

February 28, 2023

The Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, convened in regular session at Municipal Headquarters, Friberger Park, Union, New Jersey, on the 28th day of February at 7:31 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Manuel Figueiredo, Chairman of the Township Committee.

The Clerk read the following statement:

"This is a regular meeting of the Township Committee. Public Notice of this meeting has been given, as required by the 'Open Public Meeting's Law'. A Resolution was adopted on January 1, 2023, designating this date, this hall and 7:30P.M. as the time for this regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union.

A notice of each and every regular meeting of the Township Committee was posted, in accordance with the aforesaid 'Open Public Meeting's Law', in one public place reserved for the posting of Ordinances and official notices of the Township of Union, namely, the bulletin board next to the Clerk's Office. In addition, thereto, a copy of said Resolution was forwarded to The Local Source and Star Ledger. A copy of said Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Township."

The opening prayer was led by Committeewoman Cavadas and the pledge to the flag was led by Committeeman Bowser.

The Clerk called the roll. Those present and those absent, were as follows:

Present: Manuel Figueiredo, Mayor
Suzette Cavadas, Deputy Mayor
Joseph Florio
Michele Delisfort
James Bowser, Jr.

MAYOR'S AWARDS: St. Patrick's Day Parade

Michael Capko – General Chairman
Senator Joseph Cryan – Grand Marshal
Gabby Sully - Adjutant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Mr. Bowser, seconded by Ms. Cavadas, and carried, the Township Committee moved to approve the Conference and Regular Session Minutes of February 14, 2023.

ORDINANCES:

SECOND AND FINAL READINGS:

In pursuance to notice duly published, the Clerk presented for consideration, as to second and final reading, an ordinance amending Chapter 434 of the Municipal Code.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 434
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION PERTAINING
TO SEWER SYSTEM USER CHARGES

The Chairman announced public hearing on the said ordinance.

There being no person present expressing the desire to be heard in this connection, it was, on motion of Mr. Florio, seconded by Ms. Delisfort, and carried, the Township Committee, resolved, that the aforesaid ordinance be and the same is hereby passed on second and final reading. Mr. Florio, aye, Ms. Delisfort, aye, Mr. Bowser, aye, Ms. Cavadas, aye, Mr. Figueiredo, aye.

In pursuance to notice duly published, the Clerk presented for consideration, as to second and final reading, an ordinance adopting the Clinton Manor Redevelopment Plan.

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, COUNTY OF UNION,
NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE "CLINTON MANOR
REDEVELOPMENT PLAN" PURSUANT TO THE
LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW,
N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.

The Chairman announced public hearing on the said ordinance. There being no person present expressing the desire to be heard in this connection, it was, on motion of Ms. Cavadas, seconded by Mr. Bowser, and carried, the Township Committee, resolved, that the aforesaid ordinance be and the same is hereby passed on second and final reading. Mr. Florio, aye, Ms. Delisfort, aye, Mr. Bowser, aye, Ms. Cavadas, aye, Mr. Figueiredo, aye.

In pursuance to notice duly published, the Clerk presented for consideration, as to second and final reading, an ordinance amending Chapter 270-3 of the Municipal Code.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 273
ENTITLED "FEES", IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION,
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY. (This ordinance
amends various permit fees)

The Chairman announced public hearing on the said ordinance. There being no person present expressing the desire to be heard in this connection, it was, on motion of Ms. Delisfort, seconded by Mr. Florio, and carried, the Township Committee, resolved, that the aforesaid ordinance be and the same is hereby passed on second and final reading. Mr. Florio, aye, Ms. Delisfort, aye, Mr. Bowser, aye, Ms. Cavadas, aye, Mr. Figueiredo, aye.

