

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: Committeeman Paul Drake, Committeewoman Lisa Nisivoccia, Committeeman Bob Wagner, Deputy Mayor Anthony Ferrera and Mayor Carl Suraci. Also, in attendance were Township Attorney Albert E. Cruz, Township Administrator/Clerk Kevin P. Davis and Deputy Township Clerk Brianne Skobo.

Following Roll Call and Salute to the Flag, Mayor Suraci 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 March 28, 2006.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Carl Suraci read the following proclamations:

- *Proclamation recognizing April 4th as National Library Workers Day*

WHEREAS, there are thousands of public, academic, school, governmental, and specialized libraries in the United States and they provide excellent and invaluable service to library users regardless of age, ethnicity, or socioeconomic background; and

WHEREAS, libraries provide millions of people with the knowledge and information they need to live, learn and work in the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS, libraries and library support staff bring the nation a world of knowledge in person and online, as well as personal service and expert assistance in finding what is needed when it is needed; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the unique contributions of all library workers and the value to individuals and society of those contributions;

WHEREAS, a steady stream of recruits to library work is necessary to maintain the vitality of library services in today's information society; and

WHEREAS, librarians and other library workers must be brought to the table at public policy discussions on key issues, such as intellectual freedom, equity of access, and narrowing the digital divide; and

WHEREAS, the funding of libraries and salaries for library workers must be increased to attract more talented people to work in our nation's libraries and to ensure that these vital services are delivered each day; and

WHEREAS, libraries, library workers, and library supporters across America are celebrating National Library Workers Day sponsored by the American Library Association-Allied Professional Association (ALA-APA).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the members of the Hillsborough Township Committee proclaim Tuesday, April 4, 2006, as the third annual "National Library Workers Day" and encourage all in this community to take advantage of the variety of library resources available and to thank library workers for their exceptional contributions to American life.

Carl Suraci
Mayor

Anthony Ferrera
Deputy Mayor

Paul M. Drake
Committeeman

Lisa Nisivoccia
Committeewoman

Robert C. Wagner, Jr.
Committeeman

- *Proclamation recognizing April 2nd – April 8th as National Library Week*

WHEREAS, libraries are part of the American Dream- places for opportunity, education, self-help and lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, our nation’s public, academic, school and specialized libraries help people change the world; and

WHEREAS, libraries play a vital role in providing millions of people with the resources they need to live, learn and work in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, libraries are changing and dynamic places and librarians are the ultimate search engine, helping people of all ages find the information they need in print and online; and

WHEREAS, libraries bring you a world of knowledge both in person and online, as well as personal service and assistance in finding what you need, when you need it; and

WHEREAS, libraries are a key player in the national discourse on intellectual freedom, equity of access, and narrowing the “digital divide”; and

WHEREAS, more individuals must be recruited to the profession of librarianship and to work in libraries to maintain their vitality in today’s changing workplace; and

WHEREAS, awareness and support must be increased for libraries, librarians and library workers by raising their visibility in a positive context and by communicating clearly and strongly why libraries are both unique and valuable; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across American are celebrating National Library Week with the “Campaign for America’s Libraries”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the members of the Hillsborough Township Committee proclaim National Library Week, April 2-8, 2006 and encourage all residents to take advantage of all their library has to offer and come discover all the ways you can change your world at your library.

Carl Suraci
Mayor

Anthony Ferrera
Deputy Mayor

Paul M. Drake
Committeeman

Lisa Nisivoccia
Committeewoman

Robert C. Wagner, Jr.
Committeeman

Hillsborough Library Director Ed Hoag thanked the Township Committee and encouraged residents to visit the Hillsborough Library.

APPOINTMENTS

- *Resolution accepting the resignation of Doug Schilke from the Open Space Advisory Committee..*

Upon motion by Committeeman Wagner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ferrera, the resignation of Doug Schilke from the Open Space Advisory Committee was unanimously approved upon the call of the roll.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- *Approval of the February 28, 2006 Regular Meeting minutes.*

Upon motion by Committeeman Wagner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ferrera, the minutes of the February 28, 2006, regular meeting were unanimously approved upon the call of the roll.

- *Approval of the March 14, 2006 Executive Meeting minutes.*

Upon motion by Committeewoman Nisivoccia, seconded by Committeeman Wagner, the minutes of the March 14, 2006, executive meeting were unanimously approved upon the call of the roll.

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

Committeeman Drake

Committeeman Drake stated that he would giving a presentation shortly and, therefore, had no report at this time.

Committeewoman Nisivoccia

Committeewoman Nisivoccia stated that since March 17th wireless internet service has been available in the Hillsborough library. The Youth Services Commission is sponsoring a Coffee House this Friday, March 31st at the municipal building and the next teen night at the YMCA is scheduled for April 8th. The Recreation Department's spring program begins on April 3rd. Preparations are being made for the Memorial Day Parade and asked all veterans to contact the Parks & Recreation office.

The petition for drug-free school zones appears on the township website and in the township e-news but she would like to see this issue publicized further. She objected to a reference in a newspaper article from last week's *Courier News* that compared selling drugs to students with speeding on the New Jersey Turnpike. Committeewoman Nisivoccia encouraged all residents to sign the petition on the website so that we, as a Township, can send a strong message to our legislators that we do not want to reduce the drug free school zones. She thanked the residents who have already signed the petition.

