

TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG
Council Meeting

6:30 pm Executive Session/7:30 pm Regular Session

September 7, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Lopatcong Township Council was called to order by Mayor Mengucci. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building located at 232 S. Third St., Phillipsburg, New Jersey.

A Prayer was offered followed by the Oath of Allegiance.

Mayor Mengucci stated “adequate notice of this meeting has been provided indicating the time and place of the meeting in accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975 by advertising a Notice in The Star Ledger and The Express-Times Warren County Zone and by posting a copy on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.”

Present – Councilman Palitto, Council President Wright, Mayor Mengucci. Also, present were Attorney Lavery and Engineer Sterbenz.

Public Comment:

John Kecherson – 38 Jade Lane – Ordinance No. 22-08. Redevelop plan and mall property questions including comments on what Pohatcong’s Council is saying.

Steven Kiley – 309 Stelko Avenue – Sewer/Tax Account issues.

Robyn George – 34 Raleigh Court – Stormwater questions.

Judy Liptak – 47 Kyle Drive – Presentation on pool and Ordinance No. 22-08.

Donna Schneider – 26 Meadowview Drive – Ordinance No. 22-08.

Old Business:

Minutes – Approve Executive and Regular Sessions for August 22, 2022. Motion by Councilman Palitto, seconded by Council President Wright. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Palitto, Council President Wright, Mayor Mengucci.

NAYS: None

New Business:

Presentation by Simone/Collins on the Pool/Park plans – Mr. Collins was present to speak about the plans developed so far. Virtual presentation for the public is scheduled for September 27th.

Shade Tree Commission – Robyn George announced the NJUCF Resiliency Stewardship Grant from the State of New Jersey was awarded to Lopatcong Township in the amount of \$46,000.00. An RFP is being developed to seek a company for the tree inventory and software program.

Ordinance No. 22-08 – First reading to adopt a Redevelopment Plan and request Center Designation for the Highlands

Ord. 22-08

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY REFERRED TO AS THE PHILLIPSBURG MALL (AREA B), COMMONLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 102, LOTS 9, 9.01, 9.03, AND 9.04 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP.

WHEREAS, the municipal council of the Township of Lopatcong, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey (the “**Township**”), a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey (the “**State**”), is authorized pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.* (the “**Redevelopment Law**”), to determine whether certain parcels of land within the Township constitute an area in need of rehabilitation and/or an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, in accordance with the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law, the Township identified and designated the property referred to as the Phillipsburg Mall (Area B), commonly known as Block 102, Lots 9, 9.01, 9.03, and 9.04 on the tax map of the Township as an “area in need of redevelopment” (the “**Redevelopment Area**”); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board must review the Redevelopment Plan and transmit its recommendations relating to the Redevelopment Plan to the Township Council in accordance with the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7* of the Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of the Planning Board’s recommendations relating to the Redevelopment Plan, the Township Council believes that the adoption of the Redevelopment Plan is in the best interest of the Township.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

Section 2. Contingent upon the receipt of the Planning Board’s recommendations, the Redevelopment Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof, is hereby adopted pursuant to the terms of *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7* of the Redevelopment Law.

Section 3. The zoning district map in the zoning ordinance of the Township is hereby amended to include the “Redevelopment Area” per the boundaries described in the Redevelopment Plan.

Section 4. If any part of this Ordinance shall be deemed invalid, such parts shall be severed and the invalidity thereby shall not affect the remaining parts of this Ordinance.

Section 5. A copy of this Ordinance and the Redevelopment Plan shall be available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk during regular business hours.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with all applicable laws.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Lopatcong held on September 7, 2022, and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Council to be held on October 5, 2022 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the Township Council may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building located at 232 So. Third St, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading by Council President Wright, seconded by Councilman Palitto. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Palitto, Council President Wright, Mayor Mengucci.

NAYS: None

Consent Agenda:

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda by Council President Wright, seconded by Councilman Palitto. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Palitto, Council President Wright, Mayor Mengucci.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Councilman Palitto on No. 20

Resolution No. 22-140 – Consent Agenda.

R 22-140

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING CONSENT AGENDA FOR COUNCIL'S
CONSIDERATION**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby approve and authorize a Consent Agenda to move routine items of business requiring no discussion; and

WHEREAS, there are listed Items one through twenty on the Consent Agenda.

