

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MINUTES

October 17, 2025

The Special Meeting of the Township of Hillside Township Council was held on October 17, 2025, on Zoom via 2:30pm.

CALL TO ORDER

Craig Epps, Council President called the meeting to order.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Rayna E. Harris, Township Clerk read the following statement: This Meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was sent to the Star Ledger on October 15, 2025. In addition, copies of notice were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, and on the Township's website Clerk. A copy of the notice is available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Clerk. Notices on the bulletin board have remained continuously posted. Proper notice having been given; the Township Clerk is directed to include this statement in the minutes of this meeting.

ROLL CALL

The Township Clerk read the roll call.

PRESENT

Council Members: Lisa Bonanno, Craig Epps, David Feuerstein, Angela Garretson, Andrea Hyatt, Daryl Joyner & Robert Rios

ALSO PRESENT

Hope Smith, BA, Gracia Montilus, Township Attorney (at 2:46p.m) Glynn Jones, CFO; Brook L. Nieves, Deputy Clerk, & Rayna E. Harris, Township Clerk

CDBG PUBLIC HEARING (Comments and feedback on the Year 52 Projects)

Motion to **OPEN** Public Comments by Council Member Hyatt; Seconded by Council Member Bonanno, **All-In-Favor**

No comments were made.

Motion to **CLOSE** Public Comments by Council Member Joyner; Seconded by Council Member Bonanno, **All-In-Favor**

MINUTES (August 4, 2025, August 19, 2025, September 9, 2025, & September 25, 2025)

Motion by Council Member Joyner; Seconded by Council Member Feuerstein, **All-In-Favor**

ORDINANCES

O-25-17 >>> First Reading & Introduction (FAILS)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 108: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ARTICLE I: LICENSING § 108-2: DEFINITIONS AND § 108-5D(3): REGULATION OF PREMISES, LOCATION RESTRICTIONS

Motion by Council Vice President Rios; Seconded by Council Member Bonanno

All Council Member voted Nay with the Exception of Council Vice President Rios who Abstain. **Motion Fails**

O-25-15 >>> Public Hearing & Adoption

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING OUTDOOR LIGHTING TO REDUCE LIGHT POLLUTION IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillside recognizes that excessive or poorly designed outdoor lighting can contribute to light pollution, which has detrimental effects on the environment, public health, and the well-being of its residents; and

WHEREAS, light pollution and glare from industrial and commercial uses can adversely affect the health, safety, and welfare of residents, disrupt the natural nighttime environment, and reduce the quality of life in residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to establish reasonable and enforceable standards to limit light trespass from industrial and commercial properties into residential zones or uses; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Hillside recognizes the need to protect residents from the negative impacts of excessive or misdirected outdoor lighting.

- 1. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Hillside as follows:**

§ 218-1. Purpose and intent.

The purpose and intent of this chapter is to preserve and protect against light pollution and unnecessary sky glow while promoting sound and responsible use of resources, discourage the waste of electricity and improve or maintain nighttime safety, utility and security throughout residential communities, industrial districts, and commercial districts within the Township of Hillside.

The purpose and intent of this chapter is to regulate outdoor lighting in the Township of Hillside to prevent misdirected or excessive artificial light caused by inappropriate or misaligned light fixtures that produce glare, light trespass (nuisance light) and/or unnecessary sky glow; and also that such regulation is necessary to discourage the waste of electricity and to improve or maintain nighttime public safety, utility and security.

§ 218-2. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

EMERGENCY LIGHTING – Lighting that is activated only during an actual emergency when illumination is necessary to protect life, safety, or property, including but not limited to police, fire, medical, or disaster response situations. Such lighting shall not be used for routine, continuous, or non-emergency purposes.

FULLY SHIELDED LIGHTING – A lighting fixture designed in such a way that no light is emitted above the horizontal plane of the fixture, thereby preventing light spill and minimizing skyglow.

GLARE – Light emitting from a luminaire with an intensity great enough to reduce a viewer's ability to see; any annoyance, visual impairment or discomfort experienced by an observer with a direct line of sight to a light source, or from high-angle lights emanating from a source.

HEAVY INDUSTRIAL – Permitted uses in this district shall be as follows:

- (a) The preparation and fabrication of metal and metal products and chemicals and chemical products.
- (b) Same as the Light Industrial District.
- (c) Public utility installation.
- (d) Manufacturing, processing, compounding, treatment, assembly and packaging of materials or uses where the composition of materials is chemically altered.

HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL – Permitted uses in this district shall be as follows:

- (a) Designed shopping centers, which shall be required to have site plan approval by the Planning Board. See § 188-20, the definition of "site plan review."
- (b) Warehousing, shipping offices, distribution centers and storage yards, except lumber yards, coal yards and fuel storage yards.
- (c) Fabrication, assembly and packaging of finished products, provided that there is no chemical processing necessary and no smoke, noise or odors are produced during the process of fabrication, assembly or packaging.
- (d) Laboratories and research centers.
- (e) Business offices.
- (f) Laundries, cleaning, dyeing and carpet- and rug-cleaning establishments.
- (g) The manufacturing, compounding, packing, processing or treatment of beverages, candy, cosmetics, dairy products, ice and toilet supplies.

