

TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG
MEETING AGENDA

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

August 2, 2023

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.

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.

Prayer

Oath of Allegiance

Roll Call

Motion to come out of Executive Session by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilman Palitto. All in favor. Attorney Baldwin stated that the Council met in Executive Session and Items 2, 4, 5, 7 and 11 are actionable. Motion by Mayor Mengucci, seconded by Council President Wright. Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

Item No. 2 – Pilot Agreement Proposal – Approve consultant.

R 23-134

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPOINTING BRIAN O'REILLY OF BPO TAX AND
DEVELOPMENT SERVICE, LLC AS EXPERT IN PROPERTY TAX IMPLEMENTATION**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey follows:

BPO TAX AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICE, LLC are hereby retained as Experts in Property Tax Implementation for the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, Expert, Brian O'Reilly shall be paid at a rate of \$125.00, not to exceed \$5,000.00 for services; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will not exceed \$5,000.

This appointment is made without competitive bidding as professional services under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, as provided in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 because said office requires services performed by persons qualified to practice recognized professions and it is not possible to obtain competitive bids.

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 the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at the Reorganization Meeting held on Wednesday, August 2, 2023.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Item No. 4 – Action as discussed.

Item No. 5 – Action as discussed.

Item No. 7 – Action as discussed.

Item No. 11 – Action as discussed.

Motion to approve these items by Mayor Mengucci, seconded by Council President Wright. Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

Public Comment – Agenda Items Only

Donna Schneider – 26 Meadowview – Asked about the nature of the 12 Items in Executive Session – No. 1 – Ordinance 23-18 - regarding Gross Weight. Asked about the Pilot Agreement – Attorney Baldwin noted that it is a matter regarding an agreement. No. 3 – Block 84, Lot 8. No. 10 – Paper Street – Action will be taken at next meeting. Block 86, Lot 101 – There will be action under New Business.

John Kecherson – Ordinance 23-18 and 19 – is there a difference between the two ordinances. Language changes requested by County.

Old Business:

Ordinance No. 23-17 – Second reading and public hearing to Amend and Supplement Section 47-17 of the Township Code Entitled “Rates of Compensation” of Article IV, Chapter 47- Outside Employment for Off-Duty Police Officers- to Establish Uniform Rates of Compensation for Contracting the Services of Off-Duty Police Officers. Motion to hold a public hearing by Council President Wright, seconded by Mayor Mengucci. All in favor. No comments from the public. Motion to close the hearing by Council President Wright, seconded by Councilman Palitto. All in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-17

SECOND NOTICE OF AN ORDINANCE

NOTICE is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, held on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at the Municipal Building, 232 South Third Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, the following Ordinance was presented and passed on the final reading. The Ordinance was then ordered to be published according to law by title only.

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 47-17
OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “RATES OF COMPENSATION” OF
ARTICLE IV, CHAPTER 47—OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT FOR OFF-DUTY POLICE
OFFICERS—TO ESTABLISH UNIFORM RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR
CONTRACTING THE SERVICES OF OFF-DUTY POLICE OFFICERS

Said Ordinance may be read and inspected at any time at the Office of the Municipal Clerk,
Lopatcong Township Municipal Building, 232 S. Third Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey
Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Motion to adopt this Ordinance on second reading by Council President Wright, seconded by
Mayor Mengucci. Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

Ordinance No. 23-18 – Second reading and public hearing to Supplement Chapter 227 entitled
“Vehicles and Traffic” to Add Section 227-20A “Vehicles Over Designated Gross Weight
Rating (GVWR) Excluded from Certain County Streets. No second reading as this Ordinance is
being reintroduced under New Business No. 1.

New Business:

Ordinance No. 23-19 – First reading to Supplement Chapter 227 entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”
to Add Section 227-20A “Vehicles Over Designated Gross Weight Rating (GVWR) Excluded
from Certain County Streets.