1. Approve Raffle Application for Phillipsburg Garnet Boosterettes.
2. Approve quote of \$8,260.00 by Gordon Bennett to paint areas in the municipal building.
3. Resolution 22-141 - Correct sewer account for Block 4.04, Lot 1.
4. Resolution 22-142 - Correct tax account for Block 2, Lot 47.01.
5. Resolution 22-143 - Correct tax account for Block 53, Lot 1.01.
6. Resolution 22-144 - Correct tax account for Block 94, Lot 1.01.
7. Resolution 22-145 - Correct tax account for Block 95, Lot 11.02.
8. Resolution 22-146 - Correct tax account for Block 93, Lot 8.01.
9. Resolution 22-147 - Correct sewer account for Block 5, Lot 1.02.
10. Resolution 22-148 - Issue a credit for Block 116.14, Lot 22 C0056 in the amount of \$1,126.80.
11. Resolution 22-149 - Refund tax overpayment for Block 86, Lot 101 in the amount of \$3,449.73.
12. Resolution 22-150 - Refund tax overpayment for Block 110, Lot 18 in the amount of \$1,122.65.
13. Resolution 22-151 - Refund tax overpayment on Block 129, Lot 32 in the amount of \$2,223.04.
14. Resolution 22-152 - Authorize redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-041 on Block 115.01, Lot 5 C0175 in the amount of \$1,343.18.
15. Resolution 22-153 - Authorize redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2021-026 on Block 116.11, Lot 9 C0101 in the amount of \$2,753.07, Premium \$800.00.
16. Request from Phillipsburg High School to use the Lopatcong Park parking lot on October 11 and 20, 2022 for Cross Country Events from 9 am to 2 pm.
17. Resolution 22-154 - Cancel certain Sewer Operating Fund Appropriations no longer necessary – USDA loan interest \$9.84 and USDA loan principal \$22.16.
18. Resolution 22-155 - Cancel certain Current Fund Appropriations no longer necessary – Note interest \$128.48.

19. Resolution 22-156 - Authorize grant application to the Dept. of Environmental Protection for Stormwater Mapping.
20. Resolution 22-157 - Amend Resolution 21-97 on Block 87, Lot 1.39 to redeem Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-024 in the amount of \$15,972.90.
21. Resolution 22-158 – Assignment of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-037 covering Block 88, Lot 1.03.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey approve and authorize this Consent Agenda to move routine items of business that require no discussion.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 22-144 – Correct tax account for Block 94, Lot 1.01.

R 22-144

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO CORRECT THE TAX ACCOUNT FOR BLOCK 94, LOT 1.01

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong has been provided with receipts for tax payments for Block 94, Lot 1.01 which were not applied to the taxpayer's account; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to apply these payments to the account and cancel interest associated with the failure to timely post these payments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong hereby authorizes the Township Tax Office to apply the following payments to Block 94, Lot 1.01:

1/27/2014	\$1,037.47
7/13/2015	\$1,066.05

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lopatcong Township Tax Office shall cancel any and all interest resulting from the failure to timely post these payments.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

Margaret B. Dilts,
CMC

Resolution No. 22-145 – Correct Tax Account for Block 95, Lot 11.02.

R 22-145

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO CORRECT THE TAX ACCOUNT FOR BLOCK 95, LOT
11.02

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong has been provided with receipts for tax payments for Block 95, Lot 11.02 which were not applied to the taxpayer’s account; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to apply these payments to the account and cancel any interest associated with the failure to timely post these payments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED that the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong hereby authorizes the Township Tax Office to apply the following payments to Block 95, Lot 11.02:

1/27/2014	\$119.53
7/13/2015	\$122.82

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lopatcong Township Tax Office shall cancel any and all interest resulting from the failure to timely post these payments.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

Dilts, CMC

Margaret B.

Resolution 22-146 - Correct tax account for Block 93, Lot 8.01.

R 22-146

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO CORRECT THE TAX ACCOUNT FOR BLOCK 93, LOT 8.01

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong has been provided with receipts for tax payments for Block 93, Lot 8.01 which were not applied to the taxpayer’s account; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to apply these payments to the account and cancel any interest associated with the failure to timely post these payments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong hereby authorizes the Township Tax Office to apply the following payments to Block 93, Lot 8.01:

1/27/2014	\$1,160.35
7/13/2015	\$1,192.32
1/17/2017	\$1,245.46

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lopatcong Township Tax Office shall cancel any and all interest resulting from failure to timely post these payments.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution 22-147 - Correct sewer account for Block 5, Lot 1.02.

