

TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2023

Clerk Reese called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and read the following statement:

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting was provided on January 12, 2023; publication in the Echoes Sentinel, sending written notices to the Courier News and Star Ledger and posting on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building and filing with the Township Clerk.

This meeting is broadcasted live on the Township's website and our Facebook page and available virtually via ZOOM. It is also broadcasted live on the Access Channel and will be taped for rebroadcast. Everyone is required to comply with the policies and procedures governing access programming for the Access Channel. No mention of political affiliation or political advertising shall take place at this meeting or it will be deleted from any rebroadcast of the meeting.

Public comments at the public hearings for ordinances and resolutions as well as agenda items, are limited to 3 minutes per person, unless extended discussion is permitted by the Mayor.

ROLL CALL: Committeeman Croson, Committeewoman Lontai, Committeeman Sordillo and Deputy Mayor Lazo were all present. Mayor DiNardo was absent but excused.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENTATIONS:

Deputy Mayor Lazo and Committeewoman Lontai made the presentation for WHRHS First Team State Honors:

Hunter Seubert and Riley McCain, 1st Team All-State Football
Jenna Tobia, 1st Team All-State & All American for Soccer

Committeewoman Lontai presented a Certificate of Achievement to Leila Quadri – Essay Winner - Somerset County Commission on the Status of Women

Committeeman Sordillo made a motion to approve the Regular & Executive Minutes of the February 16, 2023 Meeting. Seconded by Committeeman Croson, Voice Vote: Deputy Mayor Lazo abstained. Committeeman Croson, Committeeman Sordillo and Committeewoman Lontai approved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Committeeman Croson read the following ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 23-02 (Public Hearing / Adoption)
AN ORDINANCE RELEASING, EXTINGUISHING AND VACATING ALL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN'S RIGHT, TITLE, AND INTEREST IN AND TO THAT UNIMPROVED STREET KNOWN AS WATCHUNG HEIGHTS AVENUE IN THE TOWNSHIP.

Deputy Mayor Lazo opened the public hearing. As there were no comments, he closed the public hearing and asked for a motion to adopt.

Committeeman Croson made a Motion to adopt, seconded by Committeewoman Lontai. Roll call: Committeeman Croson, yes; Committeewoman Lontai, yes; Committeeman Sordillo, yes and Deputy Mayor Lazo, yes.

Committeewoman Lontai read the following ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 23-03 (Public Hearing / Adoption)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, REPEALING SECTION 4-9, TITLED "CABLE TELEVISION" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN

Deputy Mayor Lazo opened the public hearing. As there were no comments, he closed the public hearing and asked for a motion to adopt.

Committeewoman Lontai made a motion to adopt, seconded by Committeeman Croson. Roll call: Committeeman Croson, yes; Committeewoman Lontai, yes; Committeeman Sordillo, yes and Deputy Mayor Lazo, yes.

Committeeman Sordillo read the following ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 23-04 (Public Hearing / Adoption)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AMENDNG ORDINANCE NO. 22-24, SECTION 8-12.2, TO SET THE INSPECTION FEE FOR RESIDENTIAL RENTAL LEAD PAINT TESTING

Deputy Mayor Lazo opened the public hearing. As there were no comments, he closed the public hearing and asked for a motion to adopt.

Committeewoman Sordillo made a motion to adopt, seconded by Committeeman Croson. Roll call: Committeeman Croson, yes; Committeewoman Lontai, yes; Committeeman Sordillo, yes and Deputy Mayor Lazo, yes.

REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICES OR OFFICIALS - There were none at this time

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committeewoman Lontai reported that the March 1st Covid Clinic was a success and reminded everyone that Covid is still around and urged residents to get vaccinated and boosted.

Committeeman Croson reminded everyone that currently, sign up is open for BOE Kindergarten. For Recreation, the new pavilion is scheduled to be finished on May 31st, March 20th starts registration for summer camp and planning for the July Concert series is ongoing. For Historic Sites, the HSAC is researching restoring the Eggomatic device and moving it to the Wagner Farm.

