COMBINED MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OLD BRIDGE
November 9, 2021

A Combined Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Old Bridge was held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. The meeting was called to order by President Sohor who asked all present to participate in a salute to the flag. President Sohor asked for a moment of silence for all those who are protecting our freedom both here and abroad. To our First Responders and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and our Veterans. Councilman Paskitti administered the Council prayer.

Township Clerk Siboni announced that this meeting was being held in conformance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice has been given to the newspaper and notice of the meeting has been posted in public places.

Roll call by Ms. Siboni showed the following answering present: Councilmembers DePalma, Greenberg-Belli, Murphy, Paskitti, Walker and President Sohor. Councilmember Razzoli was absent. Note: Council Person Merwin arrived at 7:50 P.M. & Council Person Brown arrived at 8:24 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
On a motion by Council Person Walker, seconded by Council Person DePalma, with everyone present in favor minutes of February 9, 2021, was approved.
Ayes: Council Persons DePalma, Dr. Greenberg-Belli, Murphy, Paskitti, Walker and Council President Sohor
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent from Dais: None

BILL LIST
On a motion by Council Person Walker, seconded by Council Person Dr. Greenberg-Belli, with everyone present in favor the bill list in the amount of $3,947,010.85 was approved.
Ayes: Council Persons DePalma, Dr. Greenberg-Belli, Murphy, Paskitti, Walker and Council President Sohor
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent from Dais: None

TOWNSHIP OF OLD BRIDGE
RESOLUTION 21-326
AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS, CLAIMS AND STATEMENTS AGAINST THE TOWNSHIP OF OLD BRIDGE IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF $3,947,010.85

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator is responsible for approving all vouchers subject to preaudit and control; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance is responsible for the preaudit, disbursement and control over all expenditures to ensure that budget appropriations are not exceeded; and

WHEREAS, the finance committee of the Township Council are satisfied that with respect to the bill listing detailed below, there is a corresponding detailed bill or voucher supporting each payment and confirmation that goods or services have been received or rendered; and

WHEREAS, Township Council therefore desires to approve payment of the bills, claims and statements of the Township of Old Bridge as stated herein.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Old Bridge, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that all bills, claims and statements summarized herein and against the Township evidenced by the bill listing as approved by the Business Administrator after preaudit and control by the Director of Finance and after review by the finance committee, be and are hereby approved and filed as necessary.

Date	Type	Amount
	Accounts Payable	$2,910,840.72
10/29/2021	Payroll	$999,773.95
10/29/2021	Payroll Overtime	$36,396.18
	TOTAL	**$3,947,010.85**

PUBLIC HEARING AND/OR ADOPTION/AMENDMENT OF THOSE ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING
H- 1 Ordinance Amending The Code Of The Township Of Old Bridge, Specifically Article III "Various Goods and Services" Section 160-11
On a motion by Council Person Walker, seconded by Council Person Murphy, with everyone present in favor, Ordinance 2021- 22 was adopted and approved on second reading.
Hearing no one wishing to be heard from the public
Roll Call
Ayes: Council Persons DePalma, Dr. Greenberg-Belli, Murphy, Paskitti, Walker and Council President Sohor
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent from Dais: None

ORDINANCE NO 2021-22
ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OLD BRIDGE, SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE III "VARIOUS GOODS AND SERVICES" SECTION 160-11

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Old Bridge, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

This ordinance amends Article III "Various Goods and Services," Section 160-11, "Police Reports" of the Code of the Township of Old Bridge, pursuant to the recommendation of the Municipal Clerk to update the fees for certain services.

SECTION 2. ORDINANCE

Be It Ordained that Section 160-11 Article III of the Code of the Township of Old Bridge be amended to read as follows [added portions are underlined and bolded; deleted portions have strikethrough]:

§160-11 **Police Reports.**

A. Copies of police documents.
[Amended 9-23-2002 by Ord. No. 45-02]

(1) ~~Police reports, including but not limited to accident reports, criminal case reports and DWI case reports, shall be $0.05 per letter-size page or smaller and $0.07 per legal-size page or larger.~~ **In person request for physical copies of reports shall be charged pursuant to the fees established in 47:1A-5(b)**
[Amended 5-10-2010 by Ord. No. 2010-15; 10-25-2010 by Ord. No. 2010-30]

(2) ~~2For all police reports which are requested other than in person, an additional fee of $5 for the first three pages and $1 for each page thereafter shall be charged.~~ **Electronic Request (e-mail or fax)- $5.00 per report**

