Meeting Minutes April 28, 2009

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, held in the Municipal Complex at 7:30 p.m. on the above date.

Upon call of the roll, the following Committee members were recorded present: Committeewoman Gloria McCauley, Committeeman Carl Suraci, and Deputy Mayor Bob Wagner. Committeeman Anthony Ferrera arrived at 8:30 p.m. Also, in attendance were Township Attorney Albert Cruz, Township Administrator/Clerk Kevin P. Davis and Secretary to the Administrator/Clerk Dianne Borngesser. Committeeman Anthony Ferrera arrived at 8:30 p.m.

Following the Salute to the Flag, Mayor Ferrera advised that notice of this Regular Session was made in accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, by posting on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building and by mailing to the Township’s official newspapers, a notice that this regular session would take place at the Hillsborough Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m. on April 28, 2009.

PROCLAMATIONS

- Proclamation for Multiple Birth Awareness Month

WHEREAS, founded in 1960, the National Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs, Inc. (NOMOTC) is a network of more than 450 local clubs representing over 25,000 individual parents of multiples –twins, triplets, quadruplets and more; and

WHEREAS, in April the National Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs, Inc, is partnering with The Fetal Hope Foundation and TWINS Magazine to launch the first annual National Multiple Birth Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this is to use the local chapters from across the country to spread awareness and celebrate the wonderful world of multiple birth children and their families; and

WHEREAS, their focus is on educating the communities about the special challenges and needs multiple birth children are faced with, while celebrating the joys they bring to the multiple birth families; and

WHEREAS, this year’s theme is educating the communities on the vast network of support groups that are available to assist families with multiple birth children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Mayor and Township Committee, of the Township of Hillsborough hereby declare April 2009 as National Multiple Birth Awareness Month and vow to continue to support programs and research dedicated to multiple birth children and their families in our community.

APPOINTMENTS

- Appointment of Committeeman Suraci as the 2010 U.S. Census Liaison

Mayor DelCore stated that this month had been designated for the kickoff for the various public announcements and events for the 2010 Census that will take place in April, 2010.

Mayor DelCore said that having everyone counted in the census was important to our community and the federal census bureau is asking local governments to get involved in creating greater awareness of the census and its value.
Mayor DelCore asked Committeeman Suraci to take the lead on Hillsborough’s public information and communication program for the Census, by serving as the Township Committee’s 2010 census liaison.

- Appointment of Rich Norz, Alternate No. 1 and Joanne Bertolini, Alternate No. 2, to the Agricultural Advisory Committee, effective May 1, 2009, with terms ending 12/31/09.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Approval of the March 24, 2009 Regular Session Minutes
  
  Upon motion by Committeewoman McCauley, seconded by Committeeman Suraci, the minutes of the March 24, 2009 Regular Session were unanimously approved upon the call of the roll.

- Approval of the April 14, 2009 Executive Session Minutes
  
  Upon motion by Committeewoman McCauley, seconded by Committeeman Suraci, the minutes of the April 14, 2009 Executive Session were unanimously approved upon the call of the roll.

**REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS FROM COMMITTEE LIAISONS, RECEIPT OF REPORTS, PETITIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS**

*Committeeman Ferrera*

Committeeman Ferrera was not in attendance during this time.

*Committeewoman McCauley*

Committeewoman McCauley reminded residents that the Sustainable Hillsborough’s first fair would be taking place on Sunday, May 3rd, 1-5. She encouraged everyone to come out and learn how to go green and help the environment.

*Committeeman Suraci*

Committeeman Suraci thanked the Mayor for the appointment as US Census liaison.

Committeeman Suraci stated that the US census bureau is planning a multi targeted communications campaign over the next 12 months. The census slogan that has been created is “It’s in our hands.”

Committeeman Suraci stated that they intend to take are of Hillsborough and the families to make sure everyone gets their fair share.
Deputy Mayor Wagner

Deputy Mayor Wagner announced that the Hillsborough’s Memorial Day Commemoration Program is scheduled for Saturday, May 23, 2009.

Deputy Mayor Wagner stated that the parade kicks off at 10:30 am at the corner of Auten and Triangle Road. It will move down Auten to New Amwell, then onto Beekman, and will conclude at the Garden of Honor at the Municipal Complex.

Deputy Mayor Wagner announced that groups who are interested in participating in the parade should contact the Department of Parks and Recreation at 369-4832.

Deputy Mayor Wagner made note that The Garden of Honor ceremonies are scheduled for 11:15 am this year.

Deputy Mayor Wagner stated that anyone who had attended these ceremonies knows how moving they are and he encouraged residents to make an effort to attend the Garden of Honor ceremonies, where those who have given their lives in the defense of our freedom will be remembered.

Deputy Mayor Wagner made a note that the rain date for the Parade and Ceremonies will be for Sunday, May 24.

Deputy Mayor Wagner stated that rain or shine the annual Salute to Veterans will be held at 8:30 am on Saturday, May 23rd, at the Municipal Building’s multi purpose room.

Deputy Mayor Wagner said that he believes there is no group more appropriate than our veterans to lead the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies and the Township Committee is always honored to have such great attendance.

Deputy Mayor Wagner stated that all veterans, whether they protected our nation during war or peace, are invited to attend.

Deputy Mayor Wagner also stated that those who have served in our National Guard or Reserves, and any military personnel from Hillsborough who are presently in service are also invited to this service, as well as widows of veterans.

Deputy Mayor Wagner announced that this year, the special honorees will be our Vietnam War Veterans.

Deputy Mayor Wagner stated that any veteran that had not yet attended this event is encouraged to so. He also stated the fact that those who have previously attended have said that it is very worthwhile.