Committeeman Sordillo attended the Fire Department Awards Dinner and thanked the department for their service to Warren. The Lions Club Expo is scheduled to begin on June 14. Casino Night is scheduled for Saturday March 18. He also attended the IMA ribbon cutting and welcomed one more successful business to Warren.

Committeeman Sordillo addressed the rumors on Facebook that he did not live in Warren. He assured everyone that he and his wife live in the Town Center development in Warren, and on weekends in the summer, vacations at his Lake House in PA.

Deputy Mayor Lazo noted that they are currently reviewing the overlay list for 2023. The Committee is planning a "Did You Know" series to inform residents about the services available in each Town Hall department.

Administrator Krane reported that he had a meeting with NJ American Water regarding replacing pipe in Warren and Greenbrook starting March 27 and continuing through 2024.

COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mrs. Molnar of Stoningham Drive had questions about Ordinances 23-05 and 23-06, which Administrator Krane addressed.

Mr. Gilbert of Flintlock Drive had questions regarding the Master Plan Consultant RFP. Attorney Lehrer noted that Planner John Chadwick will be handling the reexamination of the Master Plan which is scheduled for 2023. The Master Plan will be addressed at numerous Planning Board open public meetings for the public to add their suggestions and input to the process.

Noora Kuran, of the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom thanked the Township Committee for supporting the recognition of the Diwali, Eid Al Fitr and Yom Kippur Holidays and presented each Committee member with a certificate of appreciation.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Committeeman Croson read the following resolutions in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-085 BILL LIST A

Committeeman Croson made a motion to approve, seconded by Committeewoman Lontai. Roll call: Committeeman Croson, yes; Committeewoman Lontai, yes; Committeeman Sordillo, yes and Deputy Mayor Lazo, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-086 BILL LIST B

Committeeman Croson made a motion to approve, seconded by Committeewoman Lontai. Roll call: Committeeman Croson, yes; Committeewoman Lontai, yes; Committeeman Sordillo, abstain and Deputy Mayor Lazo, yes.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS – There were none at this time

OLD BUSINESS: - There was none at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

Committeewoman Lontai read the following ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 23-05 (Introduction / First Reading)

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,000.00, TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR REVISIONS TO THE MASTER PLAN

Committeewoman Lontai made a motion to approve, seconded by Committeeman Croson. Roll call: Committeeman Croson, yes; Committeewoman Lontai, yes; Committeeman Sordillo, yes and Deputy Mayor Lazo, yes. Public Hearing is scheduled for April 20, 2023.

Committeeman Croson read the following ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 23-06 (Introduction / First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, CREATING NEW SECTION 2-14.6A ENTITLED "SEWER USE FEES" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN

Committeeman Croson made a motion to approve, seconded by Committeewoman Lontai. Roll call: Committeeman Croson, yes; Committeewoman Lontai, yes; Committeeman Sordillo, yes and Deputy Mayor Lazo, yes. Public Hearing is scheduled for April 20, 2023.

Committeeman Sordillo read the following ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 23-07 (Introduction / First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REPEALING SECTION 15-10A OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN TITLED "FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION"; TO ADOPT A NEW SECTION 15-10A TITLED "FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT"; TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; AND TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Committeeman Sordillo made a motion to approve, seconded by Committeewoman Lontai. Discussion: Administrator Krane noted that this ordinance was mandated by the New Jersey DEP. Roll call: Committeeman Croson, yes; Committeewoman Lontai, yes; Committeeman Sordillo, yes and Deputy Mayor Lazo, yes. Public Hearing is scheduled for April 20, 2023.

Committeeman Sordillo read the following resolution in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-087

RECOGNITION OF DIWALI, EID AL FITR AND YOM KIPPUR HOLIDAYS

Committeeman Sordillo made a motion to approve, seconded by Committeeman Croson. Roll call: Committeeman Croson, yes; Committeewoman Lontai, yes; Committeeman Sordillo, yes and Deputy Mayor Lazo, yes.

Committeeman Croson read the following resolution in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-088

AUTHORIZING HOMETOWN HEROES BANNER PROGRAM

Committeeman Croson made a motion to approve, seconded by Committeewoman Lontai. Roll call: Committeeman Croson, yes; Committeewoman Lontai, yes; Committeeman Sordillo, yes and Deputy Mayor Lazo, yes.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolutions No. 2023-089 through No. 2023-096 were submitted to the Township Committee for review and may be adopted by one motion. These resolutions are listed on the agenda for review and a complete copy made available in the Township Clerk's office.