(3) Request for copies by mail $5.00 per report plus the cost of postage

B. ~~Photographs.~~ **Medium Reproductions.**

~~(1) Crime scene or accident scene.~~ **Requests for reproduction onto any medium not listed in Section (A) above will be charged the actual cost of the medium.**

~~**(a)** Complete sets: $5 per picture.~~

~~**(b)** Eight by 10 enlargement: $15 per enlargement.~~

~~**(c)** Eight by 12 enlargement: $20 per enlargement.~~

~~(2) ID photographs for permits, licenses, etc.~~

~~**(a)** Group of four: $5 per group.~~

~~**(3)** Digital photographs: $25 per disc.~~

~~[Added 9-24-2007 by Ord. No. 2007-21]~~

~~**C.** Audiotape cassette: $0.30 per copy.~~

~~[Amended 10-25-2010 by Ord. No. 2010-30]~~

~~**D.** Videotape cassette: $0.30 per copy.~~

~~[Amended 10-25-2010 by Ord. No. 2010-30]~~

~~**E.**~~ **C.** Fingerprinting.

(1) Township residents: ~~$5~~ **$10**

~~**(2)** Nonresidents: $20~~

~~**F.**~~ **D.** Purchase of police documents online. A processing fee between $3.50 and $5.50 per transaction shall be charged for the purchase of police documents through the Internet. The actual fee charged by the Township shall be determined by and subject to administrative fees, online processing costs and credit card fees charged by the credit card company.
[Added 3-14-2011 by Ord. No. 2011-04]

E. Firearms purchase permits, fees set by N.J.S.A. 2C:58-3

F. Firearms ID Card, fees set by N.J.S.A. 2C:58-3

SECTION 3: INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4: PARTIAL INVALIDITY

If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION 5: EFFECTIVE DATE

A. Except as set forth at subparagraphs B and C hereof, this Ordinance shall take effect on the earlier of the following dates: (1) on the date the Mayor affixes his/her signature thereto and returns same to the Municipal Council by delivering it to the Municipal Clerk pursuant to NJSA 40A:69A-41 or (2) on the tenth day following presentment to the Mayor of the Ordinance pursuant to NJSA 40:69A-41 applicable when the Mayor has failed to return the Ordinance; whichever occurs first.

B. If the Mayor vetoes the Ordinance (in the manner set forth at NJSA 40:69A-41), this Ordinance shall become effective upon the Township Council's vote to override the Mayor's veto.

C. Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, this Ordinance shall not take effect less than twenty (20) days after its final passage by the Council and approval by the Mayor, where such approval is required, unless the Council shall have also adopted a resolution declaring an emergency and at least two thirds (2/3) of all the members of the council vote in favor of such resolution.

H-2 Ordinance Accepting Roadways within the Commons at Old Bridge (aka ENG Eifert Estates) Development

On a motion by Council Person DePalma, seconded by Council Person Dr. Greenberg-Belli, with everyone present in favor, Ordinance 2021- 23 was adopted and approved on second reading.
Hearing no one wishing to be heard from the public
Roll Call
Ayes: Council Persons DePalma, Dr. Greenberg-Belli, Murphy, Paskitti, Walker and Council President Sohor
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent from Dais: None

TOWNSHIP OF OLD BRIDGE
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-23
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE FROM COMMONS AT OLD BRIDGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. OF PRIVATE ROADWAYS LOCATED IN OLD BRIDGE COMMONS (AKA EIFERT ESTATES) TOWNSHIP OF OLD BRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Old Bridge, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1: PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE

This Ordinance is adopted for the primary purpose of accepting the private roadways from for Commons at Old Bridge Condominium Association, Inc. as shown on the plans entitled "Final Map Section Three, Eifert Estates, Section Three, Old Bridge Township, Middlesex County, N.J." prepared by Engineering Surveying Planning Associates, a Division of Goodman, Allgair & Scott, U.S. Highway 9, Howell, N.J. 07731, said Map dated April 12, 1982, last revised May 16, 1986, bearing Map #297-4, File No. 82M4614, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

For roadways as shown on the plans "Final Map Section Two, Eifert Estates, Old Bridge Township, Middlesex County, N.J." prepared by Engineering Surveying Planning Associates, a Division of Goodman, Allgair & Scott, U.S. Highway 9, Howell, N.J. 07731, said Map dated May 13, 1985, last revised May 6, 1986, bearing Map #297-2, File No. 81M4614, a copy of which is attached hereto.