In addition to sending the Hillsborough Township Resolution opposing the reduction of drug-free zones, which has already been done, Committeewoman Nisivoccia recommended that the actual petition be sent to other Somerset County communities so that residents in those towns would have the opportunity to sign it. Mayor Suraci agreed with this suggestion as did the rest of the Committee and requested that Mr. Davis send the petition to the municipalities in Somerset County.

Committeeman Wagner

Committeeman Wagner had no report at this time.

Deputy Mayor Ferrera

Deputy Mayor Ferrera reported that following numerous meetings with the Township Attorney, the Police Chief and the Township Risk Manager, the ATV Commission will reconvene on April 6th at 7:30 p.m. and hoped to have an Ordinance for the Township Committee shortly.

He stated that the Recreation Soccer program has grown significantly from 382 children last year to 470 participants this year. He thanked Fred Tenore and Tony Lupo and the many volunteers for their hard work in making this program a success.

Sign-ups for summer camp have begun for children ages 5 through 14. Children must have finished kindergarten. Camp will run from June 26th to August 18th. Parents can register their children at the Recreation Department.

Deputy Mayor Ferrera reported that the blankets covering certain soccer and football fields are working to reseed those fields.

He reported that Hillsborough Volunteer Fire Company #3 will hold their 7th annual golf outing on Monday, May 15th at Royce Brook Golf Club. He encouraged residents to join one of the fire companies.

Mayor Suraci

Mayor Suraci stated he met with Acting Commissioner Kris Kolluri of the Department of Transportation and Assemblyman Biondi last Tuesday in Assemblyman Biondi's office in Trenton regarding the importance of completing the Route 206 bypass project. Acting Commissioner Kolluri expressed his support for this project and expected that it would be moving forward shortly. He also notified us that Hillsborough has been awarded an \$80,000 grant to remediate the flooding at the intersection of Route 206 and Hillsborough Road. Mayor Suraci expressed his thanks to Assemblyman Biondi for his efforts to help secure the grant and to Business Advocate Gene Strupinsky for his work on these issues.

NEW BUSINESS

Cultural & Arts Commission – Attendance Policy

Committeewoman Nisivoccia stated that the Cultural & Arts Commission wants to propose changes to the current Ordinance which establishes the Commission, in order to allow for the removal of a Commissioner due to absences. Currently there is a Commissioner that they have not been able to reach even though they have sent notification by certified mail and telephoned the individual's home and office. The Commission would like to replace this person but cannot do so without changing the bylaws. The Commission proposes changes that would enable the Cultural & Arts Commission to recommend to the Township Committee that a Commissioner be removed following three or more unexcused absences in a calendar year.

Committeeman Drake concurred and stated that the change would be consistent with the bylaws of other Township boards and commissions.

Upon advice from the Township Attorney, Mayor Suraci read a motion to introduce Ordinance 2006-12, AN ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 27, TITLED "CULTURAL & ARTS COMMISSION", Section 27-3, Titled "Removal and Vacancies", of THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

Upon motion by Committeewoman Nisivoccia, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ferrera, the Ordinance was introduced and a public hearing was set for April 25, 2006 upon the call of the roll.

Local Median Maintenance Program

Committeeman Drake gave a presentation on the Median Maintenance Program Proposal. Under the program, contractors would maintain the median in certain sections of town. In exchange, they would be able to place a small sign advertising their businesses. The Township would maintain oversight of the concession including contractor performance standards and the design and placement of the signs. Contractors would carry their own insurance.

Committeeman Drake would like to see the Township pilot the program in four sections of the town for a total of 2.5 miles of medians. The four sections would be as follows: Raider Boulevard from Route 206 to Amwell Road; Auten Road from Amwell Road to New Amwell

Road; Auten Road from Amwell Road to Triangle Road; Auten Road from Triangle Road to the section by Auten Road School. There would be one set of signs per section.

This program would maintain these medians in creative, innovative ways that would allow the contractor to showcase their business. It would benefit the Township through reduced costs, less wear and tear on township equipment and increase safety for workers. Committeeman Drake thanked Buck Sixt for bringing this program to his attention. Mr. Sixt knows of several landscape contractors who would like to participate in this program.

Committeeman Wagner stated that he thought the proposal was a good one and that it was important to move forward quickly since the spring season is here.

Deputy Mayor Ferrera agreed that action needed to be taken but suggested that there be a central location for one sign listing the participating contractors. His concern was what would happen to the maintenance of the sign if a contractor no longer participated in the program.

Committeeman Drake reiterated that contractors would need to carry insurance and that this was a pilot program. He was hoping that contractors would do more than just cut the grass but enhance the area. Deputy Mayor Ferrera expressed concern about disparity in the displays and thought that parameters should be set. Committeeman Drake stated that contractors would need to get Township approval for their plans before going ahead with them.

Mayor Suraci asked if the contractors' signs could be made by DPW. He suggested that Mr. Sixt and the Committee liaisons draw up guidelines for contractors to follow.

Township Attorney Cruz advised that Mr. Sixt needed to prepare a memo detailing the rules and regulations for contractors and then Mr. Cruz would draft an opinion and resolution.

Mayor Suraci asked the Township Committee if they wanted Mr. Cruz to proceed and for Mr. Sixt to draft guidelines and they agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS AND MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Suraci opened the meeting to the public.

Tony Risoli, Triangle Road, asked the Committee to elaborate on the days and times that contractors be allowed to work on the medians. He was concerned that contractors would do this work after their normal business hours such as Sunday mornings. He also expressed concern about sight lines and flow of traffic. Mr. Risoli also presented the Committee with a signed petition from residents regarding the drug-free school zones.

