

Minutes of the July 28, 2026 Township Committee Meeting of the Township of Hillsborough, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, held in the Municipal Complex at 7:30 PM on July 28, 2026.

CALL OF THE ROLL

Upon call of the roll, the following Committee members were recorded present: Mayor Catherine Payne , Deputy Mayor Shawn Lipani, Committeeman Robert Britting, Jr., Committeewoman Jill Gomez and Committeewoman Samantha Hand. Also in attendance were Township Administrator Anthony Ferrera, Township Clerk Sarah Brake and Township Attorney William Willard.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION

• AFFORDABLE HOUSING LITIGATION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b) (1-9), Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is of the opinion that such circumstances exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - Affordable Housing Litigation
3. The Township Committee may take official action on those items discussed in Executive Session upon completion of the Executive Session.
4. The minutes of the discussions shall be made available to the public as soon as the matters under discussion are no longer of a confidential or sensitive nature.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Upon a motion by Committeewoman Samantha Hand, seconded by Committeewoman Jill Gomez, Resolution Authorizing Executive Session
the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the role. The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 6:31 pm.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Robert Britting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Shawn Lipani, the public meeting was re-opened at 7:27 pm.

MAYOR STATES

Please be advised that in accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, of the Public Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting was made by the posting on the bulletin board at the Hillsborough Township Municipal Complex and notifying the officially designated newspapers that this meeting would take place at the Hillsborough Township Municipal Complex at Tuesday, July 28, 2026. Executive Session, if deemed necessary, to begin at 6:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MAY 26, 2026

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Shawn Lipani, seconded by Committeeman Robert Britting, the Regular Meeting Minutes for May 26, 2026 were approved upon the call of the roll. Committeewoman Gomez abstained.

2. REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JUNE 9, 2026

Upon a motion by Committeewoman Samantha Hand, seconded by Committeewoman Jill Gomez, the Regular Meeting Minutes for June 9, 2026 were approved upon the call of the roll.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE LIAISONS, AND RECEIPT OF REPORTS, PETITIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS

****Mayor's Remarks:**** The Mayor donated red blood cells at the Mayor's Wellness Blood Drive on July 21st, thanking donors and staff. Four new police officers were sworn in on July 15th. Ribbon-cutting ceremonies were held for the Route 206 pedestrian bridge and TSB Supply Box on its one-year anniversary. The Mayor was joined by Committeewoman Gomez. The Mayor visited Recreation Summer Camp to speak with local young people. Announcements were made for the inaugural township initiatives: Hillsborough Farm Week (August 23–29, 2026) and Wellness Week (August 9–15, 2026).

****Deputy Mayor Lipani:**** Updates were provided on donation-funded 250th Anniversary projects, including a 250-tree forest planting planned for late fall and a historic Washington-Rochambeau route marker. The Building Department reminded residents of Saturday electrical inspections, closing permits when selling homes, and keeping construction permits open until final inspections pass. The Engineering Department noted ongoing Brightspeed utility work and reminded residents that imported soil requires testing and a permit.

****Committeeman Britting:**** The Health Department announced the annual water testing event for October 3, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Recreation registrations are open for the September 4th Fishing Derby and Fall Sports (soccer and softball). Social Services is accepting Back-to-School Supply Drive donations through August 14th, and the Senior Active Living Initiative survey is currently open. Foothill Acres was acknowledged for a \$10,000 donation supporting senior programming, with representatives Cris A. Brown, Steven Aksim, Caitlyn Meador, and Diana Truelove recognized in attendance.

****Committeewoman Gomez:**** The Wildlife Management Commission safety meeting is set for August 6th at 7:00 PM, with permit payments accepted online or at the Clerk's Office prior to the meeting. Finance reported that the estimated tax bills were mailed in July, the Tax Sale Notice will be posted on August 21st, final tax bills will be mailed in September, and the Tax Sale is set for September 23rd. The Library hosted over 500 people at its Summer Reading Kickoff, will hold a Community Resource Fair on August 13th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM, and is launching Mahjong and Quilting clubs this fall.

****Committeewoman Hand:**** OEM shared power outage guidelines, generator safety tips, and encouraged registration for CodeRed alerts. The Police Department offered rideshare safety advice and announced National Night Out on August 5th from 5:30 to 8:00 PM.

PRESENTATIONS

1. FOOTHILL ACRES DONATION PRESENTATION

PROCLAMATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

1. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ABIGAIL SNOWDON- GOLD AWARD

***WHEREAS**, Abigail Snowdon, a graduate of Catholic Regional High School, an incoming Freshman at Penn State University, and member of Girl Scout Troop 60243, has earned her Gold Award; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Hillsborough Township Committee recognizes the many hours Abigail devoted to earning her Girl Scout Gold Award, working with diligence to achieve this highly coveted recognition; and*

***WHEREAS**, Abigail Snowdon's Gold Award project consisted of planning, designing, and installing a communication board at Hillsborough Elementary School providing students with speech delays, autism, language barriers, and other communication challenges with a way to express their needs, emotions, and ideas using symbols and words. The project took 106 hours with the assistance of 5 volunteers; and*