Deputy Mayor Wagner asked that all Veterans watch their mail box for an invitation or go to the Township’s website, www.hillsborough-nj.org, for the information link in order to register.

Deputy Mayor Wagner also gave an update about the recent Swine flue outbreak from the Health Department. He stated that the Hillsborough Website has links that will allow residents the ability to see symptoms and how to get treatment and what can be done to minimize the spread of the flu.
Deputy Mayor Wagner has been advised that the following actions have taken place: The Hillsborough Health Department is monitoring the disease website, information has been handed out to all Municipal Employees, Hillsborough Health Department as well as the Office of Emergency Management and the Police Department is in close communication about the situation.

Deputy Mayor Wagner also stated that there have been Educational classes on how to handle a situation of an outbreak. He stated that Hillsborough Township is also in communication with other local Health Departments within the county, the NJ Department of Health as well as the Hillsborough Board of Educations Nursing Director.

Deputy Mayor Wagner announced that the Hillsborough Website will be continually updated with new information about the Swine Flu.

**Mayor DelCore**

Mayor DelCore stated that as a part of the Mayor’s Wellness Campaign, there will be a walk being held at AnnVan Park Saturday morning on May 2. Margle Myers, the volunteer coordinator for the Mayor’s Wellness, has coordinated it.

Mayor DelCore stated that if anyone is interested in participating, it will be starting at 10 a.m.

Mayor DelCore announced that there is a presentation for the New Business part of the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**


Mayor DelCore stated that Michael Smith of Conner Strong, the Township’s Risk Management Consultant, was attending the meeting to present a report on the Township’s recent success in implementing various job safety measures and training.

Mayor DelCore stated that Hillsborough is one of eight communities who have joined together in the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund. He went on to say that the Joint Insurance fund had been designed to ensure that municipalities have insurance for liability, property, and workers compensation.

Mayor DelCore stated that the town, working as a group, with the guidance of Mr. Smith and the professionals associated with the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund, are always striving to increase safety in order to reduce claims and, therefore, costs to the taxpayers.

Mayor DelCore stated that the town is pleased with the results of this. He also stated that prior to the meeting; Mr. Smith conducted an employer liability training session for the members of the Township Committee.

Mr. Smith stated that from this report, it is noted that Hillsborough is one of the best three towns to work in.

Mr. Smith stated that within the past three years, the focus as a joint insurance fund was handling public monies. For the past three years the focus had been on workers comp and Mr. Smith stated that it was everyone’s hope that this would be successful, in which it fortunately was.
Mr. Smith made a few points, stating that the Police went from 106,000 dollars from 2006, 2007 to a significant drop to 36,000 dollars. He also stated that two units in DPW within the same years of 2006 and 2007 had averaged $121,000 in claims each of the years. He stated that in the year 2008 that amount has dropped to $81,000.

Mr. Smith also stated that the Township’s accident rate, per 100 employees, has been cut by more than 50%. It has dropped from 5 to 2.3 average accidents per 100 employees.

Mr. Smith stated that when this is related in a dollars worth, the average claims occurred has fallen from an average of $225,000 in 2006-2007 to $137,000. He said that this is an actual 40% drop in paid claims.

Mr. Smith also went on to state that the total number of claims has dropped as well. It has gone from 81,000 filed in 2006 to 53,000 in 2008.

Mr. Smith stated that this success was from the help of Kevin Davis, Buck Sixt, Nancy Haberle and Chief Kaminsky.

Mr. Smith stated that citizens need to remember that workers comp also pays medical bills as well as loss of income, which can become very pricey. Therefore the ability to have Hillsborough Township control this is quite an accomplishment.

Mr. Smith stated that at a recent Breakfast/Luncheon for Safety, Hillsborough Township came in as one of the top three towns in the fund and earned a $1,000 award that could be used to purchase safety equipment, or for any safety related activity. He stated that this money comes from the success of the Township that has come during the past three years of safety improvement.

Mr. Smith stated that in addition to this, the dividends have been paid off as well, which have totaled to $40,000 within the past three years.

Mr. Smith stated that within the first quarter of 2009, there have been a total of seven claims. He stated that Hillsborough seems to be off to having another successful year in improvements.

Mr. Smith also stated that the JIF program in which Hillsborough is a member of, has trained 35,000 employees around the state. He stated that they have risk control services, identified physicians and legal counsel to handle the various claims around the state.

Mr. Smith states that the Township has the benefits of a Fortune 500 company by being a part of a group such as this.

Mr. Smith states that he is pleased to see that this has worked for Hillsborough Township. He also stated that the reason for the success is for the fact that Hillsborough has worked together.

Mr. Smith thanked Kevin Davis, Chief Kaminsky and Buck Sixt as well as Nancy Haberle for always reporting in and being able to help.

Mayor DelCore thanked Mr. Smith for joining the Committee and Township at the meeting.

Committeeman Suraci stated that this is an excellent example of how the Township can be run as a business.

Committeeman Suraci stated that a problem was identified, which was lost time because of job injuries, and steps have been taken to reduce the problem, particularly with training and the emphasis on safety. He said that for this reason, the cost increases have been held down.

Committeeman Suraci stated that insurance is costly to business, homeowners, car owners, and to government.

Committeeman Suraci stated that the Finance Committee is always looking to find savings in the budget and insurance is high on the list.
Committeeman Suraci stated that Hillsborough has 170 or so employees, including Public Works workers who handle dangerous equipment, Police Officers, Inspectors who have to go into people’s homes.

Committeeman Suraci made note that the Township has a great deal of property, numerous pieces of equipment and vehicles and a building that is used for not only serving residents within the municipal offices, but with those holding meetings and events as well.

Committeeman Suraci stated that the Township also has numerous parks and recreational fields where there is an insurance responsibility as well as the responsibility of insuring the Library. Therefore, he stated, whatever can be done to keep the cost of insurance down is important.