George Fenwick, Tudor Court, expressed support of the median maintenance proposal but was concerned that the mature trees on the medians be protected and that there be uniformity in design of the medians.

John DelGiganto, Flagtown, commented on the environmental assessment statement he received from Williams Pipeline and stated that he felt that many of his questions were not answered. Mr. DelGiganto will be meeting with Mr. Davis this week.

Buck Sixt, Public Works Director, responded to Mr. Risoli's concerns about contractors who would be interested in participating in the median maintenance program.

Lisa McCollum, Orchard Drive, expressed her concern about traffic on Orchard Drive between Crater & River Road. She stated that the road is too narrow and there is too much traffic traveling on that portion of the road at high speeds. She is concerned with the safety of children and residents living on that section of the road.

Discussion followed regarding capital planning priorities set by the Planning Board and enforcement of the speed limit. Committeeman Drake spoke about the need for a design plan to address these issues. Mr. Davis invited comment from concerned residents. Mayor Suraci suggested that the Police Department step up enforcement of speed limits in the area.

Mark McCollum, Orchard Drive, provided photographs of the area under discussion. He suggested that the road become a one-way street and discussion of this option followed.

Walter Choroowski, Orchard Drive, expressed his concern about the priority of this project. He suggested that speed bumps be considered.

Liza Sixt, Orchard Drive, expressed her safety concerns regarding Orchard Drive.

Ms. Cascia, Carroll Drive, expressed concerns about the safety of Orchard Drive and her concerns for Carroll Drive if Orchard Drive were turned into a cul-de-sac.

Claudia Kinney, Orchard Drive, spoke of her concerns about the safety of Orchard Drive.

Don Simmons, Conover Drive, referred to a letter from former zoning officer Mark McCloskey dated November 2003 regarding real estate signs. He felt that homeowners selling their homes on their own should be held to the same standards as realtors. He requested that efforts be made to make the general public aware of the rules regulating signs. In response to Mr. Simmons' question as to whether a private citizen can remove signs, Mr. Cruz stated that Mr. Simmons should speak with the zoning officer. Mr. Davis arranged to have the zoning officer contact Mr. Simmons.

Karen Smith, Orchard Drive, stated her concerns about the safety of residents living on Orchard Drive.

A resident from Orchard Drive, stated that she can no longer walk on Orchard Drive and that cars are always speeding on the road.

A resident suggested cut off Orchard Drive at Chamberlain as an alternative.

Mayor Suraci shared his concerns about Orchard Drive and suggested that a discussion of this matter continue and that existing regulations be strictly enforced. He invited residents to come before the Planning Board and Capital Improvement Committee with their concerns.

Deputy Mayor Ferrera said that he will work closely with the Police Department to see that speed limits are enforced and to continue to seek out ways to alleviate this problem for residents in the short-term. Committeeman Wagner said that the Township Committee has final approval on the capital planning budget.

Buck Sixt, Orchard Drive, Public Works Director, said that problems with Orchard Drive have existed for many years. He suggested that monies from the Toll Brothers development should be applied to finding a solution for Orchard Drive residents. He said that Orchard Drive is a sub-standard road.

Mayor Suraci thanked the residents of Orchard Drive for coming to the meeting and expressing their concerns.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance 2006-02 An Ordinance authorizing criminal history background checks for Recreation personnel.

Deputy Mayor Ferrera moved to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2006-02. Said motion was seconded by Committeeman Drake and carried unanimously upon the call of the roll.

Director of Parks & Recreation Rich Resavy stated that high school and college students would be exempt from the costs for background checks and that fees for students would be absorbed by the Recreation Department.

Mr. Resavy reviewed the Ordinance whereby Kidsafe would administer the background checks for coaches and volunteers in conjunction with our police department. The Recreation Department will provide the roster to Kidsafe. Cards and photographs would be given to the Recreation in about three weeks. ID Badges would then be provided to volunteers and coaches by the Recreation Department. It will take about a month and a half to complete the process.

Committeewoman Nisivoccia expressed her support for this Ordinance and stated that it was part of a continuing effort by the Committee during the last year to keep our children safe. Last year the Committee enacted the child safety zone and is currently circulating a petition opposing any reduction in drug-free zones around schools and public places.

Mr. Resavy said the Recreation Soccer Club has been very supportive of this new regulation.

Deputy Mayor Ferrera thanked Mr. Resavy and the Recreation Commission for their work on this Ordinance.

In response to a question from John Douglas, Sutphin Lane, it was determined that this program does not apply to referees and umpires but does apply to all volunteers regardless of how much time they are volunteering. Mr. Douglas questioned whether volunteers should pay the fee and Mr. Resavy replied that after studying the issue it was determined that the volunteers would pay the cost of \$48 for a three-year period.

Mayor Suraci stated his support for this Ordinance and that he felt that it would serve as a deterrent for anyone who has been convicted of a crime from becoming involved in Recreation programs.

Committeeman Drake moved to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2006-02. Said motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Suraci and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Committeewoman Nisivoccia moved to adopt Ordinance 2006-02. Said motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Ferrera and carried unanimously upon the call of the roll.

Ordinance 2006-04 An Ordinance amending Chapter 188 of the Municipal Code of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey regulating the Millstone Valley Historic Zone District.

Committeeman Wagner moved to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2006-04. Said motion was seconded by Committeeman Drake and carried unanimously upon the call of the roll.