- (h) Metal working, machining and welding shops, excluding drop hammers and similar machinery of a nuisance-producing character.
- (i) The finishing or assembling of articles made from the following previously prepared or refined materials: bone, cellulose, cork, feathers, fiberglass, gums, hair, horn, leather, paper, plastics or textiles.
- (j) Telephone exchanges and public utility installations.
- (k) Uses permitted in this district shall not constitute a nuisance as defined in § 188-20 or that would be considered injurious to the health, safety and general welfare of the community.
- (l) See § 188-30.

HOLIDAY AND CIVIC EVENT LIGHTING – Temporary decorative lighting clearly installed and operated in connection with recognized holidays, festivals, or civic events, provided such lighting does not create a hazard or nuisance.

ILLUMINANCE – The total amount of light falling on a given surface, measured in foot-candles (fc).

LIGHT INDUSTRIAL – Permitted uses in this district shall be as follows:

- (a) Warehousing, shipping offices, distribution centers and storage yards, except lumber yards, coal yards and fuel storage yards.
- (b) Fabrication, assembly and packaging of finished products, provided that there is no chemical processing necessary and no smoke, noise or odors are produced during the process of fabrication, assembly or packaging.
- (c) Laboratories and research centers.
- (d) Business offices.
- (e) Laundries, cleaning, dyeing and carpet- and rug-cleaning establishments.
- (f) The manufacturing, compounding, packing, processing or treatment of beverages, candy, cosmetics, dairy products, ice and toilet supplies.
- (g) Metal working, machining and welding shops, excluding drop hammers and similar machinery of a nuisance producing character.
- (h) The finishing or assembling of articles made from the following previously prepared or refined materials: bone, cellulose, cork, feathers, fiberglass, gums, hair, horn, leather, paper, plastics or textiles.
- (i) Telephone exchanges and public utility installations.
- (j) Uses permitted in this district shall not constitute a nuisance as defined in § 188-20 or that would be considered injurious to the health, safety and general welfare of the community.
- (k) See § 188-30.

LIGHT POLLUTION – Excessive or misdirected artificial light that interferes with the natural environment, human health, and astronomical observations.

OFFICE COMMERCIAL – Permitted uses in this district shall be offices for business and professional uses.

OUTDOOR LIGHTING – Any artificial light used to illuminate outdoor areas, including but not limited to streetlights, parking lot lights, floodlights, security lighting, and landscape lighting.

PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY LIGHTING – Outdoor lighting installed, owned, or maintained by a governmental agency or public utility within a public street, roadway, sidewalk, or other public right-of-way, the primary purpose of which is to ensure the safe movement of vehicles and pedestrians.

RESIDENTIAL – Includes all residential zones and development, any mixture of residential and commercial establishments, characterized by a few pedestrians at night. This definition includes areas with single-family houses, townhouses and/or small apartment buildings.

RETAIL COMMERCIAL – Permitted uses in this district shall be as follows:

(a) A retail store where goods are sold or personal services rendered which are clearly incidental to the retail sales and primarily for the need of those living in the neighborhood, provided that there is no fabrication, manufacturing, converting, altering, finishing or assembly, except incidental to such retail sale on the premises and provided that these uses shall be confined to the first floor and basement of the premises and no supplies, materials or goods are stored, displayed or offered for sale outdoors.

(b) Telephone exchanges and public utility installations.

(c) Professional, business and government buildings.

(d) Designed shopping centers, which shall be required to have site plan approval by the Planning Board. See § 188-20, the definition of "shopping center."

(e) See § 188-30.

§ 218-3. General Provisions

1. Lighting Design and Installation

- (a) All outdoor lighting shall be designed and installed to minimize light pollution and preserve the night sky. Lights must be properly shielded to prevent direct light from being emitted above the horizontal plane of the fixture.
- (b) Lighting should be of the minimum intensity required for safety and security purposes and should not unnecessarily over-illuminate the area.

2. Use of Full Cutoff Fixtures

- (a) All outdoor lighting, including streetlights, security lighting, and decorative lighting, must be fully shielded and utilize full cutoff fixtures to prevent light spill and glare.
- (b) Fixtures must be designed and installed so that the light does not spill over property lines or onto adjacent properties or roadways.

3. Light Levels

- (a) Lighting levels in residential areas shall not exceed 0.5 foot-candles at property lines.
- (b) In non-residential areas (commercial, industrial, etc.), lighting levels shall not exceed 1.0 foot-candle at property lines, unless specifically approved by the Township.

4. Prohibited Lighting Practices

- (a) Searchlights, laser lights, or any other high-intensity lighting intended for advertising or attracting attention shall not be permitted.
- (b) Overhead floodlighting or poorly aimed light sources that result in significant skyglow or glare shall not be allowed.