In pursuance to notice duly published, the Clerk presented for consideration, as to second and final reading, an ordinance amending Chapter 131-47 of the Municipal Code.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 131-47
ENTITLED "OFF-DUTY EMPLOYMENT", IN THE
TOWNSHIP OF UNION, UNION COUNTY, NEW
JERSEY. (This ordinance changes the job in blue
rates)

The Chairman announced public hearing on the said ordinance. There being no person present expressing the desire to be heard in this connection, it was, on motion of Mr. Bowser, seconded by Ms. Cavadas, and carried, the Township Committee, resolved, that the aforesaid ordinance be and the same is hereby passed on second and final reading. Mr. Florio, aye, Ms. Delisfort, aye, Mr. Bowser, aye, Ms. Cavadas, aye, Mr. Figueiredo, aye.

In pursuance to notice duly published, the Clerk presented for

consideration, as to second and final reading, an ordinance amending Chapter 170 of the Municipal Code.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 170 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE.

The Chairman announced public hearing on the said ordinance. There being no person present expressing the desire to be heard in this connection, it was, on motion of Mr. Florio, seconded by Ms. Delisfort, and carried, the Township Committee, resolved, that the aforesaid ordinance be and the same is hereby passed on second and final reading. Mr. Florio, aye, Ms. Delisfort, aye, Mr. Bowser, aye, Ms. Cavadas, aye, Mr. Figueiredo, aye.

In pursuance to notice duly published, the Clerk presented for consideration, as to second and final reading, an ordinance authorizing utility and temporary construction area easements to the State of New Jersey by the Commissioner of Transportation.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR A UTILITY AND A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION AREA EASEMENTS TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY BY THE COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION

The Chairman announced public hearing on the said ordinance. There being no person present expressing the desire to be heard in this connection, it was, on motion of Ms. Cavadas, seconded by Mr. Bowser and carried, the Township Committee, resolved, that the aforesaid ordinance be and the same is hereby passed on second and final reading. Mr. Florio, aye, Ms. Delisfort, aye, Mr. Bowser, aye, Ms. Cavadas, aye, Mr. Figueiredo, aye.

In pursuance to notice duly published, the Clerk presented for consideration, as to second and final reading, an ordinance authorizing work area easements to the State of New Jersey by the Commissioner of Transportation.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR A UTILITY, A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION SITE WORK AREA AND A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION SITE MITIGATION WORK AREA EASEMENTS TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY BY THE COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION

The Chairman announced public hearing on the said ordinance. There being no person present expressing the desire to be heard in this connection, it was, on motion of Ms. Delisfort, seconded by Mr. Florio and carried, the Township Committee, resolved, that the aforesaid ordinance be and the same is hereby passed on second and final reading. Mr. Florio, aye, Ms. Delisfort, aye, Mr. Bowser, aye, Ms. Cavadas, aye, Mr. Figueiredo, aye.

In pursuance to notice duly published, the Clerk presented for consideration, as to second and final reading, an ordinance authorizing the sale of certain property within the Township of Union, no longer need for public use, at a private sale.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, NO LONGER NEED FOR PUBLIC USE, AT PRIVATE SALE, BY THE

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION,
COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

The Chairman announced public hearing on the said ordinance. There being no person present expressing the desire to be heard in this connection, it was, on motion of Mr. Bowser, seconded by Ms. Cavadas and carried, the Township Committee, resolved, that the aforesaid ordinance be and the same is hereby passed on second and final reading. Mr. Florio, aye, Ms. Delisfort, aye, Mr. Bowser, aye, Ms. Cavadas, aye, Mr. Figueiredo, aye.

In pursuance to notice duly published, the Clerk presented for consideration, as to second and final reading, an ordinance providing for various 2023 Capital Road and Park Improvements in the Township.

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS
2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY AND IN THE
TOWNSHIP OF UNION, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING
\$17,868,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE
ISSUANCE OF \$17,848,550 BONDS OR NOTES OF
THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST
THEREOF

The Chairman announced public hearing on the said ordinance. There being no person present expressing the desire to be heard in this connection, it was, on motion of Mr. Florio, seconded by Ms. Delisfort and carried, the Township Committee, resolved, that the aforesaid ordinance be and the same is hereby passed on second and final reading. Mr. Florio, aye, Ms. Delisfort, aye, Mr. Bowser, aye, Ms. Cavadas, aye, Mr. Figueiredo, aye.