The roadways include the following: Homestead Drive, Candlewick Court, Fireside Court (North and South); Denton Court (North and South); Gable Court (North and South) and Hale Court (North and South)

The Township Engineer conducted a complete Township evaluation of the subject roads and noted deficiencies that Commons at Old Bridge Condominium Association, Inc. addressed and with the necessary work being inspected by the Township Engineering Department. This report was presented to Council and assisted in the decision to accept the roadways pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:67-23.7.

SECTION 2: ACCEPTANCE OF PROPERTY

The Township of Old Bridge does hereby accept said Dedication of the roadways set forth in Section 1 above located in the Old Bridge Commons (aka Eifert Estates), Township of Old Bridge and more fully described in the descriptions set forth in the Final Maps for Eifert Estates, Section Two and Three and as described in Section 1 above. The conveyance of the roadways shall be made by Deed of Dedication in a form approved by the Township Attorney and the Township Engineer.

SECTION 3: INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repeated to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4: PARTIAL INVALIDITY

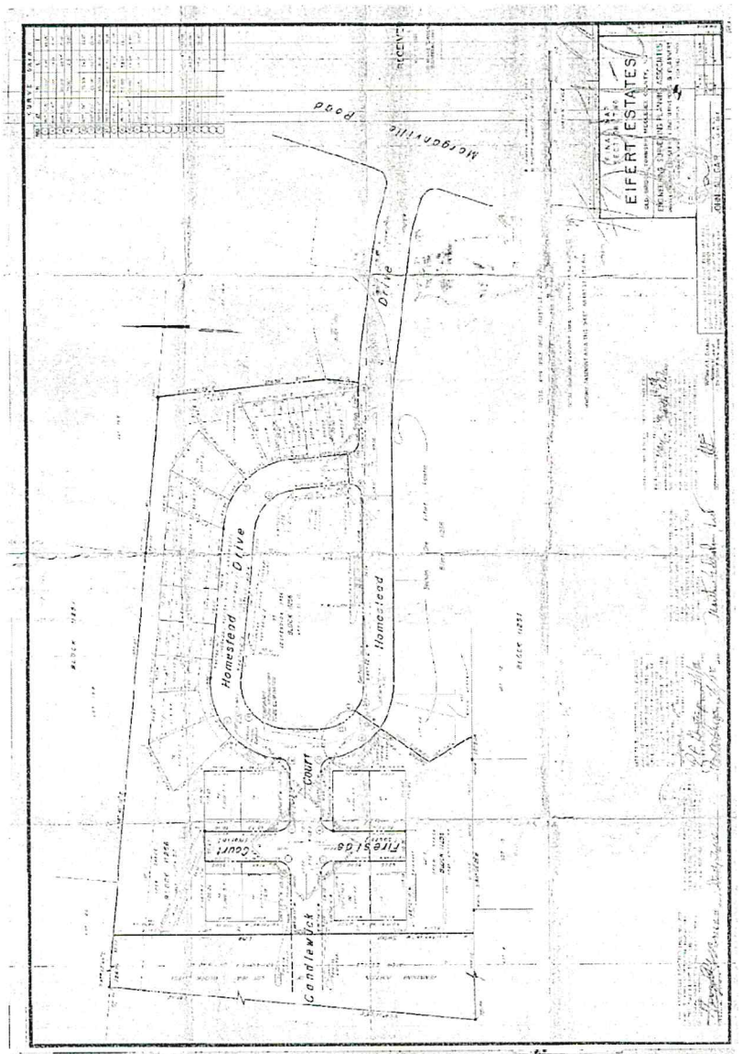
If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder shall be deemed valid and effective.