ORDINANCE: 2023-19

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER
227 TITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” TO ADD SECTION 227-20A
“VEHICLES OVER DESIGNATED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING
(GVWR) EXCLUDED FROM CERTAIN COUNTY STREETS**

WHEREAS, The Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong previously passed
ordinance 227-20 excluding vehicles over gross vehicle weight ratings of 4 tons from
Township streets to protect the health and safety of the residents of the Township; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 39:4-197.2 provides that any municipality, which maintains a paid
police force, may, by ordinance, resolution, or regulation, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-197
and with the consent of the governing body of the County, regulate traffic and parking
along and upon any County road or part thereof, lying within its corporate limits, in the
same manner and to the same extent that is authorized by law to regulate the same upon
municipal roads and streets; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to amend Chapter 227 to include 227-20A to
apply to certain County streets, specifically Liberty Road (CR 637) and Belvidere Road
(CR 646), located within the Township of Lopatcong, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-197; and

WHEREAS, upon final adoption and approval of a consenting Resolution by the County,
the Township of Lopatcong shall be responsible for, and shall take all necessary actions to

effectuate and enforce the regulations established pursuant to this Ordinance, including the installation and placement of the appropriate signs and traffic control devices within the areas and locations and the conformance of the same with the provisions of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and Title 39 of the Revised Statutes Annotated of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the municipality shall thereafter be responsible for maintenance, replacement and conformance of such signs and traffic control devices, except that the municipality shall be required to notify and obtain the approval of the County Engineer as to the placement and location of any such signs and traffic control devices prior to installation.

WHEREAS, This Ordinance shall become effective upon final adoption, publication of the requisite public notice by the County and/or municipality, as applicable, and erection and placement of all signs, traffic control devices and traffic control signals in the locations where the regulation is effective as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council believes that such an amendment to Chapter 227 is in the best interest of the Township and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the above recitals are hereby incorporated by reference; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong that Section 227 of the Township Code entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” is hereby amended to include Section 227-20A entitled “Vehicles Over Designated Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) Excluded from Certain County Streets” as follows:

§ 227-20A. Vehicles Over Designated Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) Excluded From Certain County Streets.

SECTION 1

Vehicles over the gross vehicle weight rating are hereby excluded from the streets or parts of streets described except for the pickup and delivery of materials on such streets:

Name of Street	GVWR (tons)_	Limits
Liberty Road (CR 637)	10	Between CR 519 and NJ 57
Belvidere Road (CR 646)	4	Between Harmony Township boundary line and Lincoln Road

SECTION 2

Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 3

Repealer. Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

SECTION 4

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

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 August 2, 2023, 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 September 6, 2023 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, MMC

Block 86, Lot 101 - Request from owner of Block 86, Lot 101 to have Condition #3 of Maintenance and Repair Agreement transferred over to the Township. Discussion took place with the homeowner and a decision will be forthcoming.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda by Mayor Mengucci, seconded by Councilman Belcaro. Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

R 23-131

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 eleven on the Consent Agenda.

1. Resolution authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2022-023 on Block 99, Lot 379 Qualification C0509 in the amount of \$2,301.44, Premium \$2,800.00.
2. Resolution authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-001 on Block 2, Lot 22.19 in the amount of \$6,582.68.
3. Resolution authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2022-005 on Block 2, Lot 54 in the amount of \$18,071.84, Premium \$25,000.00.
4. Resolution authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2021-005 on Block 46, Lot 13 in the amount of \$1,206.12, Premium \$1,600.00.
5. Resolution authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-005 on Block 11, Lot 9 in the amount of \$2,747.58, Premium \$500.00.
6. Resolution authorizing Refund for a 2023 Tax Overpayment on Block 101, Lot 1.01 in the amount of \$40,044.16.
7. Resolution Correction of Errors on Exempt properties on the 2023 Tax List.
8. Resolution Correction of Errors on Incorrectly Classed properties on the 2023 Tax List.
9. Authorize payment to Bill Ceddia in the amount of \$250.00 for Juggling Show scheduled for Community Day.

10. Approve Drake's Rental quote in the amount of \$2,500.00 for tent, tables, chairs for Community Day.
11. Approve quote for contract with Action Data Service in the amount of \$12,027.61 for payroll services for 2023.

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, August 2, 2023.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Resolution No. 23-123 - Authorize Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2022-023 on Block 99, Lot 379 Qualification C0509 in the amount of \$2,301.44, Premium \$2,800.00.