In pursuance to notice duly published, the Clerk presented for consideration, as to second and final reading, an ordinance authorizing the salary ranges of Municipal Officials and employees of the Township of Union.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARY RANGES OF
MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF UNION IN THE COUNTY OF UNION

The Chairman announced public hearing on the said ordinance. There being no person present expressing the desire to be heard in this connection, it was, on motion of Ms. Delisfort, seconded by Mr. Florio and carried, the Township Committee, resolved, that the aforesaid ordinance be and the same is hereby passed on second and final reading. Mr. Florio, aye, Ms. Delisfort, aye, Mr. Bowser, aye, Ms. Cavadas, aye, Mr. Figueiredo, aye.

In pursuance to notice duly published, the Clerk presented for consideration, as to second and final reading, an ordinance authorizing the Township of Union to sublease to the Union Township Education Association an available office at 1000 Stuyvesant Avenue.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF
UNION, TO SUBLEASE TO THE UNION TOWNSHIP
EDUCATION ASSOCIATION AN AVAILABLE OFFICE THE
TOWNSHIP PRESENTLY LEASES AT 1000
STUYVESANT AVENUE, UNION, NJ.

The Chairman announced public hearing on the said ordinance. There being no person present expressing the desire to be heard in this

connection, it was, on motion of Mr. Bowser, seconded by Ms. Cavadas and carried, the Township Committee, resolved, that the aforesaid ordinance be and the same is hereby passed on second and final reading. Mr. Florio, aye, Ms. Delisfort, aye, Mr. Bowser, aye, Ms. Cavadas, aye, Mr. Figueiredo, aye.

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Mr. Florio, seconded by Ms. Delisfort, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2023-118:**

WHEREAS, the Township of Union desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$2,000,000.00 to carry out the project Rabkin Park Phase II Construction and Improvement Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

1. that the Township Committee of the Township of Union does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and
2. recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs does further authorize the execution of such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Township of Union and the Department of Community of Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the persons whose names, titles and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement and any other documents necessary in connection herewith.

The Clerk read: Authorizing the submission and execution of a grant application to the NJDEP Green Acres Program for the Bill Kolb Park Improvements.

Mayor Figueiredo opened a public hearing on this resolution. No one from the public wished to be heard. Mayor Figueiredo closed the public hearing.

On motion of Ms. Cavadas, seconded by Mr. Bowser, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2023-119:**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program ("State"), provides grants and/or loans to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition, development, and stewardship of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Union desires to further the public interest by obtaining grant funding in the amount of \$297,280.00, in the form of an \$297,280.00 matching grant and, if available, a \$0.00 loan, from the State to fund the following project: Bill Kolb Park Improvements Project at a cost of \$594,560.00;

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres 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 such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above-named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body/board resolves that:

Donald Travisano or the successor to the office of Township administrator is hereby authorized to:

a. make application for such a loan and/or 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.
The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding request, if a match is required, in the amount of \$297,280.00.;
In the event the State's funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
This resolution shall take effect immediately.

On motion of Ms. Delisfort, seconded by Mr. Florio, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2023-120:**

WHEREAS, the Township of Union has agreed to enter into a Shared Service Agreement with the Borough of Fanwood to provide a Qualified Purchasing Agent to the Borough; and
WHEREAS, such Shared Service Agreement is permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, and the agreement is attached hereto.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union that the Township Administrator is authorized to execute the Shared Services agreement with the Borough of Fanwood to provide the services of a Qualified Purchasing Agent with all terms and conditions provided in the attached agreement.

On motion of Mr. Bowser, seconded by Ms. Cavadas, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2023-121:**

WHEREAS, the Township of Union needs to adopt a memorandum of agreement with the members of the PBA Local 69, New Jersey Civil Service Association bargaining unit; and
WHEREAS, the memorandum has been ratified by the members of the PBA Local 69 union bargaining unit and reviewed by the Township Labor Attorney and can now be adopted.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Township of Union, County of Union, hereby accepts and adopts the attached memorandum of agreement between the Township and the members of the PBA Local 69 bargaining unit.