Committeeman Drake moved to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2006-04. Said motion was seconded by Committeewoman Nisivoccia and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Committeeman Drake moved to adopt Ordinance 2006-04. Said motion was seconded by Committeeman Wagner and carried unanimously upon the call of the roll.

Ordinance 2006-05 An Ordinance amending Section 237-2 of the Code of the Township of Hillsborough, titled "Fees".

Committeeman Wagner moved to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2006-05. Said motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Ferrera and carried unanimously upon the call of the roll.

Mayor Suraci explained that this Ordinance provided a means of reimbursing the town for extraordinary cost associated with staff researching information for open public records requests. Frequently engineering and environmental firms make requests for information that require significant staff time to research. Under this Ordinance, the cost of this research will no longer be borne by the taxpayer but will switch to the firm requesting the information. Under this Ordinance the Township will be able to charge an hourly rate.

Committeeman Drake moved to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2006-05. Said motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Ferrera and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Committeeman Wagner moved to adopt Ordinance 2006-05. Said motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Ferrera and carried unanimously upon the call of the roll.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2006-10 An Ordinance authorizing acceptance of a Deed of Dedication, a Deed of Open Space and Detention Basin Easement, four (4) Drainage Easements, a Drainage and Detention Basin Access Easement, two (2) Fire Storage Tank Easements and one (1) Emergency Access Easement from High Branch Land, Inc., in Woodbridge, consisting of a portion of Block 147, Lots 26, 27, 49, 49.14, 49.18, 49.16, 49.17, 49.08, 49.09, 49.15, 49.03, 49.17 49.11 as shown on the Tax Map of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey. Further consideration of this ordinance and public hearing is scheduled for April 25, 2006.

Committeeman Drake moved that the aforesaid Ordinance be passed on first reading and that the Ordinance be further considered at a public hearing held on April 25, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. Said motion was seconded by Committeeman Wagner and unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

Ordinance 2006-11 An Ordinance establishing a Cap Bank for the Calendar year 2006 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14). Further consideration of this ordinance and public hearing is scheduled for April 25, 2006.

Mayor Suraci explained that the Cap Bank Ordinance is part of the budget process and permits the township to bank the difference between the 2 ½% and 3 ½% budget cap for use next year if needed. The township has passed a similar Ordinance every year since 2001

Committeeman Wagner moved that the aforesaid Ordinance be passed on first reading and that the Ordinance be further considered at a public hearing held on April 25, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. Said motion was seconded by Committeewoman Nisivoccia and unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

CONSIDERATIONS

Mayor Suraci offered the following resolution:

1. Resolution authorizing the introduction of the 2006 Municipal Budget and setting public hearing for May 9, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that it does hereby authorize the introduction of the 2006 Municipal Budget and set the public hearing for May 9, 2006.

Chief Finance Officer Ron Zilinski explained that the 2006 budget maintains the same tax rate as the 2005 budget of 35.96 cents per hundred dollars of assessed value. For a home assessed at \$350,000 that would translate into a municipal tax of \$1,258.60. It is estimated that the school budget as projected will comprise 66% of total taxes, the municipal portion will be 12.66% of total taxes, county tax will be approximately 15.31% plus smaller amounts for fire district, county and municipal open space and county library tax.

Funding from the state will remain flat. There are cost increases beyond our control including rising interest rates on notes and bonds, loss of police grants, increased utility and fuel costs, reserve for uncollected taxes, pension costs, health benefits, and implementation of the stormwater plan bringing the increase in total uncontrolled costs to \$1,229,000.

The breakdown of the budget by category is as follows: salaries and fringe benefits – 61%; other expense items for departments – 15%; utilities – 6.6%; reserve for uncollected taxes – 6.5%; total debt cost – 8.68%; capital planning – 2.13%.

As introduced there is no tax increase in the 2006 budget the tax rate of 35.96 cents per hundred dollars of assessed value remains the same as 2005.

As a member of the Finance Committee, Committeeman Wagner expressed his pride in the budget and said that the Township Committee has kept its commitment to the taxpayers by having no municipal tax increase in the 2006 budget. As promised, funds from the Somerville Business Park at the VA Depot were used for tax relief. As pledged last year, approximately \$81,000 returned to Hillsborough from Somerset County from the recycling program was applied to tax relief. Committeeman Wagner pointed out that there are significant costs in the budget that are beyond the control of the Township Committee. The Township Committee was able to hold down or reduce costs wherever possible. The cost for site remediation at the Department of Public Works building has been significantly reduced as the DEP approved our plan. Also, the Township made a \$297,000 payment on debt reduction as part of our effort to avoid long-term interest payments.

Committeeman Wagner said that this budget looks to the future. He thanked Committeewoman Lisa Nisivoccia who served on the Finance Committee, Administrator Kevin Davis and CFO Ron Zilinski for the hard work and time they put into preparing the budget to give the taxpayers of Hillsborough a budget with no municipal tax increase.

Committeewoman Nisivoccia stated that she was pleased to have worked on this budget that provides the residents of Hillsborough with a budget that does not raise municipal taxes for homeowners. She and Committeeman Wagner reviewed the budget line by line. She said that given the costs over which the Township has no control it was very important to hold down costs wherever we could. She said that there are fewer employees this year than there were five years ago, resulting in savings in salaries, fringe benefits and pension costs. Also, no new debt has been created over the last three years and we have better control over bond and interest debt. The 2006 budget provides funding to deliver services to residents while not increasing municipal taxes.