R 23-123

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE NO. 2022-023 ON BLOCK 99, LOT 379 QUALIFICATION C0509

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 15, 2022, a lien was sold on Block 99, Lot 379 Qualification C0509 also known as 509 Gold Finch Terrace for delinquent sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2022-023 was sold to EVOLVE Bank and Trust; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2023, the Certificate No. 2022-023 has been satisfied in the amount of \$2,301.44, Premium \$2,800.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 2nd day of August 2023, that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$2,301.44, Premium \$2,800.00 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2022-023 to:

EVOLVE Bank and Trust
6000 Poplar Avenue, Suite 300
Memphis, TN 38119

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 August 2, 2023.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Resolution No. 23-124 - Authorize Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-001 on Block 2, Lot 22.19 in the amount of \$6,582.68.

R 23-124

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE
NO. 2020-001 ON BLOCK 2, LOT 22.19

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 29, 2020, a lien was sold on Block 2, Lot 22.19 also known as 12 Jacob Way for delinquent sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-001 was sold to Pro Cap 8 FBO Firstrust Bank; and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2023, the Certificate No. 2020-001 has been satisfied in the amount of \$6,582.68.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 2nd day of August 2023, that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$6,582.68 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-001 to:

Pro Cap 8 FBO Firstrust Bank
P.O. Box 774
Fort Washington, PA 19034-0774

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 August 2, 2023.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Resolution No. 23-125 - Authorize Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2022-005 on Block 2, Lot 54 in the amount of \$18,071.84, Premium \$25,000.00.

R 23-125

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE
NO. 2022-005 ON BLOCK 2, LOT 54

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 15, 2022, a lien was sold on Block 2, Lot 54 also known as 1821 Belvidere Road for delinquent taxes; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2022-005 was sold to Pro Cap 8 FBO Firstrust Bank; and

WHEREAS, on July 18 2023, the Certificate No. 2022-005 has been satisfied in the amount of \$18,071.84, Premium \$25,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 2nd day of August 2023, that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$18,071.84, Premium \$25,000.00 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2022-005 to:

Pro Cap 8 FBO Firstrust Bank
P.O. Box 774

Fort Washington, PA 19034-0774

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 August 2, 2023.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Resolution No. 23-126 - Authorize Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2021-005 on Block 46, Lot 13 in the amount of \$1,206.12, Premium \$1,600.00.

R 23-126

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE
NO. 2021-005 ON BLOCK 46, LOT 13

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Tax Sale held on December 14, 2021, a lien was sold on Block 46, Lot 13 also known as 515 Lynda Road for delinquent sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate no. 2021-005 was sold to BALA Partners, LLC; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2023 the Certification No. 2021-005 has been satisfied in the amount of \$1,206.12, Premium \$1,600.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 2nd day of August 2023, that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1,206.12, Premium \$1,600.00 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2021-005 to:

BALA Partners, LLC
P.O. Box 303
Pottersville, NJ 07979

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 August 2, 2023.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Resolution No. 23-127 – Authorize Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-005 on Block 11, Lot 9 in the amount of \$2,747.58, Premium \$500.00.

R 23-127

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE
NO. 2020-005 ON BLOCK 11, LOT 9

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Tax Sale held on December 29, 2020, a lien was sold on Block 11, Lot 9 also known as 237 North Prospect Street for delinquent sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-005 was sold to Pro Cap 8 FBO Firstrust Bank; and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2023, the Certificate No. 2020-005 has been satisfied in the amount of \$2,747.58, Premium \$500.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 2nd day of August 2023, that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$2,747.58, Premium \$500.00 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-005 to:

Pro Cap 8 FBO Firstrust Bank
P.O. Box 774
Fort Washington, PA 19034-0774

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 August 2, 2023.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Resolution No. 23-128 - Authorize Refund for a 2023 Tax Overpayment on Block 101, Lot 1.01 in the amount of \$40,044.16.

R 23-128

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A REFUND FOR A 2023 TAX OVERPAYMENT

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong hereby authorizes the refund of 2023 tax overpayment to the following taxpayer; and

<u>Block & Lot</u>	<u>Name of Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
101/1.01	PR- I-78 Logistics 9000 Rand Urban	\$40,044.16

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey have approved the refund made rather than applying this payment to the 2024 Preliminary Taxes.