On motion of Mr. Florio, seconded by Ms. Delisfort, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2023-122:**

WHEREAS, the Township of Union needs to adopt a memorandum of agreement with the members of the S.O.A. Local 69, New Jersey Civil Service Association; and
WHEREAS, the memorandum has been ratified by the members of the SOA Local 69 union bargaining unit and reviewed by the Township Labor attorney and can now be adopted.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Township of Union, County of Union, hereby accepts and adopts the attached memorandum of agreement between the Township and the members of the SOA Local 69 bargaining unit.

On motion of Ms. Cavadas, seconded by Mr. Bowser, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2023-123:**

WHEREAS, the Township of Union needs to adopt a memorandum of

agreement with the members of the FMBA Local 46, New Jersey Civil Service Association bargaining unit; and
WHEREAS, the memorandum has been ratified by the members of the FMBA Local 46, union bargaining unit and reviewed by the Township Labor Attorney and can now be adopted.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Township of Union, County of Union, hereby accepts and adopts the attached memorandum of agreement between the Township and the members of the FMBA Local 46.

On motion of Ms. Delisfort, seconded by Mr. Florio, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2023-124:**

WHEREAS, the Township of Union needs to adopt a memorandum of agreement with the members of the FMBA Local 246, Fire Superior Officers' Association, New Jersey Civil Service Association bargaining unit; and
WHEREAS, the memorandum has been ratified by the members of the FMBA Local 246, Fire Superior Officers' Association union bargaining unit and reviewed by the Township Labor Attorney and can now be adopted.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Township of Union, County of Union, hereby accepts and adopts the attached memorandum of agreement between the Township and the members of the FMBA Local 246, Fire Superior Officers' Association.

On motion of Mr. Bowser, seconded by Ms. Cavadas, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2023-125:**

WHEREAS, the Township of Union needs to adopt the agreement reached with the members of the Council 8 bargaining unit; and
WHEREAS, the agreement has been ratified by the members of the Council 8 union bargaining unit and reviewed by the Township Labor Attorney and can now be adopted.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Township of Union, County of Union, hereby accepts and adopts the attached Collective Negotiations Agreement between the Township and the members of the Council 8 bargaining unit.

On motion of Mr. Florio, seconded by Ms. Delisfort, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2023-126:**

WHEREAS, the Township of Union is in need of services for the disposal of asphalt, concrete and concrete mix; and
WHEREAS, said purchases may exceed the bid threshold of \$44,000.00 for 2023; and
WHEREAS, quotes were received and Frank Galbraith & Son Excavation & Demolition LLC was the low responsive quote; and
WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works has issued a recommendation of award letter dated February 10, 2023, recommending that the Township award the disposal of asphalt, concrete and concrete mix to Frank Galbraith & Son Excavation & Demolition LLC, 831 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Union, in the County of Union, hereby authorizes the award of contract to Frank Galbraith & Son Excavation & Demolition LLC.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Purchasing Agent shall obtain a Certificate of Availability of Funds for purchases, not to exceed a total amount of \$20,000.00 and shall be encumbered to 3-01-26-305-184.

On motion of Ms. Cavadas, seconded by Mr. Bowser, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2023-**

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WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works solicited quotes for the 2023 Generator Maintenance for generators located within the Township of Union; and

WHEREAS, Kraft Power Company, 241 West Parkway, Pompton Plains, N.J. 07444 provided the sole quote at \$11,550.00 for the maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has reviewed the quotes and recommends that the award of contract to Kraft Power Company for the period of January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that there is sufficient funding for account 3-07-55-500-579 to award the contract and the aforementioned quote complies with the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law requirements; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union that the contract for the maintenance of Township Generators be awarded to Kraft Power Company, 241 West Parkway, Pompton Plains, N.J. 07444 in the amount not-to-exceed \$11,550.00.