Deputy Mayor Ferrera thanked Committeeman Wagner and Committeewoman Nisivoccia for their work on this year's budget. He said that he didn't know of many other towns that could say they didn't raise taxes during two of the last three years. He felt it was significant that the Township was paying down long-term debt so that this budget was really part of a three to five year plan to provide services and keep taxes down.

Committeeman Drake stated that he was on the Finance Committee last year and found it to be a challenging job. He said that taxes are not partisan and we all need to work together for the good of the town. He said that \$1,200,000 was not spent in last year's budget. Also, revenues were \$1,120,000 higher than expected so that this budget started off with approximately \$2,319,000 ahead. He said that given these figures the additional amount of money needed in this year's budget was an additional \$500,000. These figures are due to a number of factors including revenue from new development, money from the VA Depot,

Committeeman Drake said that this year's budget includes \$100,000 less in grants so the Township needs to be proactive in finding them. He said that working with the Grants and Shared Services Committee the Township should set a goal of securing \$500,000 in grant money. He was concerned that capital planning spending is less in this year's budget than last year. He said we need to maintain our infrastructure and felt we should set aside money for items such as a new roof as was done for railroad quiet zones.

Committeeman Drake spoke about negotiating incentives for the recycling program with Somerset County to reward towns with a high percentage of homes that recycle. He questioned a charge of \$729,000 by the New Jersey American Water Company for service to maintain fire hydrants. He said that last year he asked for a 15% cut in "other expenses" and noted that not all money budgeted in that category last year was spent. He asked the Finance Committee to see if additional savings could be found in the "other expenses" category. He believes that the Township should continue to seek grants and explore ways to increase shared services with other towns as well as with the Board of Education.

Deputy Mayor Ferrera reiterated that this year's budget calls for no tax increase and there has not been a tax increase in two out of the last three years. He took exception to Committeeman Drake's comments about the capital planning committee, the VA Depot, and certain line items in the budget. He said that a zero municipal tax increase was good for the taxpayers of Hillsborough.

Committeeman Wagner concurred with Committeeman Drake that the budget should take a long-range view and said that the Township Committee is committed to doing that. He agreed that we started this year's budget process in a good position but that was due to the work done in past years. He credited the hard work that went into preparing the budgets from the last few years for the ability to present a budget with no tax increase in this year.

Mayor Suraci reiterated that this year's budget does not increase the municipal tax rate and that this was good for the taxpayers. He wanted residents to know that the decrease in the capital planning budget came from the decrease in the money that needs to be spent on remediation of the Public Works site. The agreement with the Somerville Business Park provided the ability for the town to generate revenue from a federal facility. He concurred with Committeewoman Nisivoccia that the Township Committee look at the budget as a business would. Since 2001, there are fewer full-time employees and this was accomplished through attrition. There is no increase in debt for the last three years.

Upon motion by Committeeman Wagner, seconded by Committeewoman Nisivoccia, Committeeman Drake – abstain; Committeewoman Nisivoccia – yes; Committeeman Wagner – yes; Deputy Mayor Ferrera – yes; Mayor Suraci – yes.

2. Resolution accepting the bid of New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, for the construction and operation of a telecommunications tower.

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2006, the Township of Hillsborough received three (3) bids for a Communications Site Lease Agreement from New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, Sprint Spectrum, LP, and Omnipoint Communications, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the three (3) bids submitted, the bid of New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC was the highest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the bid of New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLP is for the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) per month, with Four percent (4%) annual increases, for the construction and operation of a telecommunications tower.

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 of Hillsborough is hereby authorized to accept the bid of New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, in the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) per month, with Four percent (4%) annual increases, for the construction and operation of a telecommunications tower; and
2. The Township authorizes the execution of the Agreement by the Mayor and the Township Administrator/ Clerk as reviewed and approved by Special Township Counsel prior to any execution by the Township; and
3. The Township is authorized to issue a Request for Bids for ground space; and
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mayor Suraci stated that New Cingular Wireless will pay the Township \$3,000 per month. Not only will the Township reap a financial benefit but the police and fire radio antennas will be placed at a higher elevation with improved signal strength.

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

3. Resolution hiring Nathaniel Shaw as part time Electrical Inspector to work on an as needed basis in the Construction Department and authorizing Keith Smith to act as acting Electrical Subcode Official during the Electrical Subcode official's absence.

WHEREAS, in an effort to continue the Building Department's improved efficiency and customer service, the Director of Building requests the Township Committee take action on the following requests:

WHEREAS, due to the volume of electrical inspections, the Director of the Building Department recommends the hiring of Nathaniel Shaw as a part time Electrical Inspector to work on an as needed basis at an hourly rate of \$29.00; and

WHEREAS, due to the volume of plan review an inspections, the Director of Building also recommends appointing Keith Smith, a part time electrical inspector, as acting Electrical Subcode Official when the Electrical Subcode Official is absent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the recommendations of the Director of Building are hereby accepted and approved.

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

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK TO EXECUTE THE YEAR 2006 MUNICIPAL AID GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE THE ASSITANT TOWNSHIP ENGINEER TO SUBMIT THE GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, in response to this year's request for applications and in consideration that New Jersey Department of Transportation has opened up Safety Improvement Projects categories for Municipal Aid; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation will evaluate each category separately and encourages a submission for each, the Assistant Township Engineer; therefore, offers the following detailed explanation the application:

1. SAFETY IMPROVEMENT

Pedestrian Pathway and Roadway Improvements

(Along Pleasant View Road, from Pleasant View Farms Development to Ann Van Middlesworth Park)

Includes approximately 500 feet of 6' wide asphalt pathway, belgian block curbing, crosswalks, signage and restoration.