Committeeman Suraci congratulated Buck Sixt, Director of DPW, as well as the other staff members for their efforts which have paid off.

Committeeman Suraci also thanked Mr. Smith for an excellent presentation.

Committeeman Suraci ended with a few points of information. He stated that the insurance costs of the last year were $493,000, less $22,000 dividend= $471,000. He stated that $515,000 is in the proposed budget for 2009, which is the actual bill. He said the dividend will be known July.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS AND MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Ken Roslin, 14 Oxford Place Thanked the Committee for paying the amount of money into the Pension Plan and therefore saving the residents money on interest.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance 2009-15 Ordinance providing for various road improvements and other related expenses in and for the Township of Hillsborough and appropriating $1,900,000 therefor, and providing for the issuance of $1,900,000 in bonds or notes of the Township of Hillsborough to finance the same.

Committeeman Suraci moved to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2009-15. Said motion was seconded by Committeeewoman McCauley and carried unanimously upon the call of the roll.

Mayor DelCore stated that this ordinance, as well as the one that follows this, are part of the Township’s application to the state’s Environmental Infrastructure Trust or EIT fund seeking low interest financing.

Mayor DelCore said that this ordinance will provide for the road overlay that will be necessary following completion of the Claremont sewer project.
Mayor DelCore stated that the approval of the bond ordinances is a necessary part of the application process.

Mayor DelCore stated that both bond ordinances are for maximum amounts. He said the Township will only finance the amount required and will cancel any balance. He also stated that they require further approval by the state’s Local Finance Board.

Deputy Mayor Wagner moved to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2009-15. Said motion was seconded by Committeeman Suraci and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Committeeman Suraci moved to adopt Ordinance 2009-15. Said motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Wagner and carried unanimously upon the call of the roll.

Ordinance 2009-16

Ordinance providing for the acquisition and construction of a salt storage facility and appropriating $400,000 therefor, and providing for the issuance of $400,000 in bonds or notes to finance the same.

Deputy Mayor Wagner moved to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2009-16. Said motion was seconded by Committeewoman McCauley and carried unanimously upon the call of the roll.

Mayor DelCore stated that the Township had been advised that the construction of the 3000 ton salt storage facility may qualify as an improvement that can be financed by the EIT.

Mayor DelCore stated that at an earlier meeting, the Director of Public Works, Buck Sixt, outlined the Township’s need for greater winter salt storage in order to keep roadways clear and to protect the public.

Mr. Sixt, Director of Public Works, also noted the areas of potential cost savings in bulk and off season buying that would benefit the taxpayers.

Committeeman Suraci moved to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2009-16. Said motion was seconded by Committeewoman McCauley and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Deputy Mayor Wagner moved to adopt Ordinance 2009-16. Said motion was seconded by Committeewoman McCauley and carried unanimously upon the call of the roll.

Ordinance 2009-17

An Ordinance amending section 5-1 of the code of the Township of Hillsborough, titled “Establishment; Membership; Terms; Organization” of the Agricultural Advisory Committee by adding a new subparagraph B for the appointment of alternate members.

Committeeman Suraci moved to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2009-17. Said motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Wagner and carried unanimously upon the call of the roll.

Mayor DelCore stated that this ordinance would create two Agricultural Advisory Committee with alternate positions.
Deputy Mayor Wagner moved to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2009-17. Said motion was seconded by Committeewoman McCauley and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Deputy Mayor Wagner moved to adopt Ordinance 2009-17. Said motion was seconded by Committeewoman McCauley and carried unanimously upon the call of the roll.

Ordinance 2009-18

An Ordinance amending Chapter 188 (Development Regulations), Article V (Districts and Standards), of the code of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, to amend the zone designation for Block 177D, Lots 21A and 22C (Rear Portion) from R, Residential, to C-1, Retail Commercial.

Committeewoman McCauley moved to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2009-18. Said motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Wagner and carried unanimously upon the call of the roll.

Mayor DelCore stated that the ordinance that extends the Retail Commercial zone along southbound Route 206 south of Stonewyck Drive is another regulatory change recommended by the Economic Action Plan Regulatory Oversight Working Group.

Mayor DelCore said that the extension of the C-1 zone in this area had also been recommended by the Planning Board.

Mayor DelCore also stated that the permitted use in the new zone will include retail sales, offices, banks, restaurants, and child care centers.

Mayor DelCore stated that any changes to the property would still require Planning Board approval of a site plan, with notification to any neighboring property owners.

Mr. Bob Ringelheim, the Township Planner, accompanied the Township Committee at this meeting to further the knowledge of this Ordinance.

Mr. Ringelheim pointed out the location of the zone change. He stated that Route 206 is the frontage.

Mr. Ringelheim stated that in the 2005 Master Plan Amendment, Phase 2, there was a recommendation that properties in the R Zone should be commercial. An Ordinance was drafted at that time; however, due to litigation this Ordinance was put aside and is now being brought forward due to the Regulatory Oversight Committee.

Mayor DelCore also pointed out that in considering this change; potentially impacted neighbors will receive mail notice of the potential change prior to the Planning Board meeting, following the Township’s notification policy established last year.

Mayor DelCore stated that this way, interested parties could have ideas and concerns heard at the beginning of the process, not at the end of the process, which the public is hearing tonight.

Mayor DelCore stated that potentially effected property owners were also notified by mail, as required by state law, prior to this public hearing.
Resident Jim McDonald, 12 Oxford Place, stated that he would like a reassurance that a gas station or 7-11 would not be built in the old school house.

Mayor DelCore stated that he is currently not aware of what would be going into that building.

Mr. Ringelheim noted that there is currently no application on the file.