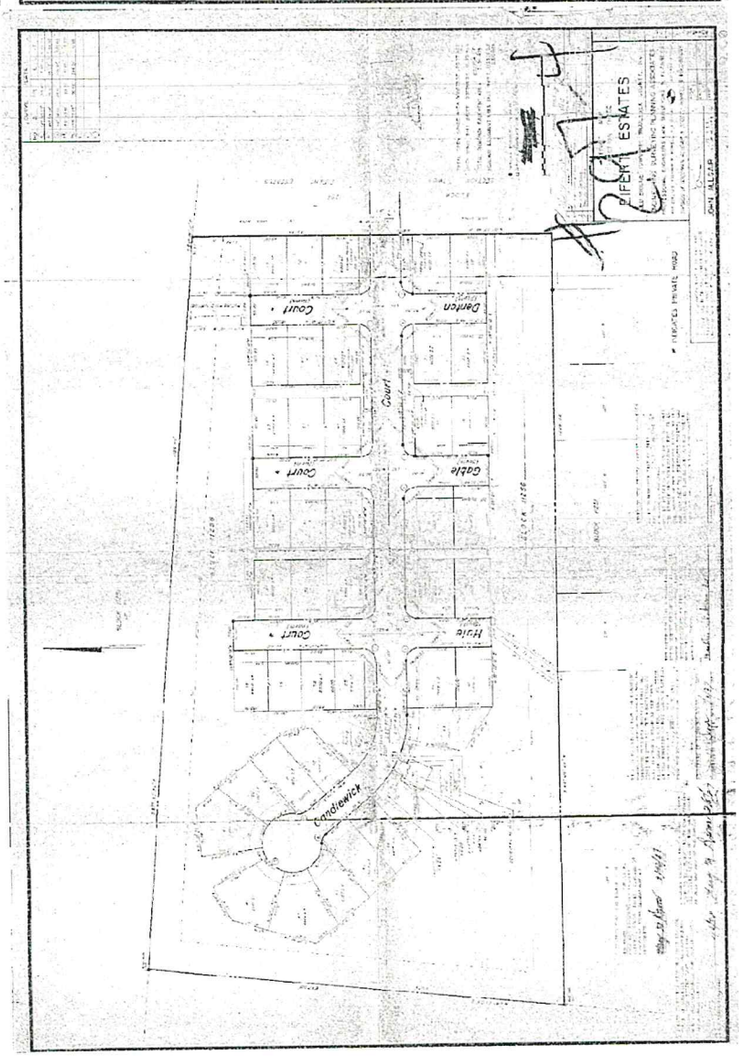
SECTION 5: EFFECTIVE DATE

A. Except as set forth at subparagraphs B and C hereof, this Ordinance shall take effect on the earlier of the following dates: (1) on the date the Mayor affixes his/her signature thereto and returns same to the Municipal Council by delivering it to the Municipal Clerk pursuant to NJSA 40A:69A-41 or (2) on the tenth day following presentment to the Mayor of the Ordinance pursuant to NJSA 40:69A-41 applicable when the Mayor has failed to return the Ordinance; whichever occurs first.

B. If the Mayor vetoes the Ordinance (in the manner set forth at NJSA 40:69A-41), this Ordinance shall become effective upon the Township Council's vote to override the Mayor's veto.

C. Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, this Ordinance shall not take effect less than twenty (20) days after its final passage by the Council and approval by the Mayor, where such approval is required, unless the Council shall have also adopted a resolution declaring an emergency and at least two-thirds (2/3) of all of the Council vote in favor of such resolution.


EIFERT ESTATES
Homestead Drive
Homestead Court
Fireside Court
Candlewick Court


EIFERT ESTATES
Barton Court
Gable Court
Hyde Court
Candlewick

CONSENT AGENDA
On a motion by Council Person Walker, seconded by Council Person Paskitti the consent agenda was brought forward for consideration.
Council President Sohor asked for a roll call for separation items from the Consent Agenda
Council Person DePalma asked for item number C-6
Council President Sohor asked for item number C-1
Roll Call on the balance of the Consent Agenda was presented
Roll Call Vote
Ayes: Council Persons DePalma, Dr. Greenberg-Belli, Murphy, Paskitti, Walker and Council President Sohor
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent from Dais: None

TOWNSHIP OF OLD BRIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 21-328
RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT #2021-50 TO MBT CONTRACTING LLC (PRIMARY) AND GL GROUP (SECONDARY) FOR GENERAL CONTRACTOR SERVICES TIME AND MATERIAL

WHEREAS, the Township of Old Bridge solicited bids in connection with Contract #2021-50 for General Contractor services on a time and material basis; and

WHEREAS, two (2) bids were received and opened on October 27, 2021 as follows:

MBT Contracting LLC	$78.18 /hour
GL Group	$120.00 /hour

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to award said contract for General Contracting services on a time and material basis to the lowest responsible bidder for General Contractor; and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator and Director of Finance have recommended that a contract be awarded to MBT Contracting LLC $78.18 per hour (Primary), having offices at 91 Clinton Road, Suite #1E, Fairfield, New Jersey 07004, as they submitted the lowest responsible bid and GL Group $120.00 per hour (Secondary) having offices at 140 Hamburg Turnpike, Bloomingdale, New Jersey 07403; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Old Bridge, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. MBT Contracting LLC (Primary), having offices at 91 Clinton Road, Suite #1E, Fairfield, New Jersey 07004, as they submitted the lowest responsible bid on a time and material basis in an amount not to exceed $78.18 per hour, plus materials and GL Group (Secondary) having offices at 140 Hamburg Turnpike, Bloomingdale, New Jersey 07403 are hereby awarded a contract for general contractor services, on a time and material basis in an amount not to exceed $120.00 per hour plus materials.
2. No Certification of Availability of funds is necessary since this Contract is being awarded on a Time & Material Basis only.
3. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the contract documents necessary to effectuate the award of this contract. The Township Attorney shall prepare and review any and all contractual documents prepared in furtherance of this award.