The total estimated cost is \$66,725.00 and the application requests \$50,000.00.

WHEREAS, the Assistant Township Engineer requests from the Township Committee authorization to apply for Municipal Aid regarding the aforementioned project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the request of the Assistant Township Engineer is hereby granted and the Mayor and the Township Administrator/Clerk hereby authorized to execute the 2006 Municipal Aid Grant Application for a safety improvement project.

Committeeman Drake thanked Tom Belanger, Assistant Township Engineer, and Jeff Baldwin, Grants and Shared Services Committee member, for preparing this grant.

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

5. RESOLUTION REJECTING THE TWO PRECAST CONCRETE BUILDING EASI-SET PREFABRICATED OR EQUIVALENT BIDS, MODERN PRECAST CONCRETE, INC. FOR FAILURE TO SUBMIT PROPER DOCUMENTATION AS REQUIRED BY LAW AND PROCOMM SYSTEMS, INC. FOR EXCEEDING AMOUNT ESTIMATED AND BUDGETED FOR THE PROJECT AND RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE ACTION OF THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK IN RE-ADVERTISING THE AFOREMENTIONED BID.

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2006 the Township of Hillsborough received two (2) bids for the "Precast Concrete Building EASI- Set Prefabricated or Equivalent" as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Modern Precast Concrete, Inc.	\$43,670.00
Procomm Systems, Inc.	\$52,450.00

WHEREAS, the Township has chosen to reject Modern Precast Concrete, Inc.'s bid for failure to submit a Consent of Surety as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Township has chosen to reject Procomm Systems, Inc.'s bid for exceeding the amount estimated and budgeted for the project; and

WHEREAS, since both bids were rejected, the Township Administrator/Clerk has re-advertised the request for bids for the "Precast Concrete Building EASI- Set Prefabricated or Equivalent" to be opened and read in public on April 4, 2006 at 10:00am.

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

1. The two (2) bids from Modern Precast Concrete, Inc. and Procomm Systems, Inc. are hereby rejected for the aforementioned reasons; and

2. The action of the Township Administrator/Clerk in re-advertising the bid ratifying and confirming the action of the Township Administrator/Clerk in re-advertising the aforementioned bid.

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

6. RESOLUTION APPROVING 2005 APPROPRIATION RESERVE TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59 allows for appropriation transfers during the first 3 months of a budget fiscal year where there is a need for these transfers; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to transfer Snow Removal budget balances to the Miscellaneous Trust for use in future years;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough that the Chief Finance Officer be authorized to make the transfer from following appropriations in the 2005 Reserve Budget to the Miscellaneous Trust Fund:

FROM:	Snow Removal		
	Salaries and Wages	5-01-26-769-010	\$15,937.16
	Other Expenses	5-01-26-769-020	<u>\$12,539.58</u>
			<u>\$28,476.74</u>
TO:	Snow Removal Reserve	T-12-56-860-061	\$28,476.74

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

7. RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO ANJEC IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A GRANT FOR THE PREPARATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE ELEMENT OF THE MASTER PLAN AND TO CREATE A NEW TRAILS PLAN ELEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) has requested 2006 grant applications for eligible projects in conjunction with local environmental commissions; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough Township has recognized a need to update the Pedestrian/Bicycle Element of the Master Plan and to create a new Trails Plan Element; and

WHEREAS, the proposed update of the Hillsborough Pedestrian/Bicycle Element of the Master Plan and the new Trails Plan Element appear to meet the grant guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Township guarantees to provide matching funds of up to \$10,000 plus up to \$10,000 of in-kind contribution of staff time.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the 2006 grant application to ANJEC in order to update the Pedestrian/Bicycle Element of the Master Plan and to create the new Trails Plan Element is hereby endorsed for submission and the Mayor and the Township Administrator/Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said application to ANJEC.

Committeeman Drake explained that if we receive this grant it will help move our pedestrian and bicycle plan forward. It will aid the Township in accruing off-site and on-site contributions from developers and will assist in the development of a plan for a trail network connecting the greenways.

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

8. RESOLUTION INCREASING THE 2006 TEMPORARY EMERGENCY BUDGET

WHEREAS, there is a need to increase the 2006 Temporary Emergency Budget for expenditures prior to the adoption of the 2006 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2006 pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 40A:4-20 including this resolution total \$13,546,381.44; and

WHEREAS, the amount of said this increase is not to exceed \$6,682,925.11.