***WHEREAS**, Abigail Snowdon was a member of the National High School Honor Society, a varsity swimmer, a member of the Crown Club, Chinese Calligraphy/Mandarin Culture Club, Pause for Clause Club, and a Presidential Service Award recipient; and*

***WHEREAS**, Abigail Snowdon frequently volunteered at the Community Raising Autism-Awareness Yielding Opportunities Now Club running holiday parties for the local special needs community in addition to volunteering through her other various clubs; and*

***WHEREAS**, Abigail Snowdon serves as an example to the youth of Hillsborough Township through her achievements, leadership, and community service. We are very proud that Abigail is a member of our community.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that we, the Mayor and the Hillsborough Township Committee, do hereby recognize and extend our sincere congratulations to Abigail Snowdon for having earned her Girl Scout Gold Award, an honor for both her and for those who have guided her. We wish Abigail all the best in her future endeavors.*

PERSONNEL ITEMS/APPOINTMENTS

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REHIRING OF KAYLA FARAH TO THE POSITION OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AS PART OF THE LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

WHEREAS, there is a need for a Public Health Nurse in the Township's Health Department; and

WHEREAS, Kayla Farah has been serving in this function from 3/11/2026 to 6/30/2026 as part of the Strengthening Public Health Grant requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department has been awarded funds to support the Public Health Nurse position under the Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant 2027 Program; and

WHEREAS, the Health Officer requests authorization to continue the agreement with Kayla Farah to serve as the Public Health Nurse, at the rate of \$75.00 per hour, not to exceed 116 hours per month from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Health Officer is authorized to enter an agreement with Kayla Farah to serve as the Township's Public Health Nurse, at the rate of \$75.00 per hour, not to exceed 116 hours per month, for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

2. RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE REHIRING AND APPROVING OF ONE PART-TIME POSITION AND THE POSITION TITLE CHANGE FOR TWO PART-TIME POSITIONS FOR THE 2026 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks & Recreation and the Assistant Director of Recreation recommend the rehiring of James Sohnle as a part-time Basketball Coach to support the Hillsborough Township 2026 Summer Recreation programs, at an hourly rate of \$16.00, for 90 maximum hours for the season, as of 7/2/2026; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks & Recreation and the Assistant Director of Recreation recommend changing the title of part-time seasonal employee, Nathan Kondratiuk, from Summer Camp Counselor to Summer Camp Supervisor, at the existing hourly rate and maximum hours for the season; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks & Recreation and the Assistant Director of Recreation recommend changing the title of part-time seasonal employee, Aidan Vllano, from Summer Camp Counselor to Activities Coordinator, at the existing hourly rate and maximum hours for the season.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the recommendations of the Director of Parks & Recreation and Assistant Director of Recreation are hereby ratified and approved.

3. PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS ANTHONY SANTOS, TERRANCE FOX AND DONALD ALA IN THE HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Anthony Santos, Terrance Fox and Donald Ala were appointed as Police Officers in the Hillsborough Township Police Department on July 9, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police indicates that Officers Santos, Fox and Ala have performed their duties and assignments in a capable and competent manner and have met the requirements for regular employee status during the 12-month probationary period; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police recommends regular employee status be conferred upon Officers Anthony Santos, Terrance Fox and Donald Ala, effective July 9, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the recommendation of the Chief of Police be and hereby is accepted and approved.

4. RESOLUTION TO RATIFY AND CONFIRM THE REHIRING OF CARTER HORESCO AND THE HIRING OF ALEC ABOOSAMARA FOR THE CLEAN COMMUNITIES SUMMER HELP POSITIONS IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, there are open positions for Clean Communities Summer Help funded by the NJ Clean Communities Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works recommends the rehiring of Carter Horesco as Clean Communities Summer Help, effective July 8, 2026, at an hourly rate of \$17.00, not to exceed 40 hours per week; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works recommends the hiring of Alec Aboosamara as Clean Communities Summer Help, effective July 13, 2026, at an hourly rate of \$17.00, not to exceed 40 hours per week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Director of Public Works is authorized to rehire Carter Horesco and hire Alec Aboosamara as Clean Communities Summer Help for the 2026 season.

5. RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMANENT EMPLOYEE STATUS TO VINCENT PULEIO

WHEREAS, Vincent Puleio was hired as a Public Works Worker I in the Department of Public Works on March 2, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works indicates Mr. Puleio has performed his duties and assignments in a capable manner and has met expectations of the Public Work Worker I position; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works recommends regular employee status be granted to Mr. Puleio, at an annual salary of \$41,119.00, effective June 2, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the recommendation of the Director of Public Works is hereby accepted and approved.

Committeewoman Hand commented on resolution #1 and the dates of the grant.

Stefania Olochwoszcz, 1229 Millstone River Road expressed concerns over probationary periods ending and the justification for backfilling positions.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Robert Britting, seconded by Committeewoman Samantha Hand, the personnel items/ appointments resolutions were unanimously approved upon the call of the roll.