On motion of Ms. Delisfort, seconded by Mr. Florio, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2023-128:**

WHEREAS, the Township of Union in the County of Union is in need of purchasing road materials (asphalt), and

WHEREAS, these can be purchased through the Union County Cooperative Pricing Council (UCCP-22-2020) from Weldon Materials, Inc., 141 Central Avenue, Westfield, NJ 07090

WHEREAS, the availability of funds has been certified by the Local Finance Officer in the amount of \$75,000.00 and will be charged to 3-01-26-290-232; and

WHEREAS, public bids are not required when the purchase is under Joint Purchasing Agreements in accordance with 40A:11-10 of the Local Public Contracts Law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Union hereby authorizes said purchase.

On motion of Mr. Bowser, seconded by Ms. Cavadas, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2023-129:**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2023-117 authorizing participation agreement with the Educational Services Commission of Morris; and

WHEREAS, the Township no longer wishes to enter into the Cooperative Pricing Agreement and therefore it is necessary to rescind Resolution No. 2023-117 and unencumber all funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, State of New Jersey rescinds Resolution No. 2023-117 which authorized a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Educational Services Commission of Morris.

On motion of Mr. Florio, seconded by Ms. Delisfort, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2023-130:**

WHEREAS, The Township has received the vouchers listed below which have been properly documented and checked, and

WHEREAS, said vouchers were submitted in accordance with the verification procedure designed by Suplee, Clooney and Company, which assures accurate calculation of charges for disposal and all applicable taxes, and

WHEREAS, The Township of Union continues to protect the interim rate of

\$75.09 per ton for household waste and \$107.12 for bulky waste, this resolution is authorized subject to a possible retroactive rate adjustment by the Department of Environmental Protection, Board of Public Utilities, in which case the Township will demand a refund, and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Township Committee of the Township of Union, in the County of Union, New Jersey, in a meeting assembled this 28th day of February 2023 hereby authorizes for payment the following vouchers, which are now owed, in accordance with the exceptions hereinbefore expressed.

On motion of Ms. Cavadas, seconded by Mr. Bowser, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2023-131**:

WHEREAS, the Township of Union wishes to have the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall for the residents to visit during May; and
WHEREAS, Vietnam Combat Veterans, Ltd. can display the Moving Wall from May 18 through May 22, 2023 for an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00; and
WHEREAS, all work will be performed according to the agreement attached hereto; and
WHEREAS, funds are available from the 2023 budget and the availability thereof has been certified by the Local Finance Officer; not to exceed \$7,000.00 and will be charged to 3-01-20-121-269.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee in the Township of Union in the County of Union hereby authorizes the Administrator to enter into a contract with Vietnam Combat Veterans, Ltd. to display the Vietnam Moving Wall in the Township for the dates stated; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this action shall be published in the Local Source.

On motion of Ms. Delisfort, seconded by Mr. Florio, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2023-132**:

WHEREAS, the Township of Union in the County of Union is in emergent need of purchasing ten (10) new police vehicles due to cancelled orders from 2020 through 2022; and
WHEREAS, vehicles were located at OC Welch Ford Lincoln, 4290 Independence Blvd, Highway 278, Hardeeville, S.C. 29927 and were available immediately; and
WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent has determined the need the vehicles to be necessary to provide safety to the residents of the Township and has determined the purchase to be of an emergency nature; and
WHEREAS, the availability of funds in the 2023 Municipal Budget has been certified by the Local Finance Officer in the total amount of \$445,600.00 and will be charged to 3-01-25-240-292.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Union hereby authorizes said purchase of police vehicles.