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 August 2, 2023.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Resolution No. 23-129 - Correction of Errors on Exempt properties on the 2023 Tax List.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING CORRECTION OF INCORRECTLY
CLASSIFIED PROPERTIES

BILLING OF TAXES

QUARTER 3 AND QUARTER 4 2023

QUARTER 1 AND QUARTER 2 2024

CORRECTION OF ERRORS

WHEREAS, the below listed properties have been incorrectly classified as exempt on the 2023 tax list; and

BLOCK	LOT	QUAL	PROP LOCATION	PROP OWNER
24	15		649 BELVIDERE ROAD	TORRETTA, DANNIEL & ALAYNE
32	28		715 CHARLES ROAD	RODRIGUEZ, MARYLOU/CAVER, JUAN
95	23.01		830 STRYKERS ROAD	WAMBOLD, JR, RICHARD J
114	17		98 POWDER HORN DRIVE	YAVOR, (ESTATE) % CONFALONE, CINDY
116.12	16	C0078	78 LIMERICK LANE	TIFF AND JOSE TOWER BLVD LLC
139	20		55 HAZE WAY	DOSREIS, PAULO W

WHEREAS, if the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong agree with the above parcels being billed for Quarter 3 and 4 of 2023 and Quarter 1 and 2 of 2024 the action will be completed by the tax collector and the 2023/2024 bills will be sent to each of the residents listed above;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong on this 2nd day of August 2023 that the above referenced properties are taxable and the Tax Collector, Tax Assessor, and CFO are hereby authorized to make the necessary adjustments to reflect this.

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 to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, August 2, 2023.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Resolution No. 23-130 - Correction of Errors on Exempt properties on the 2023 Tax List.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES QUARTER 1
AND QUARTER 2 2024 - CORRECTION OF ERRORS

WHEREAS, the below listed properties have been incorrectly classed as taxable on the 2023 tax list:

BLOCK	LOT	QUAL	PROP LOCATION	PROP OWNER
2	16		1639 BELVIDERE ROAD	SMITH, LELAND SCOTT
2	29		1351 ROWES LANE	COX, GARY J & PATRICIA A
2	36		7 GRANDVIEW AVENUE	KELLY, KAREN W & BRIDGET E
16	1		7 PARK SQUARE	NEEDHAM, BRANDON
25	7		226 AURORA STREET	PATITUCCI, JASON & MICHELLE
25	10		695 BELVIDERE ROAD	LAUGHERY, PATRICIA
55	1		996 BELVIDERE ROAD	THATCHER, CHARLES & BARBARA B
56	9		6 BRIARSTONE AVENUE	ABEL, DAVID M. & BRENDA L.
58.01	3		410 SOUTH FIRST STREET	STEFANO, DEBRA A & JOSEPH M
85.02	20		581 EDWARD STREET	BARRETO, HERMAN & NEREIDA DIAZ
85.04	16		11 DINAH DRIVE	GONZALEZ, MARK J & CINDY L
85.05	9		27 SYLVIA STREET	SPAGNOLA, MARIO & JUDITH
86.02	1		6 FIELDHEDGE LANE	FRASER, JIMEL
86.08	2		23 HIGHLANDS WAY	FERRERO, STEVEN & MEGAN
90	17		62 FOX FARM ROAD	LOPATCONG TOWNSHIP
90	17.02		68 FOX FARM ROAD	LOPATCONG TOWNSHIP
90	18.04		LOWS HOLLOW ROAD	LOPATCONG TOWNSHIP
90	36		RESERVOIR ROAD	LOPATCONG TOWNSHIP
93.01	9		6 STONE ROW LANE	ROBB, KRISTINA L & SCOTT DOUGLAS
99	307	C0125	125 MARLBORO CIRCLE	MYLOD, MARK P

99	399	C0313	313 CLOVER COURT	AGANS, ROBERT R SR & SUSAN
130	14		23 KYLE DRIVE	CLAX, JR, WILLIAM & DEBBIE HAMILTON
138	22		302 STONEHENGE DRIVE	CUMMINGS, MICHAEL E & ANDREA N

WHEREAS, if the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong agree with the above cancellation of the Preliminary Q1 and Q2 2024 property taxes for the 23 listed properties, the action will be completed by the tax collector;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong on this 2nd day of August 2023 that the above referenced properties are tax exempt and the Tax Collector, Tax Assessor, and CFO are hereby authorized to make the necessary adjustments to reflect this.