5. Timing and Curfew

- (a) Lighting shall be turned off when not in use, except for security purposes or as required for safety

and operational needs.

- (b) In residential areas, outdoor lighting shall be reduced to a minimum between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. unless necessary for safety or security reasons.

§ 218-4. Residential Lighting Standards

1. Residential Lighting

- (a) Exterior lighting on residential properties shall be aimed downward and must be shielded to avoid light spilling onto neighboring properties or streets.
- (b) Motion-sensor lights may be used in residential areas but must be designed to activate only when motion is detected and should automatically turn off after a preset time.

2. Post or Decorative Lights

- (a) Decorative lighting, such as post lights or landscape lighting, must be low-intensity and shielded to prevent glare or excessive light pollution.

§ 218-5. Outdoor Lighting Regulations – Industrial and Commercial to Residential

1. All exterior lighting fixtures must be fully shielded and directed downward.
2. Light trespass at adjacent residential property lines shall not exceed 0.1 footcandles, measured vertically and horizontally at five feet above grade.
3. Pole-mounted lights shall not exceed 20 feet in height within 100 feet of a residential property.
4. Lighting shall not exceed a color temperature of 3000 Kelvin.
5. Non-security lighting must be extinguished or dimmed to security levels by 10:00 p.m. or within one hour of closing.

§ 218-6. Restrictions on Light Sources Facing Neighboring Property.

1. No artificial lighting, from either within a structure or from the exterior of any structure or sign, shall shine directly upon any neighboring property or public roadway or be so established that it shall shine directly upon any neighboring property or public roadway or shall shine directly on or into any room or rooms, porches or patios of any neighboring property, nor shall any artificial lighting be maintained or operated from any structure or land in such a manner as to be a nuisance or any annoyance to neighboring properties or as to interfere with the physical comfort of the occupants of neighboring properties.
2. Lights directly facing a neighboring or adjacent property or a public roadway shall be shielded. This prohibition includes any lighting which emanates from the interior of any structure and shines through glass or other transparent material.
3. No sources of light shall be maintained or operated in connection with any building or land in any manner, or by any process or method which transmits an objectionable glare on neighboring property or public roadway.
4. In no instance will any glare be permitted if such glare originates from a light source facing any dwelling unit.
5. The light intensity from illumination of any kind at any given location along the property line from which the light originates shall not exceed five footcandles.

§ 218-7. Light trespass.

1. All lighting shall be designed and installed in a manner which shall result in the direct or diffused source of illumination not being visible at any point on the property boundary at a height of three feet or anything greater. This can be accomplished by shielding, placement type and style of fixtures and other

means which are technically feasible.

2. Lighting shall not project off the property. At the property line, illumination from light fixtures shall not exceed 0.5 footcandle in a vertical plane.
3. All outdoor light fixtures shall be designed, installed and maintained so that there will not be objectionable direct light emissions.

§ 218-8. Prohibited lighting.

Exterior light gloves, unshielded sources, upward pointed light sources, mercury vapor lights, off-site lighting, laser source lights, searchlights, arc lights, and pulsed or flashing lights shall be prohibited.

§ 218-9. Exemptions.

1. Emergency lighting.
2. Holiday and Civic Event Lighting.
3. Public right-of-way lighting.
4. Temporary construction lighting provided it is shielded and directed away from residences.

§ 218-10. Violations and penalties.

Any person or entity found to be in violation of this Ordinance shall be subject to the following penalties:

1. Residential Properties. A fine of \$500 for the first offense and \$1,000 for each subsequent offense.
2. Industrial and Commercial Properties. A fine of not less than \$1,000 per offending structure and/or lighting fixture for the first offense, and not less than \$2,000 per offending structure and/or lighting fixture for each subsequent offense.
3. Additional Remedies. Repeated or willful violations may result in the suspension or revocation of permits, certificates of occupancy, or other administrative actions as permitted by law.

2. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Ordinance is found to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication as required by law.

Introduction: September 9, 2025
MOTION: Bonanno SECOND: Joyner
YEA: Councilmembers Bonanno, Feuerstein, Garretson, Joyner, Rios, Epps
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
EXCUSED: Hyatt
Public Hearing: October 17, 2025
MOTION: Hyatt SECOND: Feuerstein
NAY: None

YEA: Councilmembers Bonanno, Feuerstein, Garretson, Hyatt, Joyner, Rios, Epps
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
EXCUSED: None
Adoption: October 17, 2025
MOTION: Bonanno SECOND: Hyatt
NAY: None
YEA: Councilmembers Bonanno, Feuerstein, Garretson, Hyatt, Joyner, Rios, Epps
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
EXCUSED: None

Motion to Un-table by Council Member Feuerstein; Seconded by Council Member Bonanno
 All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

Motion to **OPEN** Public Comments by Council Member Hyatt; Seconded by Council Member Feuerstein,
All-In-Favor

No comments were made.

