



**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
REGULAR MEETING**

DATE: Monday, July 25, 2022

TIME: 7:30 PM

LOCATION: **MUNICIPAL BUILDING**
2 West Main Street, Brookside; and

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Mr. Baio

Ms. Duarte

Ms. Neibart

Mr. Orlins

Mayor Monaghan

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STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Adequate Notice of this meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: Notice was given to the Observer Tribune and Daily Record on January 10, 2022. Notice was posted on the bulletin board in the township offices and notice was filed with the Township Clerk.

RECOGNIZING NEW MEMBER

Erik Haversang, Senior Member, has applied to be a member of the Brookside Engine Company

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Executive Session Minutes of January 24, 2022
- Regular Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2022

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING / PUBLIC HEARING

11-2022 Bond Ordinance Providing a Supplemental Appropriation of \$600,000 for Capital Improvements in and by the Township of Mendham, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$570,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof
Introduced on July 11, 2022

- 12-2022** Ordinance Appropriating \$592,633.36 of ARRA Funds Available to the Township of Mendham, in the County of Morris, New Jersey in Order to Provide for Various Building Improvements, Road Improvements and Storm Water Improvements in and by the Township
Introduced on July 11, 2022

CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS

- 2022-121** Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Approving Staff Appointments for the Department of Recreation Summer Season
- 2022-122** Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Establishing Dates for Hunting from Tree Stands on Township Owned Natural Areas
- 2022-123** Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Authorizing the Payment of Bills

REGULAR AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS

- 2022-124** Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Authorizing a Morris County Trail Construction Grant Application
- 2022-125** Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Amending the Contract for J.R. Contracting & Environmental Consulting, Inc. for the Site Work and Improvements at the Mendham Township Police Headquarters
- 2022-126** Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Amending the Professional Services Contract to Cornerstone Architectural Group for Architectural Design and Base Construction Services for Construction of a New Police Facility at *4 West Main Street to Include Additional Services: Construction Management*
- 2022-127** Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Authorizing the Award of a Competitive Bidding Contract to S. Houran USA Contractors, LLC of Lyndhurst, New Jersey for Renovations of the Mendham Township Town Hall and Library at 2 West Main Street, Brookside
- 2022-128** Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Amending the Professional Services Contract to Cornerstone Architectural Group for Architectural Design and Base Construction Services for Renovations of the Town Hall and Library at *2 West Main Street to Include Additional Services: Construction Management*
- 2022-129** Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Opposing the Proposed Rate Increases to the State Health Benefits Program – *added 7/25/2022*

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ORDINANCE 11-2022

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$600,000 FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$570,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY (with not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvements described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance have heretofore been authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Mendham, in the County of Morris, New Jersey (the "Township") as general improvements. For the improvements or purposes described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the supplemental amount of \$600,000, such sum being in addition to the \$5,000,000 appropriated therefor by bond ordinance #12-2020 of the Township, finally adopted October 27, 2020 (the "Original Bond Ordinance") with \$500,000 for Township Hall as described in Section 3(a) thereof and \$100,000 for the police station as described in Section 3(b) thereof, and including the sum of \$30,000 as the additional down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The additional down payment is now available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the additional cost of the improvements or purposes not covered by application of the additional down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$570,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. The improvements hereby and heretofore authorized and the purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the supplemental appropriation for each purpose, the estimated additional amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each purpose and the period of usefulness of each purpose are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation & Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds & Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
a) The major renovation of Township Hall located at 2 West Main Street, Brookside, including roof replacement, interior and exterior wall improvements, window and door replacement, a new exterior fireproof stairwell with elevator, bathrooms to meet ADA	\$500,000	\$475,000	10 years

requirements, a new HVAC/boiler system and related improvements				
b) The construction of a new police station on property owned by the Township at 4 West Main Street, including furnishings and equipment		<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$95,000</u>	20 years
TOTALS:		<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$570,000</u>	

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the improvements or purposes is \$5,320,000, including the \$4,750,000 authorized by the Original Bond Ordinance and the \$570,000 bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized herein with \$2,465,000 available from the Original Bond Ordinance and \$475,000 made available herein for the Township Hall as described in Section 3(a) and with \$2,285,000 available from the Original Bond Ordinance and \$95,000 made available herein for the police station as described in Section 3(b).