This Resolution is conditioned upon the following:

A. Formal execution of a contract approved by the Director of Law that is signed by the Contractor, the Mayor and Township Clerk.
B. Compliance by the Vendor with signing the mandatory affirmative action language required by law.
C. Compliance by the Vendor with filing of Affirmative Action Form AA302 or AA201, or otherwise complying with Affirmative Action employee information reporting.

No contract shall be considered awarded unless, and until, the above requirements are executed.

TOWNSHIP OF OLD BRIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 21-329
RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT #2021-51 TO MC CLOSKEY MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS (PRIMARY) AND UNITEMP, INC. (SECONDARY) FOR HVAC & BOILER CONTRACTOR TIME AND MATERIAL

WHEREAS, the Township of Old Bridge solicited bids in connection with Contract #2021-51 for HVAC & Boiler Contractor plumbing services on a time and material basis; and

WHEREAS, two (2) bids were received and opened on October 27, 2021 as follows:

McCloskey Mechanical Contractors	$ 88.00/ hour
Unitemp, Inc.	$130.00/ hour

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to award said contract for an HVAC & Boiler contractor on a time and material basis to the lowest responsible bidder for HVAC & Boiler Contractor; and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator and Director of Finance have recommended that a contract be awarded to McCloskey Mechanical Contractors (Primary), having offices at 445 Lower Landing Road, Blackwood, New Jersey 08012, as they submitted the lowest responsible bid and Unitemp, Inc. (Secondary) having offices at 26 Worlds Fair Drive D, Somerset, New Jersey 08873; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Old Bridge, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. McCloskey Mechanical Contractors (Primary) with principal offices at 445 Lower Landing Road,

Blackwood, NJ 08012 is hereby awarded a contract for HVAC and Boiler services, on a time and material basis in an amount not to exceed $88.00 per hour, plus materials and Unitemp, Inc. (Secondary) with principal offices at 26 Worlds Fair Drive Suite D, Somerset, NJ 08873 for time and material basis in an amount not to exceed $130.00 per hour plus materials.

2. No Certification of Availability of funds is necessary since this Contract is being awarded on a Time & Material Basis only.
3. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the contract documents necessary to effectuate the award of this contract. The Township Attorney shall prepare and review any and all contractual documents prepared in furtherance of this award.

This Resolution is conditioned upon the following:

A. Formal execution of a contract approved by the Director of Law that is signed by the Contractor, the Mayor and Township Clerk.
B. Compliance by the Vendor with signing the mandatory affirmative action language required by law.
C. Compliance by the Vendor with filing of Affirmative Action Form AA302 or AA201, or otherwise complying with Affirmative Action employee information reporting.

No contract shall be considered awarded unless, and until, the above requirements are executed.

TOWNSHIP OF OLD BRIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 21-331
RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE FUND COMMISSIONERS
OF NEW JERSEY INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE FUND

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Old Bridge, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey, that the following municipal officials are hereby appointed as the Commissioner and Alternate to the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund for the calendar year 2021- 2022:
Commissioner: **Himanshu Shah**
Alternate: **Sherifah Samsudeen**

Council Person DePalma noted that Item No. C-6 was separated to make sure that those that fall into this category know they have the ability to have their taxes refunded to them.
On a motion by Council Person DePalma, seconded by Council President Sohor, to approve Resolution 21-332.
Roll Call
Ayes: Council Persons DePalma, Dr. Greenberg-Belli, Murphy, Paskitti, Walker and Council President Sohor
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent from Dais: None

TOWNSHIP OF OLD BRIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 21-332
RESOLUTION BY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION AND REFUND OF REAL ESTATE TAXES FOR 2021 AND 2022 ON BLOCK 15511, LOT 658 AT 11 ANDREW STREET FOR AN 100% DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.54:4-3.32 ET SEQ. authorizes an exemption from local property taxation the property of any veteran who has been declared by the United States Veterans Administration to be 100% disabled as of the date of same, and

WHEREAS, copy of said declaration is filed with the Tax Assessor, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Old Bridge that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel and refund taxes as detailed below:

	Block	Lot	Qualifier	Year	Billing to be Cancelled	Refund Amount
Vito Lattanzi	15111	658		2021	$2,936.04	$2,963.04
11 Andrew Street				2022	$4,098.39	
Exempt as of: 8/21/2021						
Deed Date: 10/29/2018						

Council President Sohor noted that Item No. C-1 was brought up for people living in the Arbors. This is for Phase I & II improvements on Phillips Drive. Monies were secured through a grant. This is the 5th/6th year that Old Bridge Township has been able to do larger roads with grants. Council President Sohor thanked the Engineering Department for getting these grants.
On a motion by Council President Sohor, seconded by Council Person DePalma, to approve Resolution 21-327.
Roll Call
Ayes: Council Persons DePalma, Dr. Greenberg-Belli, Murphy, Paskitti, Walker and Council President Sohor
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent from Dais: None

TOWNSHIP OF OLD BRIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 21-327
RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT #2021-48B TO LANCHA CONSTRUCTION FOR PHILLIPS DRIVE PHASE I AND II IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF OLD BRIDGE

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Old Bridge advertised and received bids for Contract #2021-42B for the Philips Drive Phase I and Phase II Improvements within the Township of Old Bridge; and

WHEREAS, bids were received and opened on October 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, twelve (12) bids were received from the following bidders:

1.	Lancha Construction Corp.	$595,562.80
2.	Nava Construction, LLC	$628,981.50
3.	S. Batata Construction	$654,653.00
4.	Black Rock Enterprises, LLC	$671,537.00
5.	Z Brothers Concrete	$672,031.98
6.	DeSantis Construction, Inc.	$694,995.98
7.	Meco, Inc.	$705,423.50
8.	Granada Construction Corp.	$713,623.60
9.	Crossroads Paving	$725,628.00
10.	S&G Paving	$728,858.60
11.	Lima Charlie Construction	$747,700.00
12.	Seacoast Construction	$903,239.70

WHEREAS, the Engineer's Estimate for the project was $788,808.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, Nicole S. Shapiro, PE, PP, CME by memorandum dated November 1, 2021, has recommended that the contract be awarded to Lancha Construction Corporation as the lowest responsible bidder and after reviewing the history of projects performed by Lancha for the Township of Old Bridge in the past, which were all completed satisfactorily; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer and Finance Department have reviewed said bids and have recommended that a contract be awarded to Lancha Construction Corporation as the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to award the contract for the Phillips Drive Phase I and Phase II Improvements to Lancha Construction Corporation within the Township of Old Bridge; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Old Bridge, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Lancha Construction, Corp., having an address at 3090 Englishtown Road, Jamesburg, New Jersey 08831, is hereby awarded Contract #2021-48B for the bid amount not to exceed $595,562.80 (Grant) for the Philips Drive Phase I and Phase II Improvements within the Township of Old Bridge, in accordance with the bid specifications for said project and bid proposal submitted by said bidder.
2. The award of the contract is contingent upon the issuance of a Certification of Availability of Funds #2867 (Grant) certifying the existence of a sufficient appropriation to fund the said contract.
3. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the contract documents necessary to effectuate the award of this contract. The Township Attorney shall review any and all contractual documents prepared in furtherance of this award.

This Resolution is conditioned upon the following:

A. Formal execution of a contract prepared by the Director of Law that is signed by the Contractor and the Mayor and Township Clerk.
B. Compliance by the Vendor with signing the mandatory affirmative action language required by law.
C. Compliance by the Vendor with filing of Affirmative Action Form AA302 or AA201, or otherwise complying with Affirmative Action employee information reporting.

No contract shall be considered awarded unless, and until, the above requirements are executed.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE
There were no Ordinances to present for First Reading.
REPORT OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK
No report from the Township Clerk
REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY
No report from the Township Attorney
REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

1. Old Bridge Coat Drive

The Old Bridge Food Bank and the Department of Public Works hosted their first shared warm coat drive on Saturday, November 6th. There were 389 coats and 8 full bags of hats, scarves, gloves collected. Thanks to the many residents for their generous donations.

2. Fall Leaf Pick Up

Fall leaf pick up has begun in all Wards. Please have your paper leaf bags placed at the curb the night before your scheduled week and keep them outside rain or shine. Residents can visit oldbridge.com/recycling for a full schedule.

3.American Recycles Day

On Monday, November 15th the Township will collect rechargeable batteries for American Recycles Day. Only rechargeable batteries will be collected, not standard household batteries. Come to the Township Recycling Center between 1:00 PM-3:00 PM and drive right through. Visit oldbridge.com for more information.

4. Cottrell Farm Urban Aid Park Development Grant
The Garden State Preservation Trust approved the Urban Aid Park Development Grant that will provide open space & recreational opportunities. Old Bridge Township has been notified of a $1.2 million grant that has been approved for the Cottrell Farm Project. The additional funds will be used in phases.

5. Resurfacing of Phase I of Throckmorton Lane
The Township of Old Bridge has been selected to receive $425,270.00 in funding from the NJ Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2022 Municipal Aid for Throckmorton Lane Phase I Resurfacing Project. The 1st Phase of the project encompasses resurfacing of .75 miles of road located between NJ State Highway Route 9 and Hastings Road. In general, the work includes milling, resurfacing pavement, striping, markings, placement of inlet grates, and ADA compliance curb ramps. Old Bridge Township anticipates completing the remainder of Throckmorton Lane in Phase II of approximately .59 miles in 2023.

6. Phillips Drive Phase I & Phase II Improvements
On October 28, 2022, bids were received, and Lancha Construction Corp. was the lowest bidder. Phase I & Phase II will include resurfacing of Phillips Drive from # 16 Phillips Drive to Cottrell Road. Work includes milling, resurfacing pavement, striping, markings, placement of inlet grates, and ADA compliance curb ramps. Construction is scheduled for Spring of 2022.

7. 4th Quarter Tax Payments
The Tax Collector's Office will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM during the 4th quarter tax collection period. Tomorrow, November 10th the Tax Office will have extended hours between 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Tomorrow is the last day to pay taxes without interest or penalty. Payments received after the 10th will incur interest going back to the statutory due date of November 1st. For additional information contact the Division of Tax Collection at 732-721-5600 ext. 2999.

8. John Piccolo Ice Arena
The John Piccolo Ice Arena will be open to the public for weekends starting Friday, November 12th.

9. Old Bridge Police Department
The Old Bridge Police Department has begun the process to equip all Officers with body camera technology. This represents the start of the first permanent body worn camera program for Old Bridge Police. The program is being funded by the Township along with a State Grant of $305,000.00. The body camera program is being mandated by the State of NJ State Attorney General's Office. These coordinated efforts are to better serve and protect the community and provide trust and transparency. The cameras will be utilized by mid-December.

Mayor Henry wanted to recognize Veteran's Day and thanked all the Township residents who have served and a special thank you to the many Township employees who have served their Country and now their community. Thank a Vet not only on Thursday, but every day.

Questions from Council on Professional Reports
Mr. Paskitti asked how the Throckmorton Road was selected. Mr. Shah noted that the State considers roads along State Highways and large road projects that generate a lot of thru traffic.

Mr. DePalma wanted to know additional information on the white goods pick up. Director of Public Works Lenning stated that biweekly there is white good pick up from tread mills, lawn mowers, large appliances, etc. Residents can contact Public Works at 732-721-5600 ext. 6140 to schedule a pickup. Also, brush pick up came to an end last week, but will be picking up again with the holiday season approaching.

On a motion by Council Person Paskitti, seconded by Council Person Greenberg-Belli the report of the Administrator was accepted
Roll Call:
Ayes: Council Persons DePalma, Dr. Greenberg-Belli, Murphy, Paskitti, Walker and Council President Sohor
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent from the Dias: None

Council President Sohor opened public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Arthur Berkey
Mr. Berkey stated he has been selected to be the spokesman for his group who play pickle ball at the park. There are lessons scheduled multiple times a week and have impacted his group's ability to play and they need to go outside of the Township. It's not fair to their group and they would like a better schedule.

Mr. Berkey stated he believed there are going to be pickleball courts in Mannino Park and asked about the progress on that project. Mr. Berkey stated the pickleball games offer a community for those who are participating and are even good for local businesses when the groups are social and frequent local businesses after playing. Mr. Berkey stated that if the pickleball courts are built, people will come to play pickleball on the courts, so it is a good investment.

Recreation Director Matt Mercurio stated that pickleball has grown very fast and when lessons were offered, they were sold out. Mannino Park was approved for two courts. Due to supply chain issues, there is a delay to the project.

Council President Sohor recommended that the group meet with the Recreation Department to discuss their concerns further.

Sylvia Herbert
Ms. Herbert offered thanks to the Township for all the opportunities that are offered to the residents including the senior center and pickleball. Ms. Herbert stated she does not want to have to drive to Jamesburg to play pickleball
Hearing no one else wishing to speak, Council President Sohor closed the meeting to public comment.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. DePalma	Slow down! There are more and more accidents in town. The Chamber of Commerce is running Toys for Tots. It's starting Monday, December 8th-17th. Drop offs can be found throughout the Township. Can go to the Townships website for the locations. Last year over 700 toys were collected. This year's goal is 2000. Let's help them reach that goal this year. This past weekend was the last race of the Healthy Kids Running Series done at Lombardi Field. Would like to see it continued. Veteran's Day is coming up-thank Veterans when you see them.
Dr. Greenberg-Belli	Appreciated members of the community for coming up and letting Council know about the pickleball situation. It's a great and popular sport. It is sad that residents need to go out of the Township to play when there are tennis courts at the school that aren't being used or maintained. Wanted to know if taxpayers knew that the State of NJ spent $100 million dollars on early voting and that it was unacceptable. This cost will need to be spent year after year for early voting. This money could have been utilized for adult programs for those with special needs or spent on poor social economic communities to give children more opportunities. Old Bridge Township had less than 12 voters an hour for early voting. There is no pride in Election Day. Dr. Greenberg-Belli received many complaints from residents on how chaotic voting was at the polling locations and that is not acceptable. Not only did machines go down, there was not enough provisional or emergency ballots. Poll workers were verbally abused and not appreciated for their service. Poll workers were not provided appropriate training to anticipate the chaos. Why are there still drop boxes? They were placed at locations due to Covid-19. Elections are all about politicians and power, not about voting. Thanked Veterans for standing up to our freedoms.
Mr. Merwin	Appalled about election day and wanted to know who was responsible for the number of machines and iPads and wants answers from the Municipal Clerk as she was responsible for elections. Township Clerk Siboni advised Mr. Merwin that the County is responsible for machines and that her office approves the voting locations. Mr. Merwin wants whoever is responsible fired. Thanked everyone who came out and voted. He may be behind in the polls at this time but is not going away.
Mr. Murphy	Agreed that the election was a disgrace. In his Ward, eighty people had to stand in line for over two hours. Thanked the Municipal Clerk for helping in his districts as the County didn't come out when notified of problems. Thanked Ward 6 for re-electing him. Every family has a Veteran and Veterans are proud. Everyone needs to thank them.
Mr. Paskitti	Wanted to thank all the Veterans. Has a problem that schools do not teach history for kids to understand election day. Thanked the voters for his re-election and their vote of confidence. Noted a problem with the election machines.
Ms. Walker	Knows the Township is looking to build two pickleball courts at Mannino Park but would like to see six built and that the Township should look into this. Someone should reach out to the school to fix the courts. Thanked Veterans from the bottom of her heart. Her dad is a Veteran and proud of him and his service.
Council President Sohor	Thanked Casey and Anna for their time and effort on the coat drive. Those who came out tonight regarding pickleball should attend the next Board of Education meeting and let them know about their tennis courts. Can't say enough about Veterans and their commitment to the Country.

Township Clerk Siboni asked members of Council if they would like to not have a 2nd meeting in November due to the lack of agenda items.

On a motion by Council Person Dr. Greenberg-Belli, seconded by Council Person Paskitti, at not having a 2nd meeting in November.
Roll Call:
Ayes: Council Persons Brown, DePalma, Dr. Greenberg-Belli, Merwin, Murphy, Paskitti, Walker and Council President Sohor
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None
Council Person Merwin wanted a motion to go to one meeting a month. Noted that five meetings this year were once a month. Council President Sohor noted that it's viable and something to consider for the 1st of the year. Township Clerk Siboni will have a meeting schedule prepared for the December meeting for review. Administrator Shah noted that its easier to cancel a meeting then schedule a special meeting. A special meeting must be agenda specific. Early in the year, there is a need for two meetings a month to pass ordinances, so they are done in a timely manner and not delayed by having one meeting a month. Council Person Merwin wanted to know when the 2022 Re-Org meeting was being held. Township Clerk Siboni noted that dates will be provided at the December meeting so that Council can make a determination. As there will be no meeting on November 23rd, the next Combined Council meeting will be December 14, 2021.

On a motion by Council Person Paskitti, seconded by Council Person Walker, adjournment at 8:32 pm was carried.
Roll Call:
Ayes: Council Persons Brown, DePalma, Dr. Greenberg-Belli, Merwin, Murphy, Paskitti, Walker and Council President Sohor
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

Mary R. Sohor, President

Kathryn Hutchinson, Township Clerk

Approved July 12, 2022