$327.63
Fire Department Secretary	\$190.75	\$1.91	\$192.66
Fire Relief Secretary	\$407.01	\$4.07	\$411.08
NFIR Secretary	\$432.52	\$4.33	\$436.85
Public Relations Information Officer	\$324.39	\$3.24	\$327.63
Clothing Allowance	\$943.59	\$9.44	\$953.03
Fire Prevention Bureau Milage	\$103.03	\$1.03	\$104.06

IT Support	\$236.66	\$2.37	\$239.03
Respirator Protection Officer	\$324.39	\$3.24	\$327.63
Drivers/SCBA	\$165.25	\$1.65	\$166.90

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, that 2024 fee schedule for stipends and mileage allowance for Volunteer Firemen be hereby established.

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

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

10. APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

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 \$6,211,555.07.

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

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

11. CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

a) To consider resolution authorizing the award of contract for professional land surveying and engineering design services for bank stabilization of the Peckman River at and around 615 Pompton Avenue to Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYING AND ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR BANK STABILIZATION OF THE PECKMAN RIVER AT AND AROUND 615 POMPTON AVENUE (BLOCK 160, LOT 23), CEDAR GROVE, NEW JERSEY, 07009 TO SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC., OF 96 US 206 #101, FLANDERS, NEW JERSEY, 07836 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$77,145.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 states “no local unit shall be required to advertise for bids for professional services”; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to retain Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc., to provide land surveying and engineering design services for bank stabilization of the Peckman River at and around 615 Pompton Avenue (Block 160, Lot 23) in the Township of Cedar Grove; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds available through the Peckman River Improvement Capital Funding line; and

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

1. The Township Council hereby awards a contract to Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc., having offices at 96 US 205 #101, Flanders, New Jersey, 07836, to provide land surveying and engineering design services for bank stabilization of the Peckman River at and around 615 Pompton Avenue (Block 160, Lot 23) in the Township of Cedar in an amount not to exceed \$77,145.
2. The Township Manager and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc., in accordance with its proposal to provide engineering and surveying for bank stabilization of the Peckman River at and around 615 Pompton Avenue (Block 160, Lot 23) in the Township of Cedar Grove.
3. There are sufficient funds available through the Peckman River Improvement Capital Funding line.
4. This resolution and contract shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.

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

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

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Skabich asked if anyone wished to address the Council.

1. Sal Minieri: Mr. Minieri wished everyone a blessed Thanksgiving.

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 November 18, 2024.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is personnel.
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.

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

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to discuss, the staff council meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. by acclaim.