Mr. McDonald also stated that another concern has to do with Ambleside Gardens. He stated that the land, which is approximately 85 feet wide and a couple of hundred feet long, could be bought by someone and added onto the property that the old school house is located on.

Mr. McDonald stated that he would like to see that as a residential property rather than commercial.

Mr. Ken Roslin, 14 Oxford Place, stated that he understands the reason of making the property residential; however, he stated that there should be a noise barrier implemented at the property to keep the noise away from the current residents.

Mr. Ken Roslin also brought up the concern for the aesthetics of the property.

Mayor DelCore stated that if ever there is an application for the property, these issues will be addressed accordingly.

Mr. Larry Gordon, current owner of the lot located on 206, thanked the Committee for the zoning change.

Mr. Gordon stated that within the past few years he has received calls to put in a 24 hour pharmacy or a quickie mart in which he had turned down. He stated to the residents that he is trying to have a quiet business, such as a bank, to buy the piece of property.

Committeeman Suraci moved to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2009-18. Said motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Wagner and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Deputy Mayor Wagner moved to adopt Ordinance 2009-18. Said motion was seconded by Committeewoman McCauley and carried unanimously upon the call of the roll.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance 2009-19**

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 188( Development Regulations) of the Code of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, to provide a definition of a ‘Vertical Axis Wind Turbine’ and to revise the requirements for Small Energy WindSystems to permit Vertical Wind Turbine Technology. 

Further consideration of this ordinance and public hearing will be held on May 26, 2009.

Mayor DelCore stated that the Township received an excellent presentation regarding the energy savings value of vertical turbine wind mills or small energy wind systems, at a meeting several weeks ago.
Mayor DelCore also made note that Mr. Ringelheim had worked with the interested citizens and Mr. Strupinsky, the Business Advocate, to craft an amendment to Hillsborough’s wind mill ordinance to allow for the turbine wind mills.

Mr. Bob Ringelheim stated that the vertical access blinds are more compact. These blinds do not attract the migratory birds and is not tied to a tower that is 100 feet in height. Therefore, this has many advantages over the traditional wind turbine system.

Mr. Ringelheim stated that the VAWT may be placed on a rooftop or a street light pole. The revised Ordinance provides an option for a resident to put a VAWT on their property or put the small wooden, more traditional one. This allows for more flexibility within the campaign for sustainability.

Mayor DelCore stated that beyond the fact of what the ordinance allows, he believes that by permitting these types of systems, the township is moving in a positive environmental direction.

Mayor DelCore stated that Hillsborough has put itself in the forefront on green issues, including establishing a Sustainability Committee and program. He went on to state that by reducing the carbon footprint, which is something we all hear talked about during environmental discussions.

Mayor DelCore stated that by creating this opportunity for residential property owners and businesses to establish these types of small energy systems, the township is taking a real step along the road of ensuring a sustainable environment in Hillsborough’s future.

Committeewoman McCauley stated that she had taken a course in being green. She stated that the VAWT was one of the alternatives discussed; therefore once again stating that Hillsborough is at the forefront when it comes to saving energy.

Committeeman Suraci moved that the aforesaid Ordinance be passed on first reading and that the Ordinance be further considered at a public hearing held on May 26, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. Said motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Wagner and unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

**Ordinance 2009-20** An Ordinance appropriating certain monies held by and contributions to be received by the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, for the purchase of various Capital Improvements in the amount of $938,000.00, in and for the Township of Hillsborough. Further consideration of this ordinance and public hearing will be held on May 26, 2009.

Mayor DelCore stated that due to the budgetary cutbacks that are necessitated by the reduction in state aid by more than $840,000 over the last two years, the 2009 capital ordinance proposed here is for the bare minimum, needed projects.

Mayor DelCore stated that the total capital ordinance both with budget dollars and other revenue sources is $938,000 compared with $1.29 million last year. He went on to say that this plan reduces the amount of budget dollars being allocated in 2009 by $200,000, compared with 2008. He said the balance of the ordinance’s funding comes from grants or developer offsite contributions.

Mayor DelCore made note that there is no borrowing for routine capital improvements, as the pay as you go program has helped to avoid debt and interest payments, at a significant savings for taxpayers over the past six years.

Mayor DelCore stated that the major capital improvement is the necessary road paving on Mountainview Road, Arthur Road, Brook Drive, Tara Drive, Hiland Drive and Riverview
Terrace, as these are all roads long overdue for paving that have been further eroded by the recent sewer connection projects.

Mayor DelCore stated that failure to provide an overlay now would result in the deterioration of the roadways to the point where more extensive and costly road reconstruction would be necessary.

Mayor DelCore stated that $500,000 of the funding for the road overlays comes from a state grant and developer contributions.

Mayor DelCore also informed the residents that in order to further protect Township roads prior to their repaving, and to create a more long lasting pothole and road crack repair system, the ordinance also provides $50,000 in funding for the purchase of an infrared heat screen and blackpatch hot box equipment.

Mayor DelCore stated that this equipment is vital because the road patches will last longer, reducing costs to the Township and providing better road surfaces and safety for drivers. This will be a cost benefit for residents in the purchase of this equipment.

Mayor DelCore also stated that there is a $10,000 allocation for the Vanderveer Harris house historic preservation project that does not come from tax dollars, but instead is allocated from developer contributions. He stated that this is needed in order to match $226,000 in Somerset county historic preservation grant funds.

Mayor DelCore informed the residents that failure to provide the match would mean that Hillsborough would lose the $226,000 county grant and be ineligible for future grants for the historic preservation project.

Mayor DelCore stated that the ordinance will also allocate $75,000 from developer contributions for sidewalk improvements around the Township, providing funding for this on-going program where over 13,000 feet of sidewalks have been repaired in the last five years.