CONSENT

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING REQUEST FROM THREE BRIDGES VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY TO HOLD A PORTION OF THE THREE BRIDGES 5-MILE RUN IN HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP ON AUGUST 8, 2026

WHEREAS, Three Bridges Volunteer Fire Company requests permission to hold the Three Bridges 5-Mile Run on Saturday, August 8, 2026, in Hillsborough Township; and

WHEREAS, Three Bridges Volunteer Fire Company has produced a certificate of insurance naming the Township of Hillsborough as an insured; and

WHEREAS, Chief McMahon and Hillsborough Township Police Department's Traffic Safety Bureau have determined that the planned route will provide an acceptable level of safety for the runners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Three Bridges Volunteer Fire Company are hereby authorized to hold a race in Hillsborough Township on August 8, 2026.

2. Resolution Approving Special Events License Application Of The Rotary Club Of Hillsborough For Event To Be Held August 11 Through August 15, 2026

WHEREAS, an Application for a Special Events License has been filed by The Rotary Club Of Hillsborough for an event to be held on August 11, 2026 through August 15, 2026 at the field adjacent to Lowes located at 315 Route 206; and

WHEREAS, the submitted Application is complete.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that it hereby approves the Application for a Special Events License submitted for an event to be held by The Rotary Club of Hillsborough on August 11, 2026 through August 15, 2026.

3. RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIAL EVENTS LICENSE APPLICATION OF THE NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY FOR EVENT TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 WITH A RAIN DATE OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

WHEREAS, an Application for a Special Events License has been filed by The National Multiple Sclerosis Society for an event to be held on September 13, 2026 with a rain date of September 27, 2026 at 2 Clerico Lane; and

WHEREAS, the submitted Application is complete.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that it hereby approves the Application for a Special Events License submitted for an event to be held by The National Multiple Sclerosis Society on September 13, 2026 with a rain date of September 27, 2026.

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF RECREATION PROGRAM FEES

WHEREAS, there are refunds due from Recreation program fees; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has received proof of such refunds being due and payable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to refund said amounts as detailed below.

Claudia Lopes	\$749.50
Regina Slavik	\$175.00
Joanne Plank	\$655.00
Rebecca Daneshpour	\$685.00

5. Resolution Ratifying And Confirming The Execution Of A Memorandum Of Understanding Between The Township Of Hillsborough And Bridgeway Behavioral Health Services To Establish Joint Participation In The Arrive Together Program To Enhance And Support Response To Certain Behavioral Health Crisis Calls

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:4-27.1, et seq. ("Screening Law") and N.J.A.C. 10:31-1.1., et seq. ("Screening Regulations"), it is the policy of the State of New Jersey to provide a public mental health system that delivers treatment consistent with a person's clinical condition, and that screening services be developed as the

public mental health system's entry point in order to provide accessible crisis intervention, evaluation and referral services to persons with mental illness, to offer persons with mental illness clinically appropriate alternatives to inpatient care, and when necessary, to provide a means for involuntary commitment and treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Screening Law provides officers and mental health specialists with legal authority to transport or authorize transport of individuals who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis to an emergency department for a full assessment where appropriate; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers may request the assistance of mental health specialists when responding to emergency service calls that relate to behavioral health crises and mental health personnel may request assistance from officers when responding to requests for emergency screening; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough finds that it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of its residents to ensure the safety of every person involved in civilian-law enforcement interactions, while recognizing that many of the negative outcomes that have resulted from such interactions may stem from individuals having underlying behavioral health crises; and

WHEREAS, Bridgeway Behavioral Health Services ("BBHS") has been designated by the New Jersey Department of Human Services to provide screening and other medical health services in accordance with state law and regulations; and

WHEREAS, BBHS participates in the ARRIVE Together ("Alternative Responses Reduce Instances of Violence and Escalation") Pilot Program with participating police departments in Somerset County; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee supports the Hillsborough Police Department entering into the attached Memorandum of Understanding with BBHS to participate in the ARRIVE Together Pilot Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated by reference as though specifically set forth herein.

Section 2. The Township Committee hereby approves and endorses the Hillsborough Township Police Department's participation in the ARRIVE Together Program to enhance and support law enforcement and response to certain behavioral health crisis calls.

Section 3. The Township Committee hereby authorizes Township Staff and the Police Chief/Captain to take all necessary steps to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding, substantially consistent with the form of agreement attached hereto, between the Township of Hillsborough Police Department and Bridgeway Behavioral Health Services, 282 East Main Street, Somerville, NJ 08876 for the establishment of a pilot program for the assistance of mental health specialists when responding to emergency service calls that relate to behavioral health crises.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any part(s) of this resolution shall be deemed invalid, such part(s) shall be severed and the invalidity thereby shall not affect the remaining parts of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately, and that a copy of this resolution shall be filed in the Office of the Township Clerk.