On motion of Mr. Bowser, seconded by Ms. Cavadas, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2023-133**:

WHEREAS, the Township of Union approved the competitive contracting process for electrical services for the Township by Resolution No. 2022-381; and
WHEREAS, four proposals were submitted and reviewed by the Director of Public Works who recommended the five year contract be awarded to Opus Electric LLC. at the rates provided; and
WHEREAS, the funds will be charged to the following accounts not to exceed a total amount of \$145,000.00 per year and shall be encumbered

to 3-01-26-310-282 -\$75,000.00, 3-01-25-240-282 -\$50,000.00, 3-01-25-265-282 -\$20,000.00 and each succeeding year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Township Committee of the Township of Union hereby authorizes a contract with Opus Electric LLC., P.O. Box 203, Union, New Jersey 07083, for the term of January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be published according to law in the Local Source.

On motion of Mr. Florio, seconded by Ms. Delisfort, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2023-134**:

WHEREAS, the Township of Union approved the competitive contracting process for plumbing services for the Township by Resolution No. 2022-380; and

WHEREAS, the three proposals were submitted and reviewed by the Director of Public Works who recommended the five year contract be awarded to Ed Donnelly Plumbing & Heating Co., Inc. at the rates provided; and

WHEREAS, the funds will be charged to the following accounts not to exceed a total amount of \$145,000.00 per year and shall be encumbered to 3-01-26-310-282 -\$75,000.00, 3-01-25-240-282 -\$50,000.00, 3-01-25-265-282 -\$20,000.00 and each succeeding year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Township Committee of the Township of Union hereby authorizes a contract with Ed Donnelly Plumbing & Heating Co. Inc., , 941 Capstan Drive, Forked River, New Jersey 08731, for the term of January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be published according to law in the Local Source.

On motion of Ms. Cavadas, seconded by Mr. Bowser, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2023-135**:

WHEREAS, the Township is in need of an employee assistance program; and

WHEREAS, proposals were solicited and one response received for the employee assistance program service; and

WHEREAS, it is now decided to enter into such a contract for a period of one-year January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted has been examined and studied, as a result of which a responsive proposal has been selected for the purposes of entering into the contract; and

WHEREAS, sums are available for said purpose and allowing of the entering into a contract with Intervention Strategies International, Inc., who provided a responsive proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined that the services to be performed and the amount to be paid therefore and the conditions set forth in said proposal are all reasonable; and

WHEREAS, the availability of sufficient funds not to exceed \$12,000.00 will be charged to 3-01-23-215-202 and has been certified by the Local Finance Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union that:

1. The Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute the proposal and to indicate that the same has been accepted and approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union.
2. A notice of this action shall be published in the Local Source.

On motion of Ms. Delisfort, seconded by Ms. Florio, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2023-136**:

WHEREAS, the Township of Union need to move outdated equipment and records from the Municipal building; and
WHEREAS, LTS Management provided a quote not to exceed \$34,954.00; and
WHEREAS, all work will be performed according to the agreement attached hereto; and
WHEREAS, funds are available from the 2023 budget and the availability thereof has been certified by the Local Finance Officer; not to exceed \$35,000.00 and will be charged as follows: \$4,092.35 - G-01-00-900-136 and \$30,907.65 -3-01-20-100-269 .
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee in the Township of Union in the County of Union hereby authorizes the Administrator to enter into a contract with LTS Management, 64-54 Maurice Ave., Suite 3, Maspeth, NY 11378; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this action shall be published in the Local Source.

On motion of Mr. Bowser, seconded by Ms. Cavadas, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2023-137:**

WHEREAS, the Township of Union has agreed to enter into a Shared Service Agreement with the Township of Springfield to provide a Certified Tax Collector to serve as Temporary Deputy Tax Collector to the Township; and
WHEREAS, such Shared Service Agreement is permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, and the agreement is attached hereto.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union that the hereby authorizes a Shared Services agreement with the Township of Springfield to provide the services of a Temporary Deputy Tax Collector with all terms and conditions provided in the attached agreement.