Committeeman Suraci stated that when the Township was notified that the state was not restoring the $569,000 in aid cut last year and was, but rather reduced Hillsborough’s aid by a further $273,000 in 2009, for a total aid reduction of $842,000, he knew there were going to be tough decisions regarding the capital improvements.

Committeeman Suraci stated that the Department Heads had already been informed that the most expenditure line items would be reduced. He went on to state that with the capital ordinance, there will now be further reductions.

Committeeman Suraci stated that fortunately, the Township had access to some of the developer contributions and grants. This will help defray some of the cost of the four improvements on the list that have been determined to be necessary projects.

Committeeman Suraci stated that the improvements that are not on the list are still important to effective operation of our local government. He also stated that the Capital Planning Committee rated a number of items a high priority. Yet, he went on to state that at this time, due to the state’s cutbacks, the Township has to cut back as well.
Committeeman Suraci moved that the aforesaid Ordinance be passed on first reading and that the Ordinance be further considered at a public hearing held on May 26, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. Said motion was seconded by Committeewoman McCauley and unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

CONSIDERATIONS

Mayor DelCore offered the following resolutions:

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZES THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH TO APPLY FOR A FEDERAL FARM AND RANCHLAND PROTECTION PROGRAM GRANT FOR BLOCK 201, LOT 8, AND BLOCK 202, LOTS 7 AND 11, AND TO EXECUTE SEPARATE OPTION AGREEMENTS, AND AGREEMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT EASEMENTS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF DEVELOPMENT EASEMENTS FOR EACH OF THE PROPERTIES.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough desires to acquire the development easements for those properties known as Block 201, Lot 8, and Block 202, Lots 7 and 11, as shown on the Township of Hillsborough Tax Map (“Properties”); and

WHEREAS, the Properties are owned by Ina Van Nuys; and

WHEREAS, the Township and Mrs. Van Nuys desire to enter into Option Agreements, and Agreements for the Purchase of Development Easements for the Properties; and

WHEREAS, both the Township and Mrs. Van Nuys desire to participate in the Federal Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (“FRPP”); and

WHEREAS, the FRPP is a federal program managed by the United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”) Natural Resources Conservation Service (“NRCS”); and

WHEREAS, through the FRPP, the NRCS has provided the State of New Jersey State Agriculture Development Committee (“SADC”) with federal cost share grants for the preservation of farmland; and

WHEREAS, the FRPP grant can significantly supplement the funds utilized from the Township’s Planning Incentive Grant funds to acquire the development easements; and

WHEREAS, applications for FRPP grants are due by May 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Township and Mrs. Van Nuys desire to enter into Option Agreements, and Agreements for the Purchase of Development Easements, and apply for the FRPP grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township Administrator, Planner and Attorney are hereby authorized to complete, sign and file an application for a FRPP grant.
2. The Township Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign Option Agreements, and Agreements for the Purchase of Development Easements for the Properties.

3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION
I, Kevin P. Davis, Clerk, hereby certify that the above Resolution is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough at a regular and duly convened meeting held on April 28, 2009.

Mayor DelCore stated that preserving farmland from development remains an important policy priority for the Township Committee.

Mayor DelCore stated that this resolution authorizes moving forward with a development easement and the preservation of about 162 acres of farmland at the Van Nuys Farm. The application for over $1 million in federal farm and ranch land protection program funds which is for use in preserving the property.

Mayor DelCore stated that the Van Nuys farm consists of two properties that front on Hillsborough and one property on Willow Road. He went on to say that both the State Agriculture Development Committee and Somerset County will also be partners in the project, so the cost to the Township’s Open Space Fund will be less than $800,000, out of the total cost of $3.6 million for the 162 acres.

Deputy Mayor Bob Wagner, the liaison to the Open Space Advisory Committee, stated that the Federal Farm and Ranchland Protection Program is a federal funding program that only recently became available in New Jersey.

Deputy Mayor Wagner also stated that the Open Space Advisory Committee has recommended the preservation of the Van Nuys farm, as part of the Planned Incentive Grant program, which has already helped to preserve 417 farmland acres in the Township Line, Hillsborough and Willow Road areas.

Deputy Mayor Wagner also expressed thanks to the Van Nuys family for their cooperation in the federal grant process and for their willingness to work with the Township to preserve their farm.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Wagner, seconded by Committeeman Suraci, the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MASER CONSULTING, P.A., TO PERFORM ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CLAREMONT AREA SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT CONSISTING OF CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND OVERSIGHT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $419,700.00
WHEREAS, on January 6, 2009, as a result of the fair and open procurement process, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4-5 et seq., Maser Consulting, P.A., was awarded a professional services contract designating Maser Consulting, P.A., as the Township of Hillsborough Engineer; and

WHEREAS, there is now the necessity for professional engineering services; namely, to perform engineering services for the Claremont Area Sanitary Sewer Extension Project consisting of construction administration and oversight in a sum not to exceed $419,200.00, as described in a proposal from Maser Consulting, P.A., dated March 26, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that Maser Consulting, P.A., is authorized to perform professional engineering services outlined in their proposal, dated March 26, 2009, in an amount not to exceed $419,700.00 for construction administration and oversight services for the Claremont Area Sanitary Sewer Extension Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an Amended Professional Services Contract with Maser Consulting, P.A., in an amount not to exceed $419,700.00.

2. This Amended Contract is awarded, without competitive bidding, through the Fair and Open Selection Process as “Professional Services” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)a of the Local Public Contracts Law and the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4-5 et seq.) because these services will be performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, the performance of which service requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instructions as distinguished from general academic instruction or apprenticeship and training.

3. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Township’s standard form of agreement for “Professional Services” and any modifications thereto and related constituent documents as may be found acceptable by the Township Committee.

4. A notice of this action shall be printed once in the official Township newspaper.

Mayor DelCore stated that Maser Consulting, led by sewer engineer, John Van Dorpe, had provided the preliminary engineering work, the design, and permit application work for the Claremont sewer connection project.

Mayor DelCore said that the next step in the process, following approval by the NJDEP and EIT financing approval, will be to seek bids, award the construction contract and actually begin work on the project.

Mayor DelCore informed the residents that Maser will be providing services ensuring that the system is built to specifications, which includes extensive oversight of the construction project.

Mayor DelCore stated the township is advised that the project will consist of 17,000 linear feet of an 8” gravity sewer pipe, 13,000 linear feet of a 6” force main pipe, 77 manholes, the construction of the much discussed pump station, 197 laterals and cleanouts and traversing a bridge over a railroad crossing.
Mayor DelCore stated that Engineering oversight for the project is vital to protect the investment and ensure that the homeowners are properly served.

Mayor DelCore also stated that the costs for this work will be paid by the benefiting property owners through a special assessment. He went on to say that this is part of the total financing package that has been submitted to the EIT for low interest financing.

Tom O’Donnell, 33 Anne Street, stated to the Committee that the funding for this is coming from the community; therefore, Mr. O’Donnell believes there is room for improvement. He stated that Maser’s cost schedule would like to be known as well as the review of the proposals.

Mr. O’Donnell stated that he spoke to Kevin Davis and Mr. Davis said that he will go through everything with him.

Mr. Davis stated that the Township has been very careful at watching the cost figures for this project on behalf of the residents.

Mr. Davis stated that there are two ways to complete a sewer project. One way is for the residents to ban together and complete it on their own, which the residents of Claremont found was not a good idea. The other way is to have the Township act as their agent, which is what was chosen.

Mayor DelCore stated that the residents have always been put forth in this project.

Upon motion by Committeeman Suraci, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wagner, the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT WITH TELVUE CORP. TO OPERATE HILLSBOROUGH’S LOCAL CABLE ACCESS CHANNEL 25.

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2008, the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough awarded a contract to TelVue to continue to operate Channel 25 for a fee of $150.00 per month or $1,800.00 per year, with the opportunity to solicit sponsorships on Channel 25, which sponsorships are not to exceed $15,300.00 per year, for a total value of $17,150.00, for a term ending on April 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the term of that contract is about to expire and the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough believes it is in the best interests of its residents to authorize TelVue to continue to efficiently operate Channel 25; and

WHEREAS, TelVue no longer wishes to solicit sponsorships and has done away with its Sponsorship Model; and

WHEREAS, according to the proposal, dated April 21, 2009, TelVue will continue to operate Channel 25 for a fee of $150.00 per month, for a total value of $1,800.00 per year, for a term ending on April 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, this amount is well below the threshold of $29,000.00 which would require bidding under the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Township has attempted to seek quotes to operate Channel 25, but has been unable to locate an alternate vendor; and

WHEREAS, funds are available and have been certified as such by the Chief Finance Officer and said certification is attached to this resolution.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. TelVue Virtual Television is hereby awarded a one (1) year contract, from May 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010, to operate Channel 25.

2. TelVue Virtual Television will be paid $150.00 per month for its services, for a total amount not to exceed $1,800.00.

3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

4. Notice of this action shall be placed in the local newspaper.

Mayor DelCore stated that the Township continues to benefit from the video enhancements and technology improvements offered by Telvue, or TVTN, on Channel 25, Hillsborough’s Hometown Channel.

Upon motion by Committeeman Suraci, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wagner, the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VARIOUS PERSONNEL ACTIONS:

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Director of the Building Department that a part-time plumbing inspector and part-time electrical inspector are needed for inspections on an as needed basis; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Building Department recommends the appointment of Jack Minervini as part-time Plumbing Inspector, at a rate of $28.00 per hour, not to exceed 20 hours per week; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Building recommends the appointment of Edward Sienkiewicz as part-time Electrical Inspector, at a rate of $28.00 per hour, not to exceed 20 hours per week; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Fire Safety is governed by the Hillsborough Township Board of Fire Commissioners, an autonomous group elected by the voters; and

WHEREAS, at their April 14, 2009 meeting, the Board of Fire Commissioners approved a 4% salary increase for Chief Fire Marshal Chris Weniger, from his present hourly rate of $35.78 to $37.91, effective May 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners has submitted this approval to the Township Administrator/Clerk and the Township’s Chief Finance Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that is does hereby appoint Jack Minervini as part-time Plumbing Inspector and Edward Sienkiewicz as part-time Electrical Inspector, in the Building Department, at a rate of $28.00 per hour, not to exceed 20 hours per week.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that is does hereby accepts the salary increase for Chief Fire Marshal Christopher Weniger, as approved by the Hillsborough
Township Board of Fire Commissioners, and authorize the Chief Finance Officer to process said increase.

Mayor DelCore stated that the part time inspectors replace others who have left the Township’s employ and are used on an as needed basis.

Mayor DelCore stated that the independently elected Fire Commission determines the pay rate for the Chief Fire Marshal. He also stated that the Commission shares the Township payroll services in order to avoid a duplication of costs for taxpayers.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Wagner, seconded by Committeewoman McCauley the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

5. RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILLIAM COOPER, III TO REPRESENT THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH IN THAT TAX APPEAL FILED BY COMMERCE BANK, N.A., AT AN HOURLY RATE OF $135.00

WHEREAS, the Township’s Attorney’s law cannot represent the Township of Hillsborough in that tax appeal filed by Commerce Bank, N.A., because of a conflict; and

WHEREAS, in the past, under these circumstances, the Township has appointed William Cooper, III, who also serves as 2nd Public Defender, to handle the tax appeal, at an hourly rate of $135.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey appoints William Cooper, III to represent the Township of Hillsborough in that tax appeal filed by Commerce Bank, N.A.