(c) The estimated cost of the improvements or purposes is \$5,600,000, including the \$5,000,000 appropriated by the Original Bond Ordinance and the \$600,000 appropriated herein with \$2,600,000 appropriated in the Original Bond Ordinance and \$500,000 appropriated herein for the Township Hall as described in Section 3(a) and with \$2,400,000 appropriated in the Original Bond Ordinance and \$100,000 appropriated herein for the police station as described in Section 3(b).

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the

description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. They are improvements or purposes that the Township may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for the supplemental amounts set forth for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 11.66 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$570,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$1,120,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated costs indicated herein for the purposes or improvements. Of this amount, \$1,000,000 was estimated for these items of expense in the Original Bond Ordinance, and \$120,000 is estimated therefor herein.

Section 7. The Township hereby makes the following covenants and declarations with respect to obligations determined to be issued by the Chief Financial Officer on a tax-exempt basis. The Township hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequent imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), in order to preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on the obligations, including, if necessary, the requirement to

rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on the obligations. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Township to deem the obligations authorized herein as bank qualified for the purposes of Section 265 of the Code, when appropriate. The Township hereby declares the intent of the Township to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2 or any successor provisions of federal income tax law.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purposes described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

ORDINANCE 12-2022

ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$592,633.36 OF ARRA FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR VARIOUS BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS, ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. \$592,633.36 of ARRA funds available to the Township of Mendham, in the County of Morris, New Jersey (the "Township") is hereby appropriated to provide for various building improvements, road improvements and storm water improvements, including related and incidental work and costs.

Section 2. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication and otherwise as provided by law.

RESOLUTION 2022-121

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM APPROVING STAFF APPOINTMENTS
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION SUMMER SEASON**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham that the following named persons be paid from the Recreation Trust in accordance with the following:

BROOKSIDE BEACH

NEW HIRES

Megan Stahl	Head Lifeguard	\$15.00/hour
John "JP" McChesney	Lifeguard	\$13.00/hour

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham, approves the hiring of seasonal employees and a copy of this resolution be provided to the Recreation Director and the Chief Financial Officer.

Adopted: July 25, 2022

RESOLUTION 2022-122

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM ESTABLISHING DATES FOR HUNTING FROM TREE STANDS ON TOWNSHIP OWNED NATURAL AREAS

WHEREAS, the Township Committee appointed a Wildlife Management Committee to advise the Governing Body on matters involving non-domestic animals; and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife Management Committee has recommended that deer and all fish and game regulated as hunting, from tree stands only, be allowed according to the following calendar schedule in the natural areas:

SHOTGUN DEER HUNTING FROM TREE STANDS:

With only residents, employees and former employees from the Mendhams, Chesters, Harding Township and Randolph participating

Burnett Brook, Buttermilk Falls, Dos Passos, India Brook, Meadowood Preserve, Mosle Preserve

November 19, 2022

December 5, 2022 – December 10, 2022

January 7, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28, 2023

CLYDE POTTS RESERVOIR:

December 5, 2022 – December 10, 2022

January 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023

These areas will be closed to the public on the dates listed above.

BOW AND ARROW DEER HUNTING FROM TREE STANDS OVER BAIT:

Burnett Brook, Buttermilk Falls, Cold Hill Preserve, Dismal Harmony, Dos Passos, India Brook, Meadowood Preserve, Mosle Preserve, Tempe Wick, Wysong Natural Area

September 10, 2022 – February 4, 2023 (excludes Sundays)

Dawn to Dusk

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham, to approve the schedule noted above and to authorize appropriate measures be taken to post the Natural Areas to note the dates and hours of closure to the public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Wildlife Management Committee is responsible for scheduling hunters with valid permits in the parks.

Adopted: July 25, 2022

RESOLUTION 2022-123
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be and hereby is authorized to pay current bills as attached hereto and made a part hereof, contingent upon the approval of the Finance Committee.