On motion of Mr. Florio, seconded by Ms. Delisfort, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2023-138:**

WHEREAS, the Township of Union has settled contracts with the members of the Local 69 Police Officers and Local 69 Superior Officers, Local 46 Firefighters and Local 246 Fire Superior Officers and Council 8 members; and
WHEREAS, the Township wishes to extend those same benefits to the non-represented employees in the Township in order to ensure consistency and fairness in their employment; and
WHEREAS, these employees would include Department Heads and confidential employees.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Township of Union, County of Union, hereby authorizes non-represented employees to receive the same benefits, monetary or otherwise, memorialized in the collective bargaining agreements.

FINANCES:

On motion of Ms. Cavadas, seconded by Mr. Bowser, and carried, the Township Committee authorized the payment of bills which are listed in the Permanent Claim's Register against the Township of Union, for the period February 2023, approved by respective Departments as being correct

On motion of Ms. Cavadas, seconded by Mr. Bowser, and carried, the Township Committee, RESOLVED, that refund of the following tax over-payments be approved and payment authorized:

| <u>BLOCK/ LOT</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>YEAR</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>DEDUCTION</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|
| 2004-2.708-C0708 | Anthony Horton | 2023-1 | \$1,631.45 | D/V |
| 3202-15.3009-C3009 | Hasana Caporella | 2023-1 | \$1,437.98 | D/V |
| 2716-2 | Fred Dixon | 2023-1 | \$2,117.75 | D/V |
| 2406-13 | Fabian Franco | 2023-1 | \$2,572.67 | D/V |
| 4603-6 | Khadike Gordon | 2023-1 | \$2,719.08 | D/V |
| 3901-10 | Nichole Drakeford | 2023-1 | \$2,938.70 | D/V |
| 4910-16 | David Collins | 2023-1 | \$2,374.22 | D/V |
| 4813-3 | Lucy Sonera Adams | 2023-1 | \$2,049.77 | D/V |
| 4605-8 | Rafael Gabot | 2023-1 | \$2,217.10 | D/V |
| 5220-4 | Francis Alieu | 2023-1 | \$2,661.56 | D/V |
| 2509-22 | Martin Soto | 2023-1 | \$2,672.02 | D/V |

The Clerk presented listing of "Adjustment of Taxes Receivable" submitted by the Collector of Taxes for remission, in pursuance to Revised Statutes. On motion of Mr. Bowser, seconded by Ms. Cavadas, RESOLVED, that the said listing be received and that in pursuance of the Collector's recommendation, he be and is hereby authorized to cancel of record the taxes enumerated in the listing as follows:

| <u>LOT/BLOCK</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>YEAR</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>DEDUCTION</u> |
|------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|
| 5220-4 | Francis Alieu | 2023-1 | \$2,661.56 | D/V |
| | | 2023-2 | \$2,661.56 | D/V |

On motion of Mr. Bowser, seconded by Ms. Cavadas, and carried, the Township Committee authorized payment of Community Development Agency Bills in the amount of \$5,870.80.

COMMUNICATIONS:

From: Terri Malanda, Tax Collector, Re: Requesting the Township Committee authorize checks issued to the following representing the redemption of tax sale certificates;

| NAME | AMOUNT | CERT# | LOCATION |
|------------------|-------------|----------|-------------------|
| PPP New, LLC | \$2483.06 | 22-00075 | 251 Montclair Ave |
| | \$2600.00 | | |
| Fig 20, LLC FBO | \$2764.91 | 22-00068 | 330 Tower St |
| Sec PTY | \$3200.00 | | |
| Fig 20, LLC FBO | \$2549.23 | 22-00005 | 600 Duquesne Terr |
| Sec PTY | \$3100.00 | | |
| Realty Solutions | \$2167.10 | 22-00060 | 1581 Edmund Terr |
| JV, LLC | \$2700.00 | | |
| Devir Shriky | \$1336.19 | 22-00003 | 366 Salem Rd |
| | \$2400.00 | | |
| Realty Solutions | \$4700.62 | 22-00002 | 126 Sinclair Ave |
| JV, LLC | \$3000.00 | | |
| Fig 20, LLC FBO | \$1449.87 | 22-00070 | 74 Revere Ave |
| Sec PTY | \$2200.00 | | |
| PPP New, LLC | \$3000.00 | 22-00069 | 10 Harrington St |
| | \$4400.00 | | |
| Fig 20, LLC FBO | \$3618.21 | 22-00064 | 1616 Edmund Terr |
| Sec PTY | \$4500.00 | | |
| Realty Solutions | \$8197.05 | 22-00074 | 338 Oswald Place |
| JV LLC | \$25,200.00 | | |

On motion of Ms. Delisfort, seconded by Mr. Florio, and carried, the Township Committee moved to approve the payments.