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

Administrator	
Salaries and Wages:	38,700.00
Other Expenses:	
Governing Body	
Salaries and Wages:	4,500.00
Other Expenses:	600.00
Township Clerk's Office	
Salaries and Wages:	54,500.00
Other Expenses:	7,000.00
Elections	
Other Expenses:	15,700.00
Information Technology	
Salaries and Wages:	18,700.00
Other Expenses:	11,000.00
Human Resources	
Other Expenses:	15,000.00
Postage	7,100.00
Central Purchasing	
Other Expenses:	1,000.00
Legal Services and Costs	
Salaries and Wages:	5,000.00
Other Expenses:	17,500.00
Outside Legal Services and Costs	
Other Expenses:	10,000.00
Economic Development Committee	
Salaries and Wages:	7,500.00
Other Expenses:	1,750.00
Financial Administration	
Salaries and Wages:	67,000.00
Other Expenses:	6,570.00
Tax Collection/Revenue Administration	
Salaries and Wages:	22,000.00
Other Expenses:	7,000.00
Assessment of Taxes	
Salaries and Wages:	70,500.00
Other Expenses:	10,000.00
Annual Audit and Other Accounting Services	27,000.00

Planning Board	
Salaries and Wages	57,400.00
Other Expenses	13,500.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment	
Other Expenses	2,900.00
Environmental Commission	
Other Expenses	775.00
Code Enforcement	
Salaries and Wages	230,000.00
Other Expenses	54,000.00
Police	
Salaries and Wages:	702,000.00
Other Expenses:	90,000.00
Loss of Police Grants	540,000.00
Office of Emergency Management	
Other Expenses:	5,000.00
First Aid Contribution	
Other Expenses: Contribution	41,000.00
Contribution to Fire District	7,500.00
Municipal Prosecutor	
Salaries and Wages:	15,500.00
Municipal Court	
Salaries and Wages:	67,500.00
Other Expenses	200.00
Engineering Services and Costs	
Salaries and Wages:	66,000.00
Other Expenses:	20,000.00
Road Repairs and Maintenance	
Salaries and Wages:	458,000.00
Other Expenses	140,000.00
Snow Removal	
Salaries and Wages:	7,675.00
Other Expenses	40,000.00
Public Buildings and Grounds	
Salaries and Wages:	25,000.00
Other Expenses:	41,000.00
Landfill Monitoring	2,000.00
Recycling & Cleanup	
Other Expenses	174,000.00
Annual Cleanup	
Salaries and Wages:	15,000.00
Other Expenses	72,000.00
Parks Maintenance	
Salaries and Wages:	58,000.00
Other Expenses	23,000.00
Board of Health	
Salaries and Wages:	89,700.00
Other Expenses	24,000.00
Blood Borne Pathogens	
Other Expenses	500.00
Social Services	
Salaries and Wages:	49,100.00
Other Expenses	2,200.00
Animal Control	
Salaries and Wages:	5,000.00

Other Expenses	2,000.00
Contributions to Senior Citizen Clubs	12,500.00
Recreation Department	
Salaries and Wages:	18,000.00
Other Expenses	1,500.00
Cultural Arts	
Other Expenses	2,000.00
Celebration of Public Events	26,430.00
Salary Adjustment	15,000.00
Sick & Vacation Reserve	22,500.00
Fire Protection Charges	175,000.00
Electricity	80,000.00
Street Lighting	95,000.00
Telephone	16,250.00
Heating Fuel	5,000.00
Water	9,000.00
Sewer	900.00
Gasoline	55,000.00
Diesel Fuel	30,000.00
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	11,000.00
Social Security System	215,000.00
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SUBTOTAL APPROPRIATIONS: INSIDE CAP	4,357,150.00
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OPERATIONS - EXCLUDED FROM CAP	
Insurance	179,453.44
Employee Group Insurance	750,000.00
Police and Firemen's Retirement System	470,815.80
Public Employees Retirement System	98,266.00
Shared Services	
Other Expenses	1,000.00
Storm Water Engineering	
Other Expenses	10,000.00
DPW Storm Water	
Salaries and Wages:	22,000.00
Other Expenses	1,000.00
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	1,532,535.24
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GRANTS	
Safe & Secure Communities	218,645.07
Police Emergency Management	5,000.00
Body Armor Fund - State	5,013.24
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	11,738.31
Municipal Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse	40,206.25
Supplemental Fire Services Program	14,653.00
Youth Services	12,984.00
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	308,239.87
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CAPITAL	
Capital Improvement Fund	435,000.00
Rail Road Quite Zones	50,000.00
Total Capital	<hr/>
	485,000.00
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TOTAL OUTSIDE 'CAP'	2,325,775.11
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TOTAL TEMPORARY BUDGET	6,682,925.11
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Upon motion by Committeeman Wagner, seconded by Committeeman Nisivoccia, the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

CONSENTS

Mayor Suraci offered the following consent agenda:

**1. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A RAFFLE LICENSE BY
*ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE & RELATED DISORDERS ASSOCIATION, GREATER NEW JERSEY CHAPTER***

WHEREAS, an application for a raffle license had been filed by the Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders Association, Greater New Jersey Chapter for a raffle being held on June 17, 2006; 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 raffle application #1022 to the Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders Association, Greater New Jersey Chapter for a raffle to be held on June 17, 2006.

**2. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A CARNIVAL LICENSE BY KENNETH ZAENTZ FOR
AN EVENT BEING HELD ON JUNE 17, 2006.**

WHEREAS, an application for a carnival license had been filed by the Kenneth Zaentz for the Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders Association polo match being held on June 17, 2006; 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 Kenneth Zaentz, for the Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders Association polo match to be held on June 17, 2006.

**3. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A RAFFLE LICENSE BY
*HILLSBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL BANDWAGON ASSOCIATION, INC.***

WHEREAS, an application for a raffle license had been filed by the Hillsborough High School Bandwagon Association, Inc. for a raffle being held on April 28, 2006; 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 raffle application #1023 to the Hillsborough High School Bandwagon Association, Inc., for a raffle to be held on April 28, 2006.