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF STORMWATER FACILITIES MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR THE SPECIALTY ASSAYS PROJECT AT THE PROPERTY

IDENTIFIED AS 56 OLD CAMPLAIN ROAD, BLOCK 67, LOT 16, HILLSBOROUGH, NEW JERSEY

Whereas, Application 23-PB-16-SPV was filed with the Township of Hillsborough Planning Board (“Board”) seeking minor site plan approval to construct an approximate four thousand eight hundred and sixty nine square foot (4,869 sf) addition to an existing building with stormwater management facilities and other related improvements on the Property; and

Whereas, on June 6, 2024, there were hearings before the Board pertaining to the Application; and

Whereas, on July 11, 2024, the Board adopted a memorializing Resolution approving the Application; and

Whereas, the Property Owner and Township now wish to enter into this Agreement pertaining to the construction, inspection, maintenance, repair and replacement of all stormwater management facilities at the Property and the record keeping and reporting associated therewith.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that: (1) the Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to execute a Stormwater Facilities Maintenance Agreement for the Property in a form approved by the Township Attorney; and (2) the Township Attorney is authorized to record the Agreement with the Somerset County Clerk.

7. RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT TO CEDAR CONTRACTING COMPANY FOR FLEMMING DRIVE PHASE 2 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT

WHEREAS, the Township solicited bids through the fair and open procurement process for the Flemming Drive Phase 2 Sidewalk Replacement project; and

WHEREAS, the Township received seven (7) bids with the lowest bid received from Cedar Contracting Company located in Hillside, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Engineering Director and the Chief Finance Officer recommend the award of a contract to Cedar Contracting Company in an amount not to exceed \$253,070 for the Flemming Drive Phase 2 Sidewalk Replacement project; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer certifies that there are sufficient funds in accounts # 04-215-55-230-890 and 04-215-55-223-890.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that: (1) a contract is hereby awarded to Cedar Contracting Company in an amount not to exceed \$253,070 for the Flemming Drive Phase 2 Sidewalk Replacement project; (2) the Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to execute a contract with Cedar Contracting Company in accordance with the terms of this resolution, the bid specifications and bid proposal submitted; and (3) in accordance with New Jersey PL. 2025, c.72, the contract award shall be published on the official Public Notices page on the Hillsborough Township website.

8. Resolution Authorizing Execution Of Statement Of Consent For Treatment Works Application For Submission To The New Jersey Department Of Environmental Protection For The Sherman Tract – Phase II Project Located At Camplain Road, Block 86, Lot 21.02, Hillsborough, New Jersey

WHEREAS, Application 23-PB-18-MSP was filed with the Township of Hillsborough Planning Board (“Board”) for preliminary and final major site plan approval to construct 88 affordable family rental housing units on the property identified as Camplain Road, Block 86, Lot 21.02, Hillsborough, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2024, the Board adopted a memorializing Resolution approving the Application; and

WHEREAS, the project approved by the Board requires New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Treatment Works approval pertaining to the sewer improvements to be constructed in connection with the project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to execute a Statement of Consent for Treatment Works Application for submission to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for the Sherman Tract – Phase II project located at Camplain Road, Block 86, Lot 21.02, Hillsborough, New Jersey.

9. Resolution Awarding Contract To Top Line Construction For 2026 Capital Roadway Paving Project

WHEREAS, the Township solicited bids through the fair and open procurement process for the 2026 Capital Roadway Paving Project; and

WHEREAS, the Township received five (5) bids with the lowest bid received from Top Line Construction Corp, located in Somerville, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the specifications provide that the award of the contract shall be made to the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Engineering Director and the Chief Finance Officer recommend the award of a contract to Top Line Construction Corp in an amount not to exceed \$695,616.65 for 2026 Capital Road Paving; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer certifies that there are sufficient funds in account # 04-215-55-230-890.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that: (1) a contract is hereby awarded to Top Line Construction Corp, in an amount not to exceed \$695,616.65 for the 2026 Capital Roadway Paving Project; (2) the Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to execute a contract with Top Line Construction Corp in accordance with the terms of this resolution, the bid specifications and bid proposal submitted; and (3) in accordance with New Jersey PL. 2025, c.72, this contract award shall be published on the official Public Notices page on the Hillsborough Township website.

10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector indicates tax overpayments have been received as indicated below and recommends refunds be issued for such overpayments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to refund the amounts set forth below for tax overpayments.

Block	Lot	Name	Amount	Quarter/Year
11	21	Unity Bank	3,943.25	4/2024

11. Resolution Authorizing Release Of Cash Bond For Road Opening Permit 2025-25

WHEREAS, a cash escrow in the amount of \$150.00 was posted for Road Opening Permit 2025-25; and

WHEREAS, the Engineering Director certifies all work has been satisfactorily completed and recommends release of the cash escrow in the amount of \$150.00 to Michael DeLisle, Applicant and Owner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the recommendation of the Engineering Director is hereby accepted and approved.

12. Resolution Awarding A Contract For Demolition Of The Old Municipal Building In An Amount Not To Exceed \$78,967.50

WHEREAS, the Directors of the Public Works and Health Departments have determined that there is a need for demolition of the Old Municipal Building; and

WHEREAS, the Township solicited bids for said services in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law and Fair and Open Process; and

WHEREAS, in response to the solicitation the Township received the following bids:

Messercola Excavating Co	\$118,631.00
J.R. Contracting & Environmental Consulting, Inc	\$135,000.00
Caravella Demolition, Inc.	\$118,950.00
Two Brothers Contracting, Inc.	\$178,890.50
Cipriano Enterprises, Inc d/b/a RFC Excavating & Landscape Construction	\$166,030.00
Frank Galbraith & Son Excavation and Demolition LLC	\$78,967.50

WHEREAS, the Directors of the Public Works and Health Departments and Qualified Purchasing Agent recommend the award of a contract to Frank Galbraith & Son Excavation and Demolition LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$78,967.50 for the demolition of the Old Municipal Building in accordance with the bid specifications and bid submitted; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified sufficient funds are available in account #04-215-55-218-960 (requisition #2314833) for this contract award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that a contract is hereby awarded to Frank Galbraith & Son Excavation and Demolition LLC, in the amount not to exceed \$78,967.50 for the demolition of the Old Municipal Building in accordance with the bid specifications and bid submitted.