Mayor DelCore stated that Mr. Cooper had helped the Township in the past by filling in and temporarily providing legal services where there is a potential conflict of interest on the part of the Township Attorney’s law firm. Whereas this is one of those cases, he will be providing temporary legal services at this time.

Upon motion by Committeewoman McCauley, seconded by Committeeman Ferrera, the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

6. RESOLUTION TO HIRE SUMMER EMPLOYEES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

WHEREAS, there is a need for temporary summer employment in the Department of Public Works in the Township of Hillsborough; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillsborough will receive $51,887.50 from the Clean Communities Grant Fund, said monies to be used to cover the cost of the summer help in the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has determined that the following six (6) applicants are the most qualified candidates and has recommended their appointment as summer employees with a start date of May 4, 2009, at a salary of $10.00 per hour, for a period of up to seventeen weeks, 40 hours per week:

1. Robert Slovik
2. Stephen Molarz
3. Joseph Banaciski  
4. Michael Malko  
5. Charlie Johnson  
6. Ryan Buerkle

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the recommendation of the Director of Public Works hereby be accepted and approved.

Mayor DelCore stated that these are individuals who will provide temporary help during the summer at $10 per hour, performing routine tasks which will allow skilled workers to work on the road overlay and seal coating program.

Mayor DelCore stated that these positions are funded through the clean communities grant.

Upon motion by Committee woman McCauley, seconded by Committee man Suraci, the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

7. RESOLUTION INCREASING THE 2009 TEMPORARY EMERGENCY BUDGET

WHEREAS, there is a need to increase the 2009 Temporary Emergency Budget for unforeseen expenditures prior to the adoption of the 2009 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the amount of said increase is not to exceed $3,173,772;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough that the following increase to the appropriation be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be given to the Chief Finance Officer for his records:

| Code Enforcement             | 20,000.00 |
| First Aid Contribution       | 122,093.00 |
| Municipal Court              | 20,911.00  |
| Road Repairs and Maintenance | 100,000.00 |
| Public Buildings and Grounds | 40,000.00  |
| Recycling                    | 350,400.00 |
| Annual Cleanup               | 30,000.00  |
| Salaries and Wages           | 97,000.00  |
| Parks Maintenance            | 97,050.00  |
| Celebration of Public Events | 31,430.00  |
| Electricity                  | 100,000.00 |
| Street Lighting              | 100,000.00 |
| Public Employees Retirement System | 482,226.00 |
| Police & Firemen’s Retirement System | 1,209,662.00 |

SUBTOTAL APPROPRIATIONS: INSIDE CAP 2,800,772.00
OPERATIONS - EXCLUDED FROM CAP  

Storm Water Engineering  
  Other Expenses                                20,000.00  
  Capital Improvement Fund                      353,000.00  

SUBTOTAL APPROPRIATIONS: OUTSIDE CAP          373,000.00  

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS                        3,173,772.00  

Mayor DelCore stated that until the budget is finalized, the temporary budget needs to be extended.

Upon motion by Committeeman Suraci, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wagner, the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

8. RESOLUTION AWARDING ADDITIONAL 2009 CONTRACTS FOR MUNICIPAL ALLIANCES SERVICES TO VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough-Millstone Municipal Alliance presents various programs and activities throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to enter into service contracts with various vendors all below the thresholds of the Local Public Contracts Law and the Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Balauger shall provide services consisting of providing student assistance programs, in an amount not to exceed $1,000; and

WHEREAS, Maria Paz shall provide services consisting of the translation of the PLC manual into Spanish, in an amount not to exceed $350; and

WHEREAS, Maria Cristina Antonio shall provide services consisting of the translation of the PLC manual into Spanish, in an amount not to exceed $350; and

WHEREAS, funds are available and have been certified as such by the Chief Finance Officer, said certification is attached to this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Township standard form of agreement, for services and any modifications thereto and related constituent documents as may be found acceptable by the Township Committee.

2. A notice of this action shall be printed in the official Township newspaper.

Mayor DelCore stated that these three positions are part of the successful Municipal Alliance drug and alcohol prevention program and are funded through the county grant.
Upon motion by Committeewoman McCauley, seconded by Committeeman Suraci, the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

CONSENTS

Mayor DelCore noted that the Township is reluctantly accepting the retirement of Darlene Reed, a long time employee, now in the Finance Office who also worked in the Planning and Administration Office as well.

Mayor DelCore stated that Mrs. Reed had been an exceptional employee whom will be missed. He also wished her and her family well in her retirement.

Mayor DelCore offered the following consent agenda:

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A CARNIVAL LICENSE TO ANTHONY FRANCHINI FOR JULY 20, 2009 THROUGH JULY 25, 2009,

   WHEREAS, an application for a carnival license had been filed by the Anthony Franchini for the Rotary Fair being held on July 20, 2009 through July 25, 2009; and

   WHEREAS, the submitted application form was complete in all respects.

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that it hereby approves the carnival application submitted by Anthony Franchini, for the Rotary Fair to be held on July 20, 2009 through July 25, 2009.


   WHEREAS, applications for raffle licenses have been filed by the Rotary Club of Hillsborough for raffles being be held on July 20, 2009 through July 25, 2009; and

   WHEREAS, the submitted application forms are complete in all respects.