R 22-147

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO CORRECT THE SEWER ACCOUNT FOR BLOCK 5, LOT
1.02

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong has been provided with receipts for tax payments for Block 5, Lot 1.02 which were not applied to the taxpayer's account; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to apply these payments to the account and cancel any interest associated with the failure to timely post these payments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lopatcong Council of the Township of Lopatcong hereby authorizes the Township Tax Office to apply the following payments to Block 5, Lot 1.02:

1/27/2014	\$4,682.37
7/13/2015	\$4,811.37
1/17/2017	\$5,025.80

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lopatcong Township Tax Office shall cancel any and all interest resulting from the failure to timely post these payments.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution 22-148 - Issue a credit for Block 116.14, Lot 22 C0056 in the amount of \$1,126.80.

R 22-148

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ISSUE A CREDIT FOR BLOCK 116.34, LOT 22 C0056

WHEREAS, Block 116.14, Lot 22 C0056 qualified as tax exempt (disabled veteran) on July 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has adjusted the tax account to adjust the 3rd quarter 2022 by \$1,126.80, cancel taxes for the 4th quarter of 2022 and the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong hereby authorizes an adjustment to the 3rd quarter of 2022 in the amount of \$1,126.80.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution 22-149 - Refund tax overpayment for Block 86, Lot 101 in the amount of \$3,449.73.

R 22-149

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTHY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ISSUE A REFUND FOR A TAX OVERPAYMENT FOR
BLOCK 86, LOT 101

WHEREAS, Block 86, Lot 101 qualified as tax exempt (disabled veteran) on June 22, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has adjusted the tax account to refund \$3,449.73 cancel taxes for 4th quarter of 2022 and the 1st and 2nd quarter of 2023; and

WHEREAS, the homeowner for the property overpaid the 3rd quarter 2022 payment in the amount of \$3,449.73 on June 30, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong hereby authorizes a refund in the amount of \$3,449.73 to: Andrew & Patricia Cunningham, 2 Highlands Way, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution 22-150 - Refund tax overpayment for Block 110, Lot 18 in the amount of \$1,122.65.

R 22-150

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING TO REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENT MADE BY
TH4E PROPERTY OWNER FOR 2022 TAXES

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that warrants be drawn to the title company listed below in the designated amounts representing tax payments as follows for the tax year 2022 on account.

<u>Block & Lot</u>	<u>Name of Payee/Mortgage</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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110/18

Matthew Pisani & Ann Molinari
6800 Allegiance Drive
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

\$1,122.65

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey have approved the refunds made rather than applying these payments to the 2022 future taxes due.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution 22-151 - Refund tax overpayment on Block 129, Lot 32 in the amount of \$2,223.04.

R 22-151

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING TO REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENT MADE BY THE MORTGAGE COMLPANY FOR 2022 TAXES

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that warrants be drawn to the title company listed below in the designated amounts representing tax payments as follows for the tax year 2022 on account.

<u>Block & Lot</u>	<u>Name of Payee/Mortgage</u>	<u>Amount</u>
129/32	PHH Mortgage 3000 Leadenhall Road Mt. Laurel Twp., NJ 08054	\$2,223.04

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution 22-152 - Authorize redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-041 on Block 115.01, Lot 5 C0175 in the amount of \$1,343.18.

R 22-152

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE NO. 2020-041 ON BLOCK 115.01, LOT 5 C0175

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 29, 2020, a lien was sold on Block 115.01, Lot 5 C0175 also known as 175 Horseshoe Court for delinquent sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-041 was sold to US Bank Cust/Pro Cap 8/Pro Cap; and

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2022, the mortgage company for the property owner has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2020-041 in the amount of \$1,343.18.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 6th day of July 2022 that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1,343.18 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-041 to:

US Bank Cust/Pro Cap 8/Pro Cap
50 S 16th Street, Suite 2050
Philadelphia, PA 19102-2513

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 22-153 - Authorize redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2021-026 on Block 116.11, Lot 9 C0101 in the amount of \$2,753.07, Premium \$800.00.