13. Resolution Authorizing Repairs To Vehicle #608 For The Police Department

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has requested authorization for the repair of vehicle #608; and

WHEREAS, the services are available from Niro's Auto Body through Somerset County Cooperative Contract #CC-0029-24 for an amount not to exceed \$16,991.44; and

WHEREAS, funds are available and have been certified as such by the Chief Finance Officer through Account #01-201-25-745-880 (Requisition #2314712).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that it hereby authorizes the repairs to vehicle #608 for the Police Department from Niro's AutoBody in an amount not to exceed \$16,991.44.

14. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO NORTHEAST PRODUCTS FOR BRUSH GRINDING AND CLEARING OF DEBRIS AT THE AUTEN ROAD SITE

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has determined there is a need for brush grinding and clearing of debris at the Auten Road Site; and

WHEREAS, a solicitation for quotes was prepared and distributed for said services; and

WHEREAS, three (3) quotes were received as follows:

VC Land	\$18,650.00
RTG 2, LLC	\$14,500.00
Northeast Products	\$11,340.00

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works and Qualified Purchasing Agent recommend the award of a contract to NorthEast Products in an amount not to exceed \$11,340.00 for brush grinding and clearing of debris at the Auten Road site; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer certifies there will be sufficient funds in the 2026 budget through account #01-201-26-775-940 (requisition #2314770) for these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that a contract is hereby awarded to NorthEast Products in an amount not to exceed \$11,340.00 for brush grinding and clearing of debris at the Auten Road site.

15. Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of A John Deere Z960M Ztrak Mower From Power Place For The Parks Department

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks has determined there is a need for the purchase of a replacement mower for the Parks Department; and

WHEREAS, Power Place, Inc./John Deere, was awarded a contract through the ESCNJ Coop of which the Township is a member; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks and Qualified Purchasing Agent recommend the purchase from Power Place, Inc./John Deere, of a John Deere Z960M ZTrak Mower in an amount not to exceed \$13,692.12 through ESCNJ Contract #22/23-12; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer certifies there are sufficient funds in account 01-201-28-796-530 (requisition #2314733) for this purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the purchase of a John Deere Z960M ZTrak Mower in an amount not to exceed \$13,692.12 from Power Place, Inc./John Deere, through ESCNJ Contract #22/23-12 for the Parks Department is hereby authorized and approved.

16. Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of A Voip Desktop Dispatch Console With Wall-Mount Kit And Licensing For Police From Motorola Solutions

WHEREAS, the Police Department needs to replace the aging radio dispatch system; and

WHEREAS, Motorola Solutions was awarded a contract through the State of New Jersey Contract #25-TELE-132995 for the provision of radio communications equipment and accessories; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police received a quote from Motorola Solutions for a VoiP Desktop Dispatch Console with Wall-mount Kit and Licensing in the amount of \$22,320.80 in accordance with the State Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and Qualified Purchasing Agent recommend the purchase of a VoiP Desktop Dispatch Console with Wall-mount Kit and Licensing from Motorola Solutions in accordance with the State Contract and quote submitted; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer certifies there are sufficient funds available through account #04-215-55-250-302 (Requisition #2314798).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the purchase of a VoiP Desktop Dispatch Console with Wall-mount Kit and Licensing from Motorola Solutions through State of New Jersey Contract #25-TELE-132995 in an amount not to exceed \$22,320.80 is hereby authorized and approved.

17. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FURNITURE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT EXPANSION

WHEREAS, there is a need for furniture for the Police Department Expansion; and

WHEREAS, a solicitation for quotes was prepared and distributed for said furniture; and

WHEREAS, the following responses were received in response to the solicitation:

Village Office Supply	\$28,137.60
JSD Office Furniture	\$40,575.90
Office Concept Group	no quote

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and the Qualified Purchasing Agent recommend the purchase of furniture for the Police Department Expansion from Village Office Supply in an amount not to exceed \$28,137.60; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the 2026 Municipal Budget and have been certified as such by the Chief Finance Officer through Account # 04-215-55-250-305 and #04-215-55-250-999 (requisition #2314796).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the purchase of furniture for the Police Department Expansion from Village Office Supply in an amount not to exceed \$28,137.60 is hereby authorized.