Adopted: July 25, 2022

RESOLUTION 2022-124

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM AUTHORIZING A MORRIS COUNTY TRAIL CONSTRUCTION GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Morris County Board of County Commissioners authorized the creation of the Trail Construction Grant Program (hereinafter "Program") to provide funding to any of its 39 municipalities for recreational trail construction projects; and

WHEREAS, the Program is funded through the Morris County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund and requires a 20% match from applicants through a financial contribution or in-kind services; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Mendham is submitting a grant to the Morris County Trail Construction Grant Program in the amount of \$45,000 for a project entitled Mendham Township Trail Reconstruction & ADA Compliant Expansion Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham does hereby authorize the preparation and submission of a Morris County Trail Construction Grant Application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham authorizes the expenditure of the required 20% match for this grant through the 2023 Capital Budget and with in-kind services of Township Volunteers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham acknowledges the grant program will operate on a reimbursement basis only and agree to provide full advance funding to complete the proposed project.

Adopted: July 25, 2022

RESOLUTION 2022-125

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM AMENDING THE CONTRACT FOR
J.R. CONTRACTING & ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING, INC. FOR THE SITE WORK AND IMPROVEMENTS AT THE
MENDHAM TOWNSHIP POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

WHEREAS, the Township of Mendham has authorized a contract with J.R. Contracting & Environmental Consulting, Inc. for the construction of the new Mendham Township Police Station at 4 West Main Street; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to do site improvements which are required for the operation and function of the new police department building and include construction of a sidewalk from the driveway to the police entrance, side door concrete pad, sidewalk retaining wall, driveway for the Sallyport and light and pole along the sidewalk; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer and Cornerstone Architectural Group, LLC have determined that these improvements and site work are necessary; and

WHEREAS, this change order for site work to be completed by J.R. Contracting causes in a change in the pricing of J.R. Contracting's contract in the amount \$113,007.99; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Mendham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the contract with J.R. Contracting & Environmental Consulting, Inc. be amended for an additional \$113,007.99.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract, resolution and all other pertinent documents shall remain on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

Adopted: July 25, 2022

RESOLUTION 2022-126

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM AMENDING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO CORNERSTONE ARCHITECTURAL GROUP FOR ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND BASE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW POLICE FACILITY AT 4 WEST MAIN STREET TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL SERVICES: CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, the Township of Mendham has appointed Cornerstone Architectural Group, LLC, via Resolution 202-083, for the construction of a new Police Facility at 4 West Main Street in an amount not to exceed \$200,000; and

WHEREAS, this existing contract was increased by \$6,500 by Resolution 2021-204 to provide for additional electrical services; and

WHEREAS, this existing contract was increased by \$20,000 by Resolution 2021-205 to provide for construction management services; and

WHEREAS, the date for substantial completion for the Police Department Headquarters construction was amended to September 2, 2022 by Resolution 2022-103; and

WHEREAS, it necessary to amend this contract for the Construction Management services due to the extension of the substantial completion date for an amount of an additional \$8,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4*, said funds to be encumbered from account C- 04-55-021-001.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Mendham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the contract with Cornerstone be amended for an additional \$8,000 for a revised total contract amount of \$234,500.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract, resolution and all other pertinent documents shall remain on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

Adopted: July 25, 2022

RESOLUTION 2022-127

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A COMPETITIVE BIDDING CONTRACT TO S. HOURAN USA CONTRACTORS, LLC OF LYNDHURST, NEW JERSEY FOR RENOVATIONS OF THE MENDHAM TOWNSHIP TOWN HALL AND LIBRARY AT 2 WEST MAIN STREET, BROOKSIDE

WHEREAS, plans and specifications for the renovation of town hall and library at 2 West Main Street, Brookside, New Jersey, were prepared by Cornerstone Architectural Group, LLC (Cornerstone) on behalf of the Township; and

WHEREAS, bid proposal and specifications were advertised on May 16, 2022 and bids were opened on June 10, 2022; and

WHEREAS, 10 bids were received; Cornerstone on behalf of the Township verified the adequacy of the low three bids; and Cornerstone determined that the low bid of S. Houran USA Contractors, LLC of Lyndhurst, New Jersey complied with all bid requirements; and

WHEREAS, the bid of S. Houran USA Contractors, LLC., has been duly reviewed and analyzed by Cornerstone, with relevant references contacted and been found to be in proper form and in compliance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.5 and the specifications as written, as cited in the report attached to and made a part of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township has verified that funds for awarding of this contract are available in Bond Ordinance 12-2020 and Bond Ordinance 11-2022 (upon the final effective date).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Mendham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township Committee hereby awards a contract to Houran USA Contractors, LLC of Lyndhurst, New Jersey, for the renovation of town hall and library at 2 West Main Street, Brookside in response to the detailed bid prepared by Cornerstone Architectural Group, LLC in a total amount not to exceed \$2,456,250.
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with S. Houran USA Contractors, LLC of Lyndhurst, New Jersey, in accordance with its bid of June 10, 2022.
3. This resolution and contract shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this bid award is conditioned upon the passage and final effective date of Bond Ordinance 11-2022.