- 2023-089 AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF MUNICIPAL GROUNDS PERMIT AND SIGN PERMIT - LIONS CLUB EXPO
- 2023-090 AWARD OF CONTRACT IMPROVEMENTS TO MUNICIPAL TENNIS COURTS
- 2023-091 AUTHORIZING INSTALLATION OF EIGHTEEN (18) FIRE HYDRANTS AT THE HILLS AT WARREN DEVELOPMENT
- 2023-092 AUTHORIZING RESERVE BUDGET TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$138,000
- 2023-093 THIS RESOLUTION AUTHORIZES THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN "SUBDIVISION PARTICIPATION AND RELEASE FORMS" TO EFFECTUATE THE "ALLERGAN SETTLEMENT", THE "TEVA SETTLEMENT", THE "CVS SETTLEMENT", THE "WALGREENS

SETTLEMENT” AND THE “WALMART SETTLEMENT”, ACTING AS THE PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLY CHAIN PARTICIPANTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT ENTITLED “*IN RE NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION CASE*” IN ORDER FOR WARREN TOWNSHIP TO RECEIVE ITS SHARE OF ALLOCATED FUND

- 2023-094 AUTHORIZING STIPEND FOR CABLE STATION MANAGER
- 2023-095 APPOINTMENTS TO MUNICIPAL OFFICES AND BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
- 2023-096 AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR THE ARC OF SOMERSET COUNTY OLD STIRLING FLOORING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT UPGRADE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - 57 OLD STIRLING ROAD

Committeewoman Lontai made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Resolutions No. 2023-089 through 2023-096, seconded by Committeeman Sordillo. Roll call: Committeeman Croson, yes; Committeewoman Lontai, yes; Committeeman Sordillo, yes and Deputy Mayor Lazo, yes.

DEFERRED BUSINESS – There was none at this time

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) Elm Avenue Sewer Project Update
Administrator Krane read his memo in full to update the Committee on the results of the joint study (Exhibit a). Only 8 agreements have been returned. He recommended that the Committee consider carving out one section at a time in order to meet the minimum requirements to proceed.
- b) 2023 Municipal Budget – Administrator Krane noted that the budget must be introduced at the April 20th Township Committee meeting. He asked the Committee members to have their comments to him by April 1st. It was noted that the average home values in Warren increased for 2023 to \$824,000 from \$782,000 in 2022.
- c) Use of Opioid Settlement funds – The Township has already received \$24,358.54, but could receive as much as an additional \$200,000 if the Township signs the settlement agreement proposed by the Teva, CVS, Walgreens, Walmart and Allergen. Attorney Lehrer has advised the Township Committee to sign the agreement. There are specific uses for the funding in the agreement. All agreed that education programs at the Middle School level should be the focus for the funding.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Members of the public, wishing to address the governing body on any matter, are limited to three (3) minutes, unless there are unusual circumstances.

Three Warren residents requested the Committee consider continuing Zoom for their meetings. An additional three residents from Warren requested a second PILOT educational seminar.

Mr. Faro from Sage Drive reported trash dumping at Wagner Farm, which Administrator Krane said he would address with DPW and call Mr. Faro to discuss the Water notice he received.

As there was no further business to discuss Deputy Mayor Lazo asked for Motion to adjourn. Committeewoman Lontai made the motion seconded by Committeeman Croson. Voice Vote: All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Reese, RMC
Township Clerk

Approved: April 20, 2023

**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-084
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L.1975 Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to discuss the following;

- Litigation –** Keating vs. Warren Township
- Potential Litigation –** Dredging Contract – Warren Pond
- Attorney Client –** Affordable Housing 2025 Consortium
Affordable Housing Fees Collection
PIRHL Consent to transfer

Potential Land Acquisition- Block 55, Lot 6

WHEREAS, when and if the matters discussed become public record, they will be made known to the public at that time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Warren, that the public be excluded from this meeting.