Motion to **CLOSE** Public Comments by Council Member Joyner; Seconded by Council Member Hyatt,
All-In-Favor

Motion to Adopt by Council Member Bonanno; Seconded by Council Member Hyatt
 All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

O-25-16 >>> Public Hearing & Adoption

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 113 OF THE CITY CODE, “ ANIMALS,” TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF DOGS, CATS, AND RABBIT BY RETAILS PET STORES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE THAT:

SECTION 1: The Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding a section, to be numbered § 113-21.2, which reads as follows:

A. Definitions.

For the purposes of this Article, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Retail pet store means a commercial establishment that sells or offers for sale animals on its premises at retail.

Sell or offer for sale means to display for sale or to exchange for consideration, adopt out, barter, auction, trade, lease, or otherwise transfer.

Animal rescue organization means a non-profit organization incorporated under the law of any state and exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and whose principal purpose is the prevention of cruelty to animals and whose principal activity is to rescue sick, injured, abused, neglected, unwanted, abandoned, orphaned, lost, or displaced animals and to adopt them to good homes. “Animal rescue organization” does not include any entity that breeds animals or that (1) is located on the same premises as; (2) has any personnel in common with; (3) obtains, in exchange for payment or any other form of compensation, dogs, cats, or rabbits from; or (4) facilitates the sale of dogs, cats, or rabbits obtained from a person that breeds animals.

Animal shelter means a facility, whether located in or outside the State of New Jersey, that is operated by or under contract with the Township of Hillside for the purpose of impounding or caring for seized, stray, homeless, abandoned, unwanted, or surrendered animals.

B. Prohibition on Sale of Dogs, Cats or Rabbits by Retail Pet Stores.

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, it is unlawful for a retail pet store, as defined in Section A, to sell or offer for sale a dog, a cat, or a rabbit.

(2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a retail pet store from providing space to an animal rescue organization or an animal shelter, as defined in Section A, to publicly showcase dogs, cats or rabbits available for adoption.

C. Penalty for violation.

A retail pet store that sells or offers for sale a dog, cat, or rabbit in violation of Section B shall be fined by a sum of \$500. Each sale or offer for sale in violation of Section B shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Ordinance, or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstances, shall be held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance to the extent it can be given effect, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby, and to this extent the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

SECTION 3. REPEALER

All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days following the final adoption thereof by the Township Council of the Township of Hillside and shall be published as required by law.

Introduction: September 25, 2025
MOTION: Bonanno SECOND: Feuerstein
YEA: Councilmembers Bonanno, Feuerstein, Joyner, Rios
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
EXCUSED: Garretson, Hyatt, Epps
Public Hearing: October 17, 2025
MOTION: Hyatt SECOND: Garretson
NAY: None
YEA: Councilmembers Bonanno, Feuerstein, Garretson, Hyatt, Joyner, Rios, Epps
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
EXCUSED: None
Adoption: October 17, 2025
MOTION: Hyatt SECOND: Bonanno
NAY: None
YEA: Councilmembers Bonanno, Feuerstein, Garretson, Hyatt, Joyner, Rios, Epps
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
EXCUSED: None

Motion to **OPEN** Public Comments by Council Member Hyatt; Seconded by Council Member Garretson,
All-In-Favor

No comments were made.

Motion to **CLOSE** Public Comments by Council Member Hyatt; Seconded by Council Member Bonanno,
All-In-Favor

Motion to Adopt by Council Member Bonanno; Seconded by Council Member Feuerstein,
All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

RESOLUTIONS

R-25-205 Auth. the Application of a Grant Award to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the 2024 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's ("FEMA") Assistance to Firefighters Grant ("AFG") Program provides financial assistance directly to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service (EMS) organizations, and State Fire Training Academies (SFTAs) for critical training and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the objectives of the AFG Program are to provide critically needed resources that equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience; and

WHEREAS, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed resources necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillside desires to apply for the FEMA's 2024 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE, NJ THAT:

1. The grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the 2024 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program is hereby ratified from the date of submission.
2. A copy of this Resolution shall be placed in the file with grant application documents.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Council Member Hyatt; Seconded by Council Member Bonanno
All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

R-25-206 Resolution to Submit a Grant Application & Execute a Grant Agreement with the County of Union for the 2025 Infrastructure & Municipal Aid Grant Program

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillside is requesting funding from the County of Union for ADA entrances and automatic sliding doors at the Municipal Building; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of completing the proposed project is \$41,323.59 and the Township is requesting \$20,661.80 in funding from the County of Union through the Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant. The remaining \$20,661.80 in project costs will be provided by the Township of Hillside as a cash match.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Hillside, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that matching dollars for the grant will come from the Township's Matching Funds for Grants account number 01-2010-41-8992-100.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Hillside and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Motion by Council Member Hyatt; Seconded by Council Member Joyner
All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

R-25-207 Auth. the Application of a Grant Award to the State of NJ Department of Health Grant for the “2026 Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Program”

WHEREAS, The State of New Jersey is offering a grant opportunity under the 2026 Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Programs; and

WHEREAS, the program funds may be used for public health operations and Vulnerable Populations Outreach Coordinator and Generalist expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to apply for the grant for public health operations and Vulnerable Populations Outreach Coordinator expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE, NJ THAT:

1. The grant application to the State of New Jersey for the 2026 Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Programs is hereby ratified from the date of submission.
2. A copy of this Resolution shall be placed in the file with grant application documents.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Council Member Bonanno; Seconded by Council Member Joyner
All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

R-25-208 Auth. the Acceptance of a Grant Award from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the 2024 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program in the Amount of \$36,363.63

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (“FEMA”) Assistance to Firefighters Grant (“AFG”) Program provides financial assistance directly to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service (EMS) organizations, and State Fire Training Academies (SFTAs) for critical training and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the objectives of the AFG Program are to provide critically needed resources that equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience; and

WHEREAS, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed resources necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillside received a grant award in the amount of \$36,363.63 under the FEMA for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE THAT:

1. Acceptance of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for \$36,363.63 is hereby authorized.
2. The Mayor, Business Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, and Township Clerk are authorized to execute all documents and agreements required to accept the award of funds.
3. A copy of this Resolution shall be placed in the file with the application documents.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Council Member Joyner; Seconded by Council Member Feuerstein
All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

R-25-209 Auth. Acceptance of a Grant Award for the Union County 2025 Infrastructure & Municipal AID Grant Program

WHEREAS, Union County has made matching grant funds available for municipal infrastructure initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillside (hereinafter the “Township”) desires to accept grant funds under the program;
and

WHEREAS, Union County has awarded the Township \$20,661.80 under the 2025 Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE THAT:

1. Acceptance of the Union County Infrastructure and Municipal Aid award in the amount of \$20,661.80 is hereby authorized.
2. The Mayor, Business Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, and Township Clerk are authorized to execute all documents and agreements required to accept the award of funds.
3. A copy of this Resolution shall be placed in the file with the application documents.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Council Member Hyatt; Seconded by Council Member Bonanno
All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

R-25-210 Auth. the Acceptance of a Grant Award from the State of NJ Department of Health Grant for the “ 2025 Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Program” in the amount of \$74,664.00 (REMOVED) (DUPLICATE)

R-25-211 Auth. the Acceptance of a Grant Award from the State of NJ Department of Health for the “2026 Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Program” in the Amount of \$64,788.00

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillside has applied for a grant from the State of New Jersey under the 2026 Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Programs funding opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the program funds may be used for public health operations and Vulnerable Populations Outreach Coordinator expenses; and

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2025, the Township of Hillside received a grant award in the amount of \$64,788.00 under the State of New Jersey Department of Health for the “2026 Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Program.” This award does not require matching funds on the part of the Township of Hillside; and

WHEREAS, the contract period for these funds is July 1st, 2025 – June 30th, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Township agrees to use the funds for public health operations and Vulnerable Populations Outreach Coordinator expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE THAT:

1. Acceptance of the State of New Jersey Department of Health Grant for the “2026 Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Program for \$64,788.00 is hereby authorized.
2. The Mayor, Business Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, and Township Clerk are authorized to execute all documents and agreements required to accept the award of funds.
3. A copy of this Resolution shall be placed in the file with the application documents.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Council Member Bonanno; Seconded by Council Vice President Rios
All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

R-25-212 Auth. for Partial Refund for Exempt Property 2024 Taxes (Block 421, Lot 17)

WHEREAS, the property owner was granted for the Veteran’s Exemption by the Department of Veteran Affairs on November 20, 2024, and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2025, the Tax Assessor approved the exemption, effective as of the date granted by the Department of Veterans Affairs on November 20, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the property owner paid their 4th quarter 2024 property taxes in full in the amount of \$2,042.58, and

WHEREAS, the property owner shall receive a partial refund in the amount of \$930.70 for the 4th quarter of 2024 property taxes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE THAT:

- 1. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to issue a refund check in the amount of \$930.70 for a partial refund of 4th quarter 2024.

Block 421 Lot 17 Rhynes, Helen Jo & Johnson, Helen, 1511 Compton Terr, Hillside, NJ 07205
Property Location: 1511 Compton Terr.

- 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.
- 3. The Township Clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to the property owner.

Motion by Council Member Hyatt; Seconded by Council Member Joyner
 All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

R-25-213 Auth. Refund of Premiums for Tax Sale Certificates

WHEREAS, Certificates of Sale for unpaid municipal taxes were issued and sold to the lien holders listed on the attached spreadsheet; and

WHEREAS, premiums were paid to acquire these Certificates of Sale; and

WHEREAS, these Certificates of Sale have been fully paid and satisfied.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE THAT:

- 1. The Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue checks, as indicated on the attached spreadsheet, to refund premiums.
- 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Council Member Feuerstein; Seconded by Council Vice President Rios
 All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

R-25-214 Auth. Emergency Budget Appropriation for a Grant Award from the County of Union for the 2025 Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant Program in the Amount of \$20,661.80

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 (“Local Budget Act”) permits emergency appropriations to provide for the period between the end of a Temporary budget and the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillside received a grant award in the amount of \$20,661.80 under the 2025 Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the grant awarded to the Township is a matching grant in the amount of \$20,661.80.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE, NEW JERSEY THAT:

- 1. An emergency appropriation in the amount of \$20,661.80 from the County of Union for the 2025 Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant Program is hereby appropriated to the CFY 2025 budget.
- 2. Approval is conditioned upon an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the Councilmembers.
- 3. Any costs associated with this grant shall be payable under the grant as appropriated to the CFY 2025 budget.
- 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Council Member Hyatt; Seconded by Council Member Bonanno
 All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

R-25-215 Auth. Emergency Budget Appropriation for Grant Award Under the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program in the Amount of \$36,363.63

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 (“Local Budget Act”) permits emergency appropriations to provide for the period between the end of a Temporary budget and the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillside submitted an application identified as the Federal Emergency Management Agency Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, a grant was awarded to the Township in the amount of \$36,363.63; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE NEW JERSEY THAT:

1. An emergency appropriation in the amount of \$36,363.63 was awarded under the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.
2. is hereby appropriated to the CFY 2025 budget.
3. Approval is conditioned upon an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the Councilmembers.
4. Any costs associated with this grant shall be payable under the grant as appropriated to the CFY 2025 budget.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Council Member Hyatt; Seconded by Council Member Bonanno
All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

**R-25-216 Auth. Emergency Budget Appropriation for Grant Award Under the State of New Jersey Department of Health for the “2025 Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Program” in the Amount of \$74,664.00
(REMOVED) (DUPLICATE)**

R-25-217 Auth. Emergency Budget Appropriation for Grant Award Under the State of New Jersey Department of Health for the “2025 Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Program” in the Amount of \$64,788.00

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 (“Local Budget Act”) permits emergency appropriations to provide for the period between the end of a Temporary budget and the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2025, the Township of Hillside received a grant award in the amount of \$64,788.00 under the State of New Jersey Department of Health for the “2026 Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Program.” This award does not require matching funds on the part of the Township of Hillside.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE NEW JERSEY THAT:

1. An emergency appropriation in the amount of \$64,788.00 awarded under the State of New Jersey Department of Health for the “2026 Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Program” is hereby appropriated to the CFY 2025 budget.
2. Approval is conditioned upon an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the Councilmembers.
3. Any costs associated with this grant shall be payable under the grant as appropriated to the CFY 2025 budget.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Council Member Hyatt; Seconded by Council Member Bonanno
All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

R-25-218 Approval of Handicapped Parking Space (1289 State Street)

WHEREAS, an application for a Handicapped Parking Space was received by the Township of Hillside Police Department for Mrs. Ericka Holmes-Reyes, 1289 State St., Hillside, New Jersey 07205.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Hillside that, per the recommendation of the Hillside Police Department, the Township Council hereby approves a Handicapped Parking Space in front of 1289 State St.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Council Member Hyatt; Seconded by Council Member Bonanno
All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

R-25-219 Approval of Handicapped Parking Space (120 Frances Place)

WHEREAS, an application for a Handicapped Parking Space was received by the Township of Hillside Police Department for Mr. Jose Monteiro, 120 Frances Pl., Hillside, New Jersey 07205.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Hillside that, per the recommendation of the Hillside Police Department, the Township Council hereby approves a Handicapped Parking Space in front of 120 Frances Pl.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Council Member Hyatt; Seconded by Council Member Garretson
All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

R-25-220 Approval of Handicapped Parking Space (1496A Liberty Avenue)

WHEREAS, an application for a Handicapped Parking Space was received by the Township of Hillside Police Department for Mr. Nathaniel A. Jones II of 1496A Liberty Ave., Hillside, New Jersey 07205.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Hillside that, per the recommendation of the Hillside Police Department, the Township Council hereby approves a Handicapped Parking Space in front of 1496A Liberty Ave.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Council Member Hyatt; Seconded by Council Member Garretson
All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

R-25-221 Auth. Submission of a Union County Year 52 Community Development Block Grant (Year 52 CDBG) Grant Application (Salary Costs for Code Enforcement Officers)

WHEREAS, the Union County Department of Economic Development, Bureau of Community Development (“Bureau of Community Development”) provides grants to municipal governments and to nonprofit organizations for assistance in Housing; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillside desires to further public interest by obtaining a grant of approximately \$75,000 from the Bureau of Community Development to fund the following project: Funding to support salary costs of Code Enforcement Officers to create a quality living environment that increases access to quality facilities and services and to improve the safety and livability of neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, as part of the application process, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Hillside held the required Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed improvements in the application on October 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County of Union shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the County Community Development Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the potential award in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Union for the above-named project and ensure its completion on or about the project contract expiration date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE:

1. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the County by the deadline of October 28, 2025 as established by the County; and,
2. That, in the event of a County Block Grant award that may be less than the grant amount requested above, the Mayor and Council has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, or modify the project as necessary; and,
3. That only those objectives identified and approved in the project application, its grant agreement contract, or other documentation will be considered eligible for reimbursement.