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that it hereby approves raffle applications #1136 and #1137 submitted by the Rotary Club of Hillsborough for raffles being held on July 20, 2009 through July 25, 2009.
3. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TUITION REIMBURSEMENT TO LT. MERKLER FOR COMPLETION OF THE CLASS “CRITICAL THINKING” TAKEN THROUGH COLUMBIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY IN THE AMOUNT OF $438.75 AND AUTHORIZING CAPTAIN MERKLER TO TAKE “COMPUTER ESSENTIALS” AND AUTHORIZING CAPTAIN MERKLER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR TUITION REIMBURSEMENT OF SAID COURSE ONCE IT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED.**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Township of Hillsborough to encourage continuing education on the part of full-time employees for the purpose of enabling them to better perform in their jobs and to better prepare them in the event of an opportunity for advancement and promotion within the Township; and

WHEREAS, financial assistance for education is outlined in Article XVIII of the current P.B.A. contract; and

WHEREAS, Captain Merkler has successfully completed the “Critical Thinking” course through Columbia Southern University; and

WHEREAS, Captain Merkler has requested consideration under the Township’s Educational Assistance provisions; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has requested favorable consideration of Captain Merkler’s request for financial reimbursement of seventy-five percent (75%) of the $585.00 cost incurred for a total of $438.75; and

WHEREAS, Captain Merkler is requesting authorization to take “Computer Essentials” towards his Bachelor’s Degree in Administration of Criminal Justice; and

WHEREAS, Captain Merkler has requested consideration under the Township’s Educational Assistance provision upon successful completion of the aforementioned course; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has requested favorable consideration of Captain Merkler’s request for financial reimbursement of seventy-five percent (75%) of the cost incurred upon successful completion of the class.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the recommendation of the Chief of Police is hereby accepted and approved.

4. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE THREE BRIDGES FIRE COMPANY FIVE (5) MILE ROAD RACE TO RUN THROUGH HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP PURSUIT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED BY CHIEF PAUL KAMINSKY**

WHEREAS, the Three Bridges Fire Company wishes to hold a 5 mile road race through portions of Hillsborough; and

WHEREAS, the organizations have requested the run travel through portions of Hillsborough Township; and

WHEREAS, Chief Kaminsky and Hillsborough Township Police Department’s Traffic Safety Bureau have determined that the planned route will provide an acceptable level of safety for the runners.
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Three Bridges Fire Company is hereby authorized to hold a 5 mile road race through portions of Hillsborough Township on August 22, 2009.

5. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF DARLENE REED, ASSISTANT TO THE FINANCE OFFICER, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

WHEREAS, Darlene Reed is employed by the Township of Hillsborough as Assistant to the Finance Officer; and,

WHEREAS, Darlene Reed has submitted her retirement to the position of Assistant to the Finance Officer, in the Finance Department, effective July 1, 2009.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby accepts the resignation of Darlene Reed, effective July 1, 2009.

6. RESOLUTION APPROVING REQUEST FROM THE GIRL SCOUTS OF ROLLING HILLS COUNCIL FOR THE WAIVER OF PERMIT FEES FOR POOL INSPECTION AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the non-profit Girl Scouts of Rolling Hills are preparing to open the pool at Camp Agnes DeWitt in preparation for summer camp and are requesting the pool inspection and Health Department permit fees be waived; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts have previously received approval of fee waivers for past projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the pool inspection and Health Department permit fees in connection with the above be and are hereby waived.

7. RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE ACTION OF THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PERMIT FOR SOCIAL AFFAIR FOR HILLSBOROUGH EDUCATION FOUNDATION ON APRIL 27, 2009

WHEREAS, an application for a Special Permit for Social Affair has been filed by Hillsborough Education Foundation for an event to be held on April 27, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form was complete in all respects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that it hereby approves the application
for Special Permit for Social Affair for Hillsborough Education for an event to be held on April 27, 2009.

8. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION FOR THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY™ GRANT FUNDED BY WAL-MART**

   **WHEREAS**, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

   **WHEREAS**, the Township of Hillsborough strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments; and

   **WHEREAS**, the Township of Hillsborough is participating in the Sustainable Jersey Program; and

   **WHEREAS**, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey Program is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues, and they have created a grant program called the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants funded by Wal-Mart; and

   **WHEREAS**, the Township of Hillsborough desires to apply for and obtain the aforementioned grant, in an amount of $10,000.00, to help implement two of the rain gardens designed in the Hillsborough Township Detention Basin Retrofit Design Report conducted Rutgers, The State University, Cooperative Extension Water Resource Program.

   **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, does hereby authorize the submission of the aforementioned Sustainable Jersey Grant funded by Wal-Mart.

   **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and the Township Administrator/Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith.

9. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDUCTION OF THE APPLICATION FEE OF $6607.50 TO $3125.00 AND THE GIS FEE OF $4135.00 TO $625.00 FOR 330 ROYCEFIELD ROAD – PHASE III, FOR A REFUND IN THE AMOUNT OF $6,992.50**

   **WHEREAS**, a request has been received from Pat Richard, LLC for the reduction of the application fee and the GIS fee for 330 Roycefield Road – Phase III; and

   **WHEREAS**, the Hillsborough Township Planner recommends that the Township Committee take action to reduce the application fee and the GIS fee, for a refund in the amount of $6,992.50.

   **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the recommendation of the Hillsborough Township Planner be and hereby is accepted and approved.
Upon motion by Committeeman Suraci, seconded by Committeewoman McCauley, the consent items were unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

CLAIMS LIST

Mayor DelCore presented Claims List 2009-08.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Wagner, seconded by Committeewoman McCauley, Claims List 2009-08 was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Committeeman Suraci, seconded by Committeewoman McCauley, the meeting duly adjourned at 8:43 p.m. Said motion carried unanimously upon voice vote.

Attested:

Kevin P. Davis, RMC
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