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
X		CROSON	X			
		LONTAI	X			
		SORDILLO	X			
	X	LAZO	X			
		DINARDO				X

CERTIFICATION

I, Cathy Reese, Township Clerk of the Township of Warren, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Township Committee held on March 16, 2023.

Cathy Reese, RMC
Township Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-085**

PAYMENT OF BILLS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Somerset, New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be and hereby is authorized to pay current bills in the amount of **\$6,705,190.36** and made a part hereof, consisting of payments as follows:

Warren Township BOE	\$3,509,624.00
WHRHS	\$1,595,238.00
Sewer Utility	\$ 339,679.76
Township Expenses	\$1,260,648.60

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
X		CROSON	X			
	X	LONTAI	X			
		SORDILLO	X			
		LAZO	X			
		DINARDO				X

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**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-086**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Somerset, New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be and hereby is authorized to pay current bills in the amount of **\$17,361.40** per the attached list.

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
X		CROSON	X			
	X	LONTAI	X			
		SORDILLO			X	
		LAZO	X			
		DINARDO				X

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**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-087**

RECOGNITION OF DIWALI, EID AL FITR AND YOM KIPPUR HOLIDAYS

WHEREAS, the Township of Warren is a wonderfully diverse community built on values of respect, tolerance and acceptance of one another; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Warren commends the recent action of the Warren Township Board of Education including the holidays Diwali and Eid al Fitr in their 2023-24 school calendar; and

WHEREAS, Eid al-Fitr, also known as the “Feast of Breaking the Fast”, is a joyous occasion marking the end of the holy month of Ramadan; and

WHEREAS, Eid al-Fitr is one of the most important holidays celebrated by Muslims worldwide and includes prayer services, gifts to charity and family celebrations; and

WHEREAS, Diwali, also known as the “Festival of Lights”, is an important holiday within Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism and Sikhism and symbolizes the “victory of light over darkness” as well as new beginnings and, for some, the New Year; and

WHEREAS, Diwali is often celebrated with lights, fireworks, traditional foods and family celebrations; and

WHEREAS, Yom Kippur, also known as the “Day of Atonement”, is the holiest of the Jewish holiday and a solemn day celebrated ten days after the start of Rosh Hashanah; and

WHEREAS, Yom Kippur traditions include fasting, reflection, special services and breaking the feast with festive meals and family gatherings; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Warren appreciates the significant importance of these holidays and the fellowship with local community and joins with its neighbors in celebrating the holidays Diwali, Eid al-Fitr and Yom Kippur.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey does hereby recognize Diwali, Eid al-Fitr and Yom Kippur and wishes those who observe, a joyous holiday celebration in 2023

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
	X	CROSON	X			
		LONTAI	X			
X		SORDILLO	X			
		LAZO	X			
		DINARDO				X

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Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-088
AUTHORIZING HOMETOWN HEROES BANNER PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to offer the opportunity for the families of Warren Veterans to honor their military service by authorizing a Hometown Heroes Banner program as a living tribute for the family and the community to honor past and present members of the armed forces and their family members; and

WHEREAS, the Township has 72 light poles in the town center under Township ownership will be utilized for the program and provide 144 potential sponsorships utilizing both sides of the banners; and

WHEREAS, the sponsorship will provide for the cost of the banners and the township will bear the cost of administration and banner installation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Warren as follows:

- 1) There is hereby authorized the Warren Township Hometown Heroes Banner Program.
- 2) The Warren Township Recreation Department is designated with the responsibility to advertise for, solicit sponsorships and process application for the banners.
- 3) The Recreation Department shall create an application for sponsors which shall contain at minimum the following information
 - a) Name of Honoree
 - b) Rank
 - c) Era War or conflict served
 - d) Branch of service
 - e) Status (KIA/MIA/POW)
 - f) Medals (Purple Heart/ Silver Star, Bronze Star or other
 - g) Photo of Honoree at the time of service
- 4) Cost of the sponsorship will be \$130
- 5) The Superintendent of Public Works upon receipt of application from the Recreation Director shall order and install the banner
- 6) The Superintendent of Department of Public Works shall, in his sole discretion, determine the banner placement and how the honorees will pair on the double-sided banners.
- 7) Sponsored banners shall be posted for 5 years or as long as the banners are in proper condition as determined by the Superintendent, whichever is more. The Township, subject to the reason for the damage to the banner, may replace banner at the Township's cost
- 8) The Recreation Department shall maintain a waiting list.
- 9) Banners applications will be accepted on a first come first serve basis.
- 10) Hometown Hero Banners will be displayed from, on or about May 15 of each year to on or about June 25 of each year and from, on or about November 1 of each year to on or about November 25 of each year
- 11) Honorees or their family members sponsoring the banner must be residents of Warren Township at the time of the sponsorship

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
X		CROSON	X			
	X	LONTAI	X			
		SORDILLO	X			
		LAZO	X			
		DINARDO				X

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Cathy Reese, RMC
Township Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-089**

**AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF MUNICIPAL GROUNDS PERMIT AND SIGN PERMIT -
LIONS CLUB EXPO**

WHEREAS, the Warren Township Lions Club has submitted an application for use of the Township’s municipal grounds for the Lions Expo to be held June 10 through June 18, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Lions Club is requesting June 10 through June 19, 2023 as set-up dates and June 19, 2023 as clean up date; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Warren hereby authorizes the Township Administrator to approve the application for use of municipal grounds pursuant to the following conditions:

- 1) The Lions Club shall provide the required insurance certificate to the administrator.
- 2) The Lions Club shall coordinate the site plan for the event with the Superintendent of Public Works as to not conflict with any ongoing construction projects at the Town Hall Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lions Club requests approval from the Township Committee to hang a banner across Mt. Bethel Road advertising the Lions Expo, the Zoning Officer is hereby authorized and directed to obtain a Sign Permit application from the Lions Club and, pursuant to the Zoning Officer’s recommendation, to issue the sign permit.

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		CROSON	X			
X		LONTAI	X			
	X	SORDILLO	X			
		LAZO	X			
		DINARDO				X

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Cathy Reese, RMC
Township Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-090**

**AWARD OF CONTRACT
IMPROVEMENTS TO MUNICIPAL TENNIS COURTS**

WHEREAS, bids for improvements to three (3) tennis courts at the Municipal Complex were advertised in the February 16, 2023 edition of the Courier News and received on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, five (5) bids were received in connection with the bid request; and

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc., the Project Engineer reviewed the bids and recommends that the bid be awarded to the lowest responsive bidder, Halecon, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has reviewed the bid and finds such bid in order; and

WHEREAS, a certificate showing the availability of funds for this contract in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.5 has been provided by the Chief Financial Officer and is made a part hereof indicating the appropriation for the within expenditure is charged to the 2022 Open Space Trust Fund Budget Account No. 3-03-286-56-2401.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Warren, that Halecon, Inc., 126 Billian Street, Bridgewater, NJ, in the amount of \$127,488.00 is hereby awarded the contract for the Municipal Complex tennis courts improvements as advertised in the bid request;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate Township officials are authorized to execute the necessary contracts and purchase orders.

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		CROSON	X			
X		LONTAI	X			
	X	SORDILLO	X			
		LAZO	X			
		DINARDO				X

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Cathy Reese, RMC
Township Clerk

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION

I, KAREN DENAVE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ADEQUATE FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE ABOVE REFERENCED PURCHASE. MONIES ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCOUNT #3-03-286-56-2401.

DATED: MARCH 16, 2023

KAREN DENAVE
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-091**

**AUTHORIZING INSTALLATION OF EIGHTEEN (18) FIRE HYDRANTS
AT THE HILLS AT WARREN DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS the Warren Township Fire Marshal has approved the locations of eighteen (18) new fire hydrants at the Hills at Warren project, located at Hillcrest Road and Emerson Lane, as shown on the attached maps; and

WHEREAS six (6) hydrants are located in the public right-of-way along Hillcrest Road and twelve (12) hydrants are located on private property; and

WHEREAS financial responsibility and fees to New Jersey American Water Company for the twelve (12) hydrants located on private property are the responsibility of the Property Owner and that financial responsibility and fees to New Jersey American Water Company for the six (6) hydrants located in the Public Right-of- Way are the responsibility of the Township of Warren.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Warren in the County of Somerset, New Jersey that authorization be given to New Jersey American Water Company for the installation of eighteen (18) new fire hydrants (6 public and 12 private) in the Hills at Warren development project as shown on the attached maps.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED New Jersey American Water Company should provide certification indicating adequate residual minimum pressure of 20 psi be maintained as well as an acceptable flow test to be run prior to placing these systems in operation.

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		CROSON	X			
X		LONTAI	X			
	X	SORDILLO	X			
		LAZO	X			
		DINARDO				X

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Township Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-092
AUTHORIZING RESERVE BUDGET TRANSFERS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$138,000**

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-59, (with not less than 2/3 of the full membership concurring), the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to make the following transfers from accounts within the inside CAP portion of the budget to accounts inside and outside the CAP portion of the Budget in the amount of \$138,000.00 in the 2022 Reserve Budget.

FROM:

Account #	Account Name	Amount
2-01-20-100-6015	Admin & Executive OE	\$10,000.00
2-01-20-120-5001	Township Clerk S&W	\$6,000.00
2-01-20-130-6102	Finance OE	\$5,000.00
2-01-20-155-6111	Legal OE	\$10,000.00
2-01-21-185-6101	Zoning Board of Adjustment	\$2,000.00
2-01-22-195-6114	Construction Code	\$10,000.00
2-01-25-275-6101	Prosecutor OE	\$4,000.00
2-01-26-290-5002	Roads S&W	\$15,000.00
2-01-26-305-6102	Recycling OE	\$7,000.00
2-01-27-330-6101	Health OE	\$4,000.00
2-01-30-420-6799	Public Events	\$10,000.00
2-01-31-430-7002	Electric OE	\$10,000.00
2-01-31-440-7020	Telephone OE	\$5,000.00
2-01-31-447-7002	Fuel Oil OE	\$21,000.00
2-01-31-460-7001	Gasoline OE	\$9,000.00
2-01-36-472-6097	FICA OE	\$10,000.00
	TOTAL	\$138,000.00

TO:

Account #	Account Name	Amount
2-01-44-910-6901	Capital Improvement Fund	\$138,000.00
	TOTAL	\$138,000.00

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		CROSON	X			
X		LONTAI	X			
	X	SORDILLO	X			
		LAZO	X			
		DINARDO				X

CERTIFICATION

I, Cathy Reese, Township Clerk of the Township of Warren, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Township Committee held on March 16, 2023

Cathy Reese, RMC
Township Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-093**

THIS RESOLUTION AUTHORIZES THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN “SUBDIVISION PARTICIPATION AND RELEASE FORMS” TO EFFECTUATE THE “ALLERGAN SETTLEMENT”, THE “TEVA SETTLEMENT”, THE “CVS SETTLEMENT”, THE “WALGREENS SETTLEMENT” AND THE “WALMART SETTLEMENT”, ACTING AS THE PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLY CHAIN PARTICIPANTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT ENTITLED “*IN RE NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION CASE*” IN ORDER FOR WARREN TOWNSHIP TO RECEIVE ITS SHARE OF ALLOCATED FUNDS

WHEREAS, the ongoing opioid crisis in America has had a devastating effect on individuals and communities, including many here in the Township of Warren; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Warren is a party to a class action lawsuit filed by state, local, and tribal governments, hospitals, individuals, and insurers, seeking damages against opioid manufacturers, distributors, and retailers in *In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, Case No. 17-md-02804, MDL No. 2804, in the District Court for the Northern District of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2021, Acting Attorney General Andrew J. Bruck announced that New Jersey intends to join nationwide settlement agreements with New Jersey based pharmaceutical company Johnson & Johnson and the United States’ three largest pharmaceutical distributors, McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen, to resolve claims involving their roles in fomenting the country’s opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, participation in the nationwide settlements will not only hold the companies financially accountable by requiring payments of as much as \$26 billion, the settlements will provide funding to support programs that address the opioid epidemic in New Jersey and across the country, and will require significant changes in the pharmaceutical industry aimed at preventing similar crises in the future; and

WHEREAS, the proposed settlements provide:

“the Distributors to pay up to \$21 billion over 18 years and Janssen to pay up to \$5 billion over no more than 9 years, for a total of \$26 billion (the “Settlement Amount”). Of the Settlement Amount, approximately \$22.7 billion is earmarked for use by participating states and subdivisions to remediate and abate the impacts of the opioid crisis. The Settlements also contain injunctive relief provisions governing the opioid marketing, sale and distribution practices at the heart of the states’ and subdivisions’ lawsuits and further require the Distributors to implement additional safeguards to prevent diversion of prescription opioids;” and

WHEREAS, participation by a significant number of states, county, and municipal governments nationwide must agree to the proposed terms in order for the settlements to take effect; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2022-056 adopted on January 27, 2022, the Township of Warren authorized the execution of any documents necessary in order to join the settlement agreements with Johnson & Johnson, McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen to resolve claims involving their participation in the opioid crisis; and.

WHEREAS, the Township’s share in the settlement funds will ultimately depend on the number of counties and municipalities that opt-in, population of each participating county and

municipality, and effects of the opioid epidemic on each participating community; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Township and its residents to participate and join in the settlement agreements in order to hold these companies financially accountable for the ongoing opioid crisis and to implement the necessary changes to prevent such a crisis from happening again in the near future; and

WHEREAS, five (5) new proposed opioid settlements have been reached with Alergan, Teva, CVS, Walgreens and Walmart (the "Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants"); and

WHEREAS, each of the aforesaid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants require the Township Administrator to docu-sign settlement documents by April 18, 2022 in order to be eligible to receive settlement funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Warren that the Township Administrator is authorized to sign any documents necessary in order for the Township of Warren to be eligible to receive opioid settlement funds from the aforesaid five (5) Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLOVED that the Administrator, upon adoption of this Resolution and the docu-signing of the respective five (5) Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants Subdivision Participation and Release Forms, shall be authorized to file same by no later than April 18, 2023 in the manner prescribed by the State of New Jersey, Office of Attorney General.

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		CROSON	X			
X		LONTAI	X			
	X	SORDILLO	X			
		LAZO	X			
		DINARDO				X

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Cathy Reese, RMC
Township Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-094**

AUTHORIZING STIPEND FOR CABLE STATION MANAGER

WHEREAS, Elizabeth George has served as Manager of the Warren Township Cable Station since 2007; and

WHEREAS, Ms. George has received an annual stipend to compensate her for her duties as Cable Station Manager, which includes ensuring the proper operation of the Cable Station, scheduling of programming, and other operational duties; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey that Elizabeth George shall receive an annual stipend of \$10,750.00 for 2023 to be paid in quarterly increments through the Township's purchasing system.

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		CROSON	X			
X		LONTAI	X			
	X	SORDILLO	X			
		LAZO	X			
		DINARDO				X

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**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-095
APPOINTMENTS TO MUNICIPAL OFFICES AND
BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Warren that the following persons be and hereby are appointed to Municipal Offices/Positions and Boards and Committees:

To December 31, 2023:

SOMERSET COUNTY CULTURAL ADVISOR
Margareta Warlick

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Cherie L. Krebs-Woods

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		CROSON	X			
X		LONTAI	X			
	X	SORDILLO	X			
		LAZO	X			
		DINARDO				X

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**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-096**

**AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR THE
ARC OF SOMERSET COUNTY OLD STIRLING FLOORING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT
UPGRADE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
57 OLD STIRLING ROAD**

WHEREAS, the Arc of Somerset County has identified the need for upgrades and improvements to the facility for the Developmental and Physical Disability Center for Adults at 57 Old Stirling Road in Warren; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Warren approves of the necessary improvements to be made to this facility; and

WHEREAS, the Arc of Somerset County will use this grant to offset the total cost of \$55,000.00 to improve the interior of the facility at 57 Old Stirling Road.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, hat the Township Committee of the Township of Warren does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Clerk are authorized to sign the application for the Community Development Block Grant Application for the Arc of Somerset County facility improvements at the Warren Township facility

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		CROSON	X			
X		LONTAI	X			
	X	SORDILLO	X			
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