**4. RESOLUTION ALLOWING A SEGMENT OF THE ROCKY HILL CYCLING CLASSIC
ROAD RACE TO TAKE PLACE ON MILLSTONE RIVER ROAD (COUNTY ROAD 533)
BETWEEN TOWNSHIP LINE ROAD AND BLACKWELLS MILLS ROAD ON SEPTEMBER
17, 2006.**

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas Licker, Event Manager for Colavita Racing, is seeking approval from the Township to allow a segment of the Rocky Hill Cycling Classic Road Race to take place on Millstone River Road (County Road 533) between Township Line Road and Blackwells Mills Road on September 17, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Licker has not yet received authorization from Somerset County to use County Route 533.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that it does hereby authorize a segment of the Rocky Hill Cycling Classic Road Race to take place on Millstone River Road (County Road 533) between Township Line Road and Blackwells Mills Road on September 17, 2006, contingent upon approval from the County of Somerset.

5. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER FROM ENGINEERING INSPECTION FEES TO THE TREASURER’S ACCOUNT

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2006, the Township Committee adopted a Resolution Authorizing the Transfer from Engineering Inspection Fees to the Treasurer’s Account; and

WHEREAS, said resolution stated the wrong amount to be transferred and should have read as follows:

WHEREAS, in accordance with the following summary of accrued Engineering charges related to various indicated projects ending December 31, 2005, a total of \$27,630.00 should be transferred from the Engineering Escrow Account into the Treasurer’s Account as indicated; and

WHEREAS, each of the project line items has been verified against the Treasurer’s Office account records to ensure that sufficient funds are available for these transfers of unanticipated revenues.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that a total of \$27,630.00 is to be transferred from the Engineering Escrow Accounts into the Treasurers Account.

<u>Client</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Transfer</u>
Westemeade Development	090403	\$4,106.00
Courtyard at Amwell	09877890	2,273.00
Hillsborough Chase	099897969	1,364.00
Neshanic Riverside	1001	174.00
Hidden Forest Estates	10101010	388.00
Country Classics IF	106	162.00
Willows Landing	113	264.00
True Jesus Church	13243546	186.00
Heritage Estates-Day Care	145	330.00
Hillsborough Point	152	396.00
Hillsborough Promenade/Krame	155	990.00
Amsterdam Drive Widening	2005	972.00
Mountainview Car Wash	20063	858.00
Medicor	21346578	1,287.00
Hillsborough Industrial Park/Larken	26	765.00
Carriage Farm LLC	543210987	794.00
Country Classics Phase 3A	5555	4,578.00
JK Design	67584930	182.00
Country Classics- 3B	67891234	3,555.00
High Branch Land, Inc.	679809654	1,408.00
Orchard Hills East	71	132.00
Colonial Square at Belle Mead	888	810.00
Christian Community Chapel	89012356	1,437.00
Pat Richards LLC	904	219.00
Total		\$27,630.00

**6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DET. /CPL. SEAN CAROLAN TO ATTEND
"CONSTITUTIONAL LAW" AT CENTENARY COLLEGE AND AUTHORIZING DET.
/CPL. CAROLAN 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, Det. /Cpl. Sean Carolan has enrolled in the class "Constitutional Law" at Centenary College; and

WHEREAS, Det. /Cpl. Sean Carolan has requested consideration under the Township's Educational Assistance provisions upon successful completion of the aforementioned course; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has requested favorable consideration of Det. /Cpl. Sean Carolan '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.

**7. RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PERMIT FOR SOCIAL AFFAIR
*MANVILLE -HILLSBOROUGH ELKS***

WHEREAS, an application for a Special Permit for Social Affair has been filed by Manville-Hillsborough Elks for a pasta dinner being held on April 22, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is 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 to Manville-Hillsborough Elks for a pasta dinner being held on April 22, 2006.

**8. RESOLUTION APPROVING REQUEST FROM THOMAS D'ALTRUI FOR RELEASE OF
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW ESCROW IN THE AMOUNT OF \$208.56.**

WHEREAS, a request has been received from Thomas D'Altrui for the release of Development Review Escrow; and

WHEREAS, the Township Planner certifies that all work has been satisfactorily completed; and

WHEREAS, the Township Planner recommends that the Township Committee take action to release the \$208.56 Development Review Escrow that was posted for the completion of the project.

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 Township Planner be and hereby is accepted and approved.

Upon motion by Committeeman Wagner, seconded by Committeewoman Nisivoccia, the consent items were unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

CLAIMS LIST

Mayor Suraci presented Claims List 2006-06.

Upon motion by Committeeman Wagner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ferrera, Claims List 2006-06 was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

At this point, Mr. Davis stated that Melissa Edmunds, reporter for the Hillsborough Beacon, would be leaving her position there. The Township Committee wished her well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Ferrera, seconded by Committeeman Drake, the following resolution was unanimously adopted upon call of the roll:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b) (1-9), Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is of the opinion that such circumstances exist;

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

- a. Negotiations regarding the GSA Belle Mead Depot
3. The Township Committee may take official action on those items discussed in Executive Session upon completion of the Executive Session.
4. The minutes of the discussions shall be made available to the public as soon as the matters under discussion are no longer of a confidential or sensitive nature.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Committeeman Wagner made the motion to go in to executive session; said motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Ferrera and unanimously adopted upon the call of the roll.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Committeeman Wagner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ferrera, the meeting duly adjourned at 11:45 p.m. Said motion carried unanimously upon voice vote.

Attested:

Kevin P. Davis, RMC
Township Clerk