R 22-153

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE NO. 2021-026 ON BLOCK 116.11, LOT 9 C0101

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 14, 2021, a lien was sold on Block 116.11, Lot 9 C0101 also known as 101 Limerick Lane for delinquent sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2021-026 was sold to US Bank Cust/Pro Cap 8/Pro Cap; and

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2022 the mortgage company for the property owner has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2021-026 in the amount of \$2,753.07, Premium \$800.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 7th day of September 2022, that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$2,753.07, Premium \$800.00 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2021-026 to:

US Bank Cust/Pro Cap 8/Pro Cap
50 S 16th Street Suite 2050
Philadelphia, PA 19102-2513

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Phillipsburg High School - Request to use the Lopatcong Park parking lot on October 11 and 20, 2022 for Cross Country Events from 9 am to 2 pm.

Resolution 22-154 - Cancel certain Sewer Operating Fund Appropriations no longer necessary – USDA loan interest \$9.84 and USDA loan principal \$22.16.

R 22-154

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN SEWER
OPERATING FUND APPROPRIATIONS THAT ARE NO LONGER NECESSARY

WHEREAS, certain Sewer Operating Fund appropriations have funding that are no longer necessary; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that the following unexpended balances hereby be cancelled:

USDA Loan Interest Amount \$9.84	Cancel To: Sewer Operating Fund Balance
USDA Loan Principal Amount \$22.16	Cancel To: Sewer Operating Fund Balance

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution 22-155 - Cancel certain Current Fund Appropriations no longer necessary – Note interest \$128.48.

R 22-155

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN
CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATIONS THAT ARE NO LONGER NECESSARY

WHEREAS, certain Current Fund appropriation have funding that are no longer necessary; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that the following unexpended balances hereby be cancelled:

Note Interest Amount \$128.48	Cancel To: Current Fund Balance
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CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution 22-156 - Authorize grant application to the Dept. of Environmental Protection for Stormwater Mapping.

R 22-156

STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STORMWATER COMPETITIVE GRANT ENABLING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, (“State”), is providing grants through the Stormwater Competitive Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong desires to further the public interest by obtaining grant funding from the State to fund the following project: *Lopatcong Stormwater Mapping, which will include planning activities to analyze the existing stormwater management system and make recommendations to improve the system.* .

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body resolves that Margaret Dilts or the successor to the office of Township Administrator is hereby authorized to:

- (a) make application for such a grant,
- (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
- (c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant; and

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the grant program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State’s funds in accordance with applicable policies and laws, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above-named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong.

1. That the Township Administrator of the above-named body is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment thereto with the State known as Lopatcong Stormwater Mapping;
2. That the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and the official seal of this body this 7th day of September 2022.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution 22-157 - Amend Resolution 21-97 on Block 87, Lot 1.39 to redeem Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-024 in the amount of \$15,972.90.

R 22-157

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING RESOLUTION 21-97 REDEMPTION BY
INSTALLMENT FOR TAX SALE CERTIFICATE 2020-024 FOR BLOCK 87, LOT 1.39

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong has allowed a redemption by installment payment plan for a three year period on behalf of Gusna R. Rutledge, owner of property located at Block 87, Lot 1.39 more commonly known as 81 Belview Road within the Township of Lopatcong; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-65 provides a mechanism to allow a redemption of the municipal held tax lien (TSC 2020-024) by installment payments over a three-year period to pay the tax lien while keeping subsequent taxes current; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-65 also allows for the redemption in installment resolutions to be amended; and

WHEREAS, the property owner of Block 87, Lot 1.39 also known as 81 Belview Road wishes to redeem the lien for TSC 2020-024 in full as of September 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the tax collector has calculated the new redemption amount to be \$28,448.56 and has collected \$12,475.66 to date towards that redemption amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong that the authorization hereby grants the amendment to the installment plan for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 2020-024 which requires the balance in the amount of \$15,972.90 be paid to the tax collector on September 8, 2022 by certified funds in order to redeem the lien in full.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution 22-158 – Assignment of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-037 covering Block 88, Lot 1.03.