- 4. That the Mayor and Council agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and,
- 5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Council Member Hyatt; Seconded by Council Member Bonanno
 All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

R-25-222 Auth. Submission of a Union County Year 52 Community Development Block Grant (Year 52 CDBG) Grant Application (Maternal Child Program)

WHEREAS, the Union County Department of Economic Development, Bureau of Community Development (“Bureau of Community Development”) provides grants to municipal governments and to nonprofit organizations for assistance in Public Services; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillside desires to further public interest by obtaining a grant of approximately \$35,000 from the Bureau of Community Development to fund the following project: Funding for the Maternal Child Program that will support program administration and public nursing services, thereby increasing access to and participation in quality services; and

WHEREAS, as part of the application process, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Hillside held the required Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed improvements in the application on October 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County of Union shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the County Community Development Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the potential award in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Union for the above-named project and ensure its completion on or about the project contract expiration date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE:

- 1. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the County by the deadline of October 28, 2025 as established by the County; and,
- 2. That, in the event of a County Block Grant award that may be less than the grant amount requested above, the Mayor and Council has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, or modify the project as necessary; and,
- 3. That only those objectives identified and approved in the project application, its grant agreement contract, or other documentation will be considered eligible for reimbursement.
- 4. That the Mayor and Council agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and,
- 5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Council Member Bonanno; Seconded by Council Member Feuerstein
 All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

R-25-223 Auth. Submission of a Union County Year 52 Community Development Block Grant (Year 52 CDBG) Grant Application (Roadway Improvement on James & Howard Streets)

WHEREAS, the Union County Department of Economic Development, Bureau of Community Development (“Bureau of Community Development”) provides grants to municipal governments and to nonprofit organizations for assistance in Public Facilities & Public Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillside desires to further public interest by obtaining a grant of approximately \$125,000 from the Bureau of Community Development to fund roadway improvements on James and Howard Streets to improve public access and overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, as part of the application process, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Hillside held the required Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed improvements in the application on October 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County of Union shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the County Community Development Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the potential award in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Union for the above-named project and ensure its completion on or about the project contract expiration date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE:

1. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the County by the deadline of October 28, 2025 as established by the County; and,
2. That, in the event of a County Block Grant award that may be less than the grant amount requested above, the Mayor and Council has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, or modify the project as necessary; and,
3. That only those objectives identified and approved in the project application, its grant agreement contract, or other documentation will be considered eligible for reimbursement.
4. That the Mayor and Council agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and,
5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Council Member Hyatt; Seconded by Council Member Joyner
 All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

R-25-224 Auth. Submission of a Union County Year 52 Community Development Block Grant (Year 52 CDBG) Grant Application (Senior Services)

WHEREAS, the Union County Department of Economic Development, Bureau of Community Development (“Bureau of Community Development”) provides grants to municipal governments and to nonprofit organizations for assistance in Public Services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillside desires to further public interest by obtaining a grant of approximately \$50,000 from the Bureau of Community Development to fund the following project: Funding for Senior Services that will support salary cost of instructors, a bus driver, and a public health nurse to increase access to and participation in quality services, as well as gift cards to area grocery stores to mitigate food insecurity.

WHEREAS, as part of the application process, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Hillside held the required Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed improvements in the application on October 14, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Union shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the County Community Development Block Grant.

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the potential award in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Union for the above named project and ensure its completion on or about the project contract expiration date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE:

6. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the County by the deadline of October 28, 2025 as established by the County; and,
7. That, in the event of a County Block Grant award that may be less than the grant amount requested above, the Mayor and Council has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, or modify the project as necessary; and,
8. That only those objectives identified and approved in the project application, its grant agreement contract, or other documentation will be considered eligible for reimbursement.
9. That the Mayor and Council agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and,
10. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Council Member Hyatt; Seconded by Council Member Bonanno
 All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

R-25-225 Auth. Submission of a Union County Year 52 Community Development Block Grant (Year 52 CDBG) Grant Application (Comprehensive Youth Recreation Program)

WHEREAS, the Union County Department of Economic Development, Bureau of Community Development (“Bureau of Community Development”) provides grants to municipal governments and to nonprofit organizations for assistance in Public Services; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillside desires to further public interest by obtaining a grant of approximately \$50,000 from the Bureau of Community Development to fund the following project: Items and funds needed to support a comprehensive youth recreation program; budget items may include equipment for recreation activities, office supplies, and funding for evening staff salary; and

WHEREAS, as part of the application process, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Hillside held the required Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed improvements in the application on October 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County of Union shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the County Community Development Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the potential award in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Union for the above-named project and ensure its completion on or about the project contract expiration date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE:

11. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the County by the deadline of October 28, 2025 as established by the County; and,
12. That, in the event of a County Block Grant award that may be less than the grant amount requested above, the Mayor and Council has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, or modify the project as necessary; and,
13. That only those objectives identified and approved in the project application, its grant agreement contract, or other documentation will be considered eligible for reimbursement.
14. That the Mayor and Council agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and,
15. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Council Member Hyatt; Seconded by Council Member Bonanno
All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