From: Joseph Venezia, Township Engineer, Re: Requesting Payment No. 5 to Your Way Construction in the amount of \$290,416.26 for work completed through February 6, 2023 in connection with the Rabkin Park Turf Field Improvements.

On motion of Mr. Bowser, seconded by Ms. Cavadas, and carried, the Township Committee moved moved to approve the payment.

From: Anthony Monguso, Construction Official, Re: Requesting a refund to Kontos Real Estate in the amount of \$10,000.00 for a demolition bond.

On motion of Mr. Florio, seconded by Ms. Delisfort, and carried, the Township Committee moved to approve the refund.

Ratifying a request to hang banners and signs for the Union County Saint Patrick's Day Parade at Stuyvesant & Morris Avenue, and Stuyvesant & Axton Avenue.

On motion of Ms. Cavadas, seconded by Mr. Bowser, and carried, the Township Committee moved to authorize the request.

On motion of Ms. Delisfort, seconded by Mr. Florio, and carried, the Township Committee moved to receive and file the following department reports:

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Municipal Court

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ms. Delisfort:

- Ms. Delisfort presented the DPW report.

Mr. Florio:

- Mr. Florio presented the report from the Police Department.

Mr. Bowser:

- Mr. Bowser presented the Recreation report.
- Mr. Bowser presented the Senior report.

Ms. Cavadas:

- Ms. Cavadas moved the approval of the following licenses:
Gas Stations
Adam 7-11 LLC – 2446 Route 22 West
Double D Service – 2674 Morris Avenue
RFRL Petroleum Corp – 2350 Route 22 Center Island
BYOB
Soul Food Factory – 1967 Morris Avenue
Private Pump
Elizabethtown Gas – 520 Green Lane
Outdoor Café
Cioffi's Italian Restaurant – 929 Stuyvesant Avenue
The motion was seconded by Ms. Delisfort, and carried.
- Ms. Cavadas made a motion to have a Budget Workshop meeting on March 28th at 5PM in the conference room. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bowser and carried.
- Ms. Cavadas presented the Fire Report.

Mr. Figueiredo:

- Mr. Figueiredo congratulated UHS students Alissa Alcindor for recently placing 6th in the State in the 235 lbs weight class and Chris Thomas, who advanced in the Bowling State Tournament.
- Mr. Figueiredo congratulated Lieutenant Kurt Carter who finished 2nd place in the 4x400 relay with the Garmin Runners M40 team.
- Mr. Figueiredo announced the 2nd annual You, Me, and a Cup of Tea event at Liberty Hall Museum in honor of Women's History Month.

- Mr. Figueiredo announced the Grand Openings of Bond Vet, March 5th at 1PM & Barnes & Noble, March 8th at 9am. They are both located at 2401 Route 22.
- Mr. Figueiredo invited our small businesses to join Union and UCEDC on March 19th at 9am for a Small Business Webinar.
- Mr. Figueiredo announced the 26th Annual County Saint Patrick's Day parade will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2023 at 1pm.
- Mr. Figueiredo encouraged all residents to sign up for Everbridge notifications.

PUBLIC HEARING:

No one expressed a desire to be heard.

There being no further business presented, the Township Committee on motion of Mr. Florio, seconded by Ms. Delisfort, and carried, adjourned the meeting, the time being 8:17pm.

Dated: February 28, 2023

Manuel Figueiredo, Chairman of the
Township Committee of the Township
of Union in the County of Union.

Eileen Birch, Township Clerk