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 to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, August 2, 2023.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Community Day Juggling Show - Authorize payment to Bill Ceddia in the amount of \$250.00 for Juggling Show scheduled for Community Day.

Community Day Drake’s Rental -Approve Drake’s Rental quote in the amount of \$2,500.00 for tent, tables, chairs for Community Day.

Action Data - Approve quote for contract with Action Data Service in the amount of \$12,027.61 for payroll services for 2023.

Announcement – Community Day is Saturday, August 26 – 2PM to Dusk. A potential for traffic problem with a football tournament going on. Mayor Mengucci asked that a letter be sent to the LAA that they should use the pool parking lot and block off the parking lot near the pavilion so no traffic issues in that area. He also thought he could reach out to the Phillipsburg School District for use of their parking lot.

Council Reports:

Councilman McQuade – No report.

Councilman Belcaro – No report.

Councilman Palitto – Townwide Yard Sale is September 9th. Flyer and application should be on the town’s website.

Council President Wright – Reported that he drove by the parking lot near Twilight and there were seven trucks in the lot. Apparently parking overnight and leaving very early in the morning. Zoning Officer will be notified.

Mayor Mengucci – National Night Out was last evening and the best showcase of the emergency people and police officers – folks come out to have music, food and games for kids. It is always the first Tuesday in August each year. A great event. Mayor noted the tax bills have been mailed and noted they are less than what he has paid back in 2016.

Report of the Engineer – Baltimore Street Improvement Project has been completed. The Stonehenge Drive Road Project will be paved next week. Belview Road was paved partially last year and surveying of the remainder of the road is complete and work will be bid and completed in 2024. Jade Lane is being set up and will be paved in 2024. A grant application has been submitted for the remainder of Stonehenge Drive. Park Project cost evaluation is being completed now. Connector Road Grant for 1.3 million dollars is for the construction not the design of the project. TAP Grant for sidewalks on Rt. 646 is still under review with the Civil Rights Division.

Approve Dept. Reports – Motion by Councilman Palitto, seconded by Councilman Belcaro. All in favor.

Approve Payment of Bills – Motion to pay bills by Mayor Mengucci, seconded by Council President Wright. Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

Public Comment – 5-minutes

Robert Bruce – Distributed a report – about who is now operating the Berry facility. Second page is headlines of stories in the Wall Street Journal, and last few pages depicting his views and action regarding tractor trailers in violation on Strykers Road. and came to petition the Council to act.

John Betz – Asked if the Township has received grants or subsidiaries or direct support from the State of New Jersey. Yes, the Township receives grants, etc., every year.

Joseph DiMassi – 254 Lows Hollow Road. Noted the stormwater issues on his property and asked who is responsible for the outfalls on his property as the water is beginning to swamp out his septic. Engineer Sterbenz will take a look into the matter.

Chief of Police Garcia – Reported National Night Out was a success; fully funded by local businesses. Reported that the disaster within the County that brought much rain, the Township faired pretty well. Thanked the emergency responders, the DPW, the Police Dept., Fire Dept. and all the volunteers. Thanked the Deputy Emergency Management Official Pat Rivoli for his hard work taking care of the necessary reports. FEMA will be in the building at 12 noon on Friday for anyone to report damage. Report on his Traffic Report.

Donna Schneider – 26 Meadowview Drive – Noted the violations of tractor trailers making left hand turns and illegal parking at warehouses on Strykers Road.

John Kecherson – 38 Jade Lane – Trucks parking at H&K – does our ordinance prevent trucks parking overnight? What are we doing to protect residential streets from truck traffic?

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

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC
Clerk/Administrator

James E. Mengucci
Mayor