R 22-158

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE
NO. 2017-037 COVERING BLOCK 88, LOT 1.03

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-52.1, in case of the destruction or loss of a tax title certificate which was issued by any municipality in this State at a tax sale held in that municipality, the collector of taxes, the receiver of taxes, or the person lawfully charged with the collection of

taxes in said municipality shall issue and execute a new certificate of tax sale in place of the one which has been destroyed or lost; provided he or she shall have been duly authorized so to do by a resolution of the governing body of the said municipality; and

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-037 which was issued to the Township of Lopatcong at a tax sale held on December 6, 2017, covering Block 88, Lot 1.03 commonly known as 245 Belview Road, Lopatcong, NJ was lost, misplaced, or otherwise destroyed; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong is desirous of assigning the aforementioned Tax Sale Certificate; and

WHEREAS, such assignment can only be accomplished upon the issuance of a duplicate Tax Sale Certificate covering the above-described premises.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that the Tax Collector of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Tax Collector of the Township of Lopatcong be and is hereby authorized to issue a duplicate Tax Sale Certificate as previously described, all in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 99 of the Public Laws of 1997 (N.J.S.A. 54:5-1 et seq.).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution and a copy of the Loss Affidavit be attached to the Duplicate Certificate to be issued by the Tax Collector and that said Certificate be stamped or otherwise have imprinted thereupon the word “DUPLICATE” as required by law.

Dated: 9/7/2022

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Announcements: Mayor Mengucci read aloud the announcements.

Community Day – September 10th – 2:00 pm to dusk

September 24th - Shred Event at the pool parking lot 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

September 24th - Community Yard Sale 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

October 8th - Fall Cleanup - pool parking lot and Strykers Road Fire House 7:00 am to 12:00 pm

Council Reports:

Councilman Palitto – Announced that if there is anyone looking for service hours and they want to obtain them on Community Day, that he would sign off for that.

Council President Wright – Said he was looking forward to Saturday’s Community Day and invited everyone to come out to discuss their thoughts on the pool/park.

Mayor Mengucci – Said he doesn’t want to spend that kind of money and provide the same pool. That would not be feasible if the pool is going to be replaced.

Engineer Sterbenz – Indicated that the Baltimore Street Improvement Project and Resurfacing Project in Country Hills is progressing. Expects the DOT to take action in November for the second phase on Belview Road. Numerous revisions have been made to the plans on the Federal Grants for sidewalks. TAP grant will be giving authorization for bid from the DOT soon. Engineer Sterbenz is receiving proposals for inspection consultants for these projects. He also requested an increase in funds in the amount of \$115,000.00 in construction money. SRTS Grant – County provided a review letter and plans have been revised and will be submitted as well to the DOT.

Approve Department Reports – Motion by Council President Wright, seconded by Councilman Palitto. All in favor.

Payment of Bills – Approved by Councilman Palitto, seconded by Council President Wright. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Palitto, Council President Wright, Mayor Mengucci.

NAYS: None

Audience Participation:

Donna Schneider – 26 Meadowview – Shocked that George Ritter has anything in the Redevelopment Plan regarding warehouses. Reported trucks and cars at Twilight at 4:00 today. Asked about the number of lawsuits pending against the township. Talked about the NFI resolution and asked that I's are dotted and T's are crossed. Talked about Berry Plastics and their operation and truck traffic.

Judy Liptak – 47 Kyle Drive – She said to Mayor Mengucci that she hoped his legacy is the park and not warehouses and Lopatcong's destruction because of them. Discussed the redevelopment plan and the center designation for Block 102, Lot 9 and Doug Steinhardt sent a plan for the property early in 2022 for a warehouse to Pohatcong. How did Lopatcong not know about this. Escrows have been deposited by the developers for that farmland in Block 102, Lot 9 to have Pohatcong's professionals work on the redevelopment plan. Did Lopatcong get money for our professionals to work? Was Council approached Council about the cubes? Strykers Road trucks are parking on the sides of the roads often.

Brian Weeks – Signs are in and are going to be placed on the road shortly.

John Kecherson – Focusing on the redevelopment plan for the mall and lot behind, but what about the rest of the properties and their plan? Mayor Mengucci said plans for a Wawa and a Popeyes out by Twilight but they have not been presented to Council or any board.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council President Wright, seconded by Councilman Palitto. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC
Clerk/Administrator

James E. Mengucci
Mayor