18. Resolution Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriations From The Safe & Secure Communities Grant In The Amount Of \$45,150.00

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received a grant in the amount of \$45,150.00 from the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety and wishes to amend its CY 2026 budget to include this amount as revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue in the budget for the year 2026 in the sum of \$45,150.00 which items are now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services: Public & Private Programs Off-Set with Appropriations: 2026 Safe & Secure Communities Grant.....\$45,150.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$45,150.00 be appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

Operations excluded from "CAPS": Public & Private Programs Off-Set by Revenues: 2026 Safe & Secure Communities Grant.....\$45,150.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer shall file an electronic copy of this resolution with the Division of Local Government Services for approval.

19. Resolution Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriations For The CY 2026 Recycling Tonnage Grant In The Amount Of \$41,549.00

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received a grant in the amount of \$41,549.00 from the State of New Jersey and wishes to amend its CY 2026 budget to include this amount as revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue in the budget for the year 2026 in the sum of \$41,549.00 which items are now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services: Public & Private Programs Off-Set with Appropriations:
CY 2026 Recycling Tonnage Grant.....\$41,549.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$27,803.73 be appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

Operations excluded from "CAPS": Public & Private Programs Off-Set by Revenues:
CY 2026 Recycling Tonnage Grant.....\$41,549.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer shall file an electronic copy of this resolution with the Division of Local Government Services for approval.

20. Resolution Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriations From The CY 2026 Clean Communities Grant In The Amount Of \$116,317.88

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received a grant in the amount of \$116,317.88 from the State of New Jersey Clean Communities Account FD and wishes to amend its CY 2026 budget to include this amount as revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue in the budget for the year 2026 in the sum of \$116,317.88 which items are now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services: Public & Private Programs Off-Set with Appropriations:
CY 2026 Clean Communities Grant.....\$116,317.88

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$125,165.44 be appropriated under the caption of:
General Appropriations:Operations excluded from "CAPS": Public & Private Programs Off-Set by Revenues:
CY 2026 Clean Communities Grant.....\$116,317.88

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer shall file an electronic copy of this resolution with the Division of Local Government Services for approval.

21. Resolution Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriations From The 2026 Sustainable Jersey Grant Funded By The PSEG Foundation In The Amount Of \$2,000.00

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received a grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 from the Sustainable Jersey Grants Program funded by the PSEG Foundation and wishes to amend its CY 2026 budget to include this amount as revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue in the budget for the year 2026 in the sum of \$2,000.00 which items are now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services: Public & Private Programs Off-Set with Appropriations:

2026 Sustainable Jersey Grant.....\$2,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$2,000.00 be appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:Operations excluded from "CAPS": Public & Private Programs Off-Set by Revenues:
2026 Sustainable Jersey Grant.....\$2,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer shall file an electronic copy of this resolution with the Division of Local Government Services for approval.

22. Resolution Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriations From The 2026 Alcohol, Education, Rehab And Enforcement Grant In The Amount Of \$10,016.02

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received a grant in the amount of \$10,016.02 from the State of New Jersey Alcohol Ed Rehab & Enforcement FD and wishes to amend its CY 2026 budget to include this amount as revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue in the budget for the year 2026 in the sum of \$10,016.02 which items are now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services: Public & Private Programs Off-Set with Appropriations:
CY 2026 Alcohol, Education, Rehab Enforcement Grant\$10,016.02

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$10,016.02 be appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:Operations excluded from "CAPS": Public & Private Programs Off-Set by Revenues:
CY 2026 Alcohol, Education, Rehab Enforcement Grant.....\$10,016.02

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer shall file an electronic copy of this resolution with the Division of Local Government Services for approval.

23. Resolution Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriations From The Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant (PHIG) Program 2027 In The Amount Of \$119,372.00

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received a grant in the amount of \$119,372.00 from the State of New Jersey Department of Health and wishes to amend its CY 2026 budget to include this amount as revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue in the budget for the year 2026 in the sum of \$119,372.00 which items are now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services: Public & Private Programs Off-Set with Appropriations:
Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant (PHIG) Program 2027.....\$119,372.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$119,372.00 be appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:Operations excluded from "CAPS": Public & Private Programs Off-Set by Revenues:
Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant (PHIG) Program 2027.....\$119,372.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer shall file an electronic copy of this resolution with the Division of Local Government Services for approval.

24. Resolution Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriations From The SFY 2025 State Body Armor Replacement Fund Grant In The Amount Of \$5,801.49

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received a grant in the amount of \$5,801.49 from the State of New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety and wishes to amend its CY 2026 budget to include this amount as revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue in the budget for the year 2026 in the sum of \$5,801.49 which items are now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services: Public & Private Programs Off-Set with Appropriations:
SFY 2025 State Body Armor Replacement Fund (BARF) Grant\$5,801.49

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$5,801.49 be appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:Operations excluded from "CAPS": Public & Private Programs Off-Set by Revenues:
SFY 2025 State Body Armor Replacement Fund (BARF) Grant.....\$5,801.49

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer shall file an electronic copy of this resolution with the Division of Local Government Services for approval.

25. Resolution Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriations From The BPU 2026 Community Energy Plan Grant In The Amount Of \$10,000.00

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the

budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the State of New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and wishes to amend its CY 2026 budget to include this amount as revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue in the budget for the year 2026 in the sum of \$10,000.00 which items are now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services: Public & Private Programs Off-Set with Appropriations:
BPU 2026 Community Energy Plan Grant\$10,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$10,000.00 be appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:Operations excluded from "CAPS": Public & Private Programs Off-Set by Revenues:
BPU 2026 Community Energy Plan Grant.....\$10,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer shall file an electronic copy of this resolution with the Division of Local Government Services for approval.