R-25-226 Approving the Submission of an Award Extension Request for LA-2024 MA Hillside Township Burnett St. & Ramsey Ave. Storm Sewer & Roadway Improvements

WHEREAS, the Township received a Municipal Aid Program grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) in November of 2023 for the above stated project; and,

WHEREAS, the Township encountered unforeseen circumstances related to utility relocation which impacted the timeline of the design and award of the project; and,

WHEREAS, the Township is now seeking a six (6) month extension of time from the NJDOT to award the above stated project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Township of Hillside approves and supports the request for a six (6) month award extension for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Engineer or Township Clerk, or those authorized on their behalf, are to submit a formal request for a six (6) month award extension for the above referenced project to the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to sign the six (6) month award extension request on behalf of the Township of Hillside and their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement.

Motion by Council Member Hyatt; Seconded by Council Member Bonanno
All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

R-25-227 Auth. Payment of Accumulated Severance Liabilities – Deborah Foster

WHEREAS, Deborah Foster has resigned effective May 21, 2025; and

WHEREAS, under the applicable collective negotiated agreement between the Township of Hillside and the bargaining unit from which he is a member, he is entitled to a severance payout as indicated on the attached “Severance Pay Worksheet” in the total amount of \$15,435.06.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE THAT:

1. The compensation set forth below is hereby approved for payment through Payroll, which must be funded from the appropriation Accumulated Severance Liabilities.
2. Payment in the amount of \$15,435.06 shall be made to Deborah Foster upon approval of this Resolution.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately, and a certified copy shall be placed in the employee’s personnel file.

Motion by Council Member Bonanno; Seconded by Council Member Joyner
All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

R-25-228 Auth. a **ONE-YEAR Extension of the Contract for Solid Waste Material & Recyclable Materials Collection & Disposal Services with Regional Industries, LLC (800 East Grant Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201) (AMENDED)**

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillside previously awarded a contract for Solid Waste Materials and Recyclable Materials Collection and Disposal services to Regional Industries, LLC (800 East Grand Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201), pursuant to Resolution R-22-262; and

WHEREAS, said contract was for a three-year term commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillside desires to exercise its option to extend the contract for an additional **one (1) year pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15, beginning January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2026**; and

WHEREAS, Regional Industries, LLC has agreed to provide such services during the extension period at the price of \$2,072,000.00 per year, for a total of **\$2,072,000.00**; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that the continuation of services with Regional Industries, LLC is in the best interests of the Township and its residents, and that the proposed extension price is fair and reasonable.

Motion to Amend Two-Years Extension to One-Year Extension by Council Member Hyatt; Seconded by Council Member Bonanno
All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

Motion to Adopt by Council Member Bonanno; Seconded by Council Member Hyatt
All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

R-25-229 Auth. the Acceptance of a Grant Award from the NJ Department of Transportation for the Belleview, Bernard, & Oakland Terrace Improvements in the Amount of \$573,258.00

WHEREAS, the Township submitted an electronic application identified as MA-2025-Bernard, Belleview and Oakland Terra-00587 under the NJ DOT FY2025 Municipal Aid Program to complete the Bernard, Belleview and Oakland Terrace Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, the grant was awarded to the Township in the amount of \$573,258.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillside desires to accept funds under this grant for the improvements to Bernard, Belleview and Oakland Terrace.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE, NJ THAT:

1. Acceptance of the 2025 New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Bernard, Belleview and Oakland Terrace Improvements in the amount of \$573,258.00 is hereby authorized.
2. The Mayor, Business Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, and Township Clerk are authorized to execute all documents and agreements required to accept the award of funds.
3. A copy of this Resolution shall be placed in the file with the application documents.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion to by Council Member Hyatt; Seconded by Council Member Garretson
All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. Motion Carries

R-25-230 Auth. Emergency Budget Appropriation for a Grant Award Under the NJ Department of Transportation for the Belleview, Bernard & Oakland Terrace Improvements in the Amount of \$573,258.00

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 ("Local Budget Act") permits emergency appropriations to provide for the period between the end of a Temporary budget and the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillside submitted an electronic grant application identified as MA-2025-Bernard, Belleview and Oakland Terra-00587 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillside received a grant award in the amount of \$573,258.00 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Bernard, Belleview, and Oakland Terrace Improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE THAT:

1. An emergency appropriation in the amount of \$573,258.00 was awarded under the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Bernard, Belleview, and Oakland Terrace Improvements is hereby appropriated to the CFY 2025 budget.
2. Approval is conditioned upon an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the Councilmembers.
3. Any costs associated with this grant shall be payable under the grant as appropriated to the CFY 2025 budget.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion to by Council Member Hyatt; Seconded by Council Member Bonanno
All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. Motion Carries

R-25-231 Awarding Contract for the FY 2025 NJDOT Belleview, Bernard, & Oakland Terrace Improvements to Black Rock Enterprises LLC., (1316 Englishtown Road, Old Bridge, NJ 08