Adopted: July 25, 2022

RESOLUTION 2022-128

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM AMENDING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO CORNERSTONE ARCHITECTURAL GROUP FOR ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND BASE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR RENOVATIONS OF THE TOWN HALL AND LIBRARY AT 2 WEST MAIN STREET TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL SERVICES: CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, the Township of Mendham has appointed Cornerstone Architectural Group, LLC, via Resolution 2020-244, for the renovation of the Town Hall and Library at 2 West Main Street in an amount not to exceed \$209,000; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend this contract to reflect additional services to be provided by Cornerstone Architectural Group, LLC for Construction Management Services; and

WHEREAS, the existing contract provides for monthly inspection of the construction program with a formal site meeting and reports to the Township Committee. The Township staff recommends that this be supplemented to provide additional weekly on-site inspections of the construction activity in conjunction with the site inspections performed by Township staff to ensure that the building construction is proceeding according to approved plans and in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4*, said funds to be encumbered from account C-04-55-021-001.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Mendham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the contract with Cornerstone be amended for an additional \$56,000 for a revised total contract amount of \$265,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract, resolution and all other pertinent documents shall remain on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

Adopted: July 25, 2022

RESOLUTION 2022-129

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM OPPOSING THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASES TO THE STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP), governed by N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq., offers medical, prescription drug, and dental coverage to qualified state and participating local government public employees, retirees, and eligible dependents; and

WHEREAS, all SHBP plans are self-funded meaning that the money paid out for benefits comes directly from a SHBP account funded by the state, participating local employers, and member premiums; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Pensions and Benefits is responsible for the daily administrative activities of the SHBP, and the State Health Benefits Commission is the executive organization responsible for overseeing the SHBP; and

WHEREAS, the State Health Benefits Commission, comprised of state officials and union representatives, annually considers the calendar year premium levels for the Local Government Employer Group of the SHBP based on recommendations found in the Rate Setting Recommendation Analysis of the Local Government Employee Group; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rate increases for the 2023 Local Government Employer Group included a 24% increase for Active Medical, a 3.7% increase for Active Pharmacy, a 15.6% increase in Early Retiree Medical, and a 0.7% increase for Medicare. Early Retiree Pharmacy has a 5.7% decrease; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Treasury has reported that rates for active members and early retirees would likely be increased between 12% - 20% across the various plans for the upcoming year; and

WHEREAS, such proposed exorbitant rate increases will fall upon the local property taxpayer along with the local public employees at a time where there is record inflation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed premium increase for most active employees will take thousands more out of their paychecks annually and lead to huge costs for local governments that will translate into higher property tax bills for struggling families; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham in the County of Morris does call upon the State Health Benefit Commission to reject the proposed rate increase; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham in the County of Morris urges the legislature to adopt legislation establishing an investigative committee with subpoena power to investigate the provenance of the proposed SHBP rate increases and delay the vote on any change to the rate for the 2023 Local Government Employer Group until a full investigation has been concluded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham in the County of Morris urges the legislature to adopt legislation expanding the composition of the State Health Benefits Commission to include representatives from both municipal and county governments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham in the County of Morris does further urge the legislature to investigate allegations published by Bloomberg that the

Murphy administration squashed an attempt to recover \$34 million which was paid to Horizon for a failed program to lower insurance costs, further injuring the municipal taxpayers.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Murphy, State Treasurer Muoio, Senate President Scutari, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Senator Anthony Bucco, Assemblywoman Aura Dunn, Assemblyman Brian Bergen, Assemblyman Christian Barranco, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

Adopted: July 25, 2022

Attest:

TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM,
IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

Maria F. Coppinger, Township Clerk

Nick Monaghan, Mayor

CERTIFICATION: I, Maria F. Coppinger, Clerk of the Township of Mendham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Mendham Township Committee at a meeting held on July 25, 2022.

Maria F. Coppinger, Township Clerk

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