26. Resolution Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriations From The Somerset County Trails Grant In The Amount Of \$100,000.00

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received a grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 from Somerset County and wishes to amend its CY 2026 budget to include this amount as revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue in the budget for the year 2026 in the sum of \$100,000.00 which items are now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services: Public & Private Programs Off-Set with Appropriations:
Somerset County Trails Grant\$100,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$100,000.00 be appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:Operations excluded from "CAPS": Public & Private Programs Off-Set by Revenues:
Somerset County Trails Grant.....\$100,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer shall file an electronic copy of this resolution with the Division of Local Government Services for approval.

27. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM PLANNING/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ESCROW ACCOUNTS TO THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

WHEREAS, the Township Planner indicates review work has been completed for the indicated projects and recommends funds be transferred from the Planning/Board of Adjustment Escrow Accounts to the Treasurer's Account as set forth below; and

WHEREAS, each of the project line items has been verified against the Treasurer's Office account records to ensure that sufficient funds are available for these transfers of unanticipated revenues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the funds set forth herein be transferred from the Planning/Board of Adjustment Escrow Accounts into the Treasurer's Account.

Application Name	Application #	Escrow Name	Amount
25 Old Camplain Owner LLC	26-PB-04-MSPV	25OLDCAMPPL	\$477.90
480 Hillsborough RD, LLC	25-PB-19-SV	480LUTZKYPL	\$690.30
Campus Associates LLC	20-PB-13-MSP	FPHILLSPL	\$26.55
Chick-fil-A	BA-24-05	CHICKFILPB	\$1,214.11
Flagship New Jersey Propco LLC	26-PB-07-INF	FLAGPBCONCEPTPL	\$185.85
Lazorchak, John	BA-24-12	LAZORCHAPB	\$273.51
NAN Realty Holdings, LLC	BA-25-05	NANRLTYPB	\$569.40
Northeast Sports Center	26-PB-03-MSP	LQNORTHPL	\$212.40
Railsedge Management	BA-26-12	BNRAILPB	\$45.58
Specialty Assays, Inc. (Ext.)	23-PB-16-SPV	SPECIALPB	\$26.55
Valley Road Realty LLC	25-PB-04-MSPV	VALLEYRDPL	\$26.55
Veerapaneni, Bhavani	BA-25-06	BHAVVEERP	\$45.58
Total Transfer:			\$3,794.28

Committeewoman Hand thanked the State and County for over \$400,000 relative to resolutions 18-26.

Deputy Mayor Lipani referenced the removal of the Old Municipal Building, stated grants were responsible for a lot of the work being done, and thanked the grant writers.

Maria Janucik, 720 E. Frech Ave., Manville raised concerns in resolution #8 over the number of units to be built and waste water treatment.

Meryl Bisberg, 22 Scarborough Road, Belle Mead asked questions regarding resolution #8 and who will pay.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Shawn Lipani, seconded by Committeeman Robert Britting, the consent agenda was unanimously approved upon the call of the roll.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCES

1. 2026-08 CAPITAL ORDINANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW PHONE SYSTEM FOR THE TOWNSHIP AND POLICE DEPARTMENT AND BATTERY

BACKUP FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 25, 2026

Whereas, there are funds available in both the Hillsborough Township Capital Improvement Fund (04-225-55-000-000) in the amount of \$33,000 and in the Reserve for Emergency Generator (04-226-55-005-000) in the amount of \$10,000.00; and

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough wishes to appropriate the aforesaid Capital Funds for the following purposes and amounts: (1) the Purchase Of A New Phone System For The Township And Police Department in the amount of \$28,000; and (2) Battery Backup For The Police Department in the amount of \$15,000.

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordained by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The sum of \$43,000 is hereby appropriated from the Hillsborough Township Capital Improvement Fund (04-225-55-000-000) in the amount of \$33,000 and in the Reserve for Emergency Generator (04-226-55-005-000) in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the following purposes and amounts: (1) the Purchase Of A New Phone System For The Township And Police Department in the amount of \$28,000; and (2) Battery Backup For The Police Department in the amount of \$15,000.

Section 2. The purchase of the New Phone System and Battery Backup are lawful capital improvement expenditures of the Township and not a current expense.

Section 3. The capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of an inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Municipal Clerk and available for public inspection.

Section 4. After introduction, the Township Clerk, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 35:3-2a is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance in its entirety or by title and summary together with a notice of the introduction thereof, the time and place when and where it will be further considered for final passage on the Township's official internet website. The publication shall include a clear and concise statement prepared by the Clerk setting forth the purpose of this Ordinance and a time and place when and where a copy of this Ordinance can be obtained without cost by any member of the general public. The publication shall be at least one week prior to the scheduled hearing.

Section 5. If adopted, the Township Clerk, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 35:3-2a is further directed to publish this Ordinance, in its entirety or by title and summary, together with a notice of the date of passage or approval, at least once on the Township's official internet website.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, passage and publication according to law.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Shawn Lipani, seconded by Committeeman Robert Britting, to introduce

Ordinance 2026-08 and a Public Hearing Will Be Held On August 25, 2026, the motion was unanimously approved upon the call of the roll.

CLAIMS LIST

1. CLAIMS LIST 26-12

Mayor Payne asked to approve Claims List 2026-12.

Upon a motion by Committeeman Robert Britting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Shawn Lipani, the 2026-12 Claims List was approved upon call of the roll.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon a motion by Committeewoman Samantha Hand, seconded by Committeewoman Jill Gomez, to add an item to new business was approved upon the call of the roll.

Committeewoman Hand asked what the process is to utilize the donation of \$10,000 from Foothills Acres. Attorney Willard stated the check will get distributed according to the wishes of the donator not the township. Committeeman Britting stated Foothill Acres wants the money to be distributed equally between the two Senior Chapter groups.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS AND MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Township Clerk Sarah Brake stated the following. The Township Committee now opens the floor for public comment. To ensure a productive and civil environment for all, please approach the microphone, state your name and address, and spell your name for the record.

The Township of Hillsborough maintains a strict standard of decorum; please ensure your remarks remain respectful and focused on township business. Each speaker is limited to a single three-minute allotment. This is a forum for public comment rather than a dialogue. Please address all remarks directly to the Mayor. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and for treating your neighbors, Township employees and this committee with courtesy.

Aleicia Uccardi, 1 Ludlow Court read a statement about the third quarter tax bill, next year;s budget, and affordability.

Mike Gold, 721 Montgomery Road spoke in opposition to the chip sealing program and concerns over safety and flooding.

Kumaravel Nagarajan, 6 Murphy Drive raised concerns over his tax bill and the annual assessment program. Attorney Willard explained the annual assessment program is done throughout Somerset County. The assessor is supposed to keep the value at 100% of what it would sell for.

Brian Tarantino, 235 Fairfield Lane and a member of SWAT (opposing warehouses) outlined the group's opposition to the warehouse application of Homestead Road LLC.

Thuy An Le, 4 Ivy Lane presented questions and suggestions about the rising energy costs.

Vasanth Pathuri, 7 Lucas Drive thanked the TC and expressed concerns over property tax bill and the lack of commercial properties.

Scott Gross, 8 White Meadow Road spoke in opposition to "mega warehouses" and complimented the Planning

Board.

Hasid Ghani, 1 Lawrence Cove suggested solutions to the tax increase.

David Brook, 7 Winding Way expressed concern over the Homestead Road LLC settlement agreement.

Balaji Chintamani, 4 Boorum Drive expressed concern over the tax increase.

Anthony Francis, 2 O'Neal Court expressed concerns over snow plowing accountability, raising taxes and utilizing the residents special talents.

Pernal Desai, 27 Beverly Drive asked the committee to take a leadership role and to make Hillsborough more affordable.

Maria Janucik, 720 E. Frech Ave, Manville discussed issues around her 3 family house in Hillsborough and her attempts to sell it.

Shansha Kur, 22 French Drive expressed concerns over the tax increase and suggested pausing the annual reassessment program.

Gulshan Singh, 3 Mersher Court asked for Hillsborough's obligation for affordable housing, how many have been built and are planning to be built.

Lee Bakir, 163 Chandler Court thanked the committee for the pedestrian bridge as the Hillsborough Pointe HOA President.

Meryl Bisberg, 22 Scarborough Road, Belle Mead stated what the township does with affordable housing directly impacts taxes.

Lauri Cleveland, Executive Director Sourland Conservancy spoke in opposition to the chip seal project and in favor of banning data centers and detention centers.

Ina Sivriver, 24 Tally Ho Trail expressed concern over Homestead Road LLC and the settlement that residents know nothing about.

Venkatesh Panchedula, 31 French Drive expressed concerns over increasing taxes.

Judy Haas, 2 Titus Court supported denying any application that does not fit in the TECD Zone and gave her own explanation of annual tax assessments.

Stefania Olochwoszcz, 1229 Millstone River Road thanked the Clerk's office in responding to opra requests and expressed concerns over salaries/wages and increasing insurance premiums particularly health insurance benefits.

Nestor Pla Jr., 18 Stagecoach Way is concerned over rumors of the settlement with Homestead Road LLC and wants transparency.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Shawn Lipani, seconded by Committeeman Robert Britting, the meeting duly adjourned at 9:22 pm. Said motion was unanimously carried upon voice vote.

Attested:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Brake', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Sarah Brake
Township Clerk



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Resolution Authorizing Executive Session

• Affordable Housing Litigation

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b) (1-9)), Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is of the opinion that such circumstances exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - o Affordable Housing Litigation
3. The Township Committee may take official action on those items discussed in Executive Session upon completion of the Executive Session.
4. The minutes of the discussions shall be made available to the public as soon as the matters under discussion are no longer of a confidential or sensitive nature.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I, Sarah Brake, Township Clerk, hereby certify that the above resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough at a regular and duly convened meeting held on July 28, 2026. In witness thereof, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of the Township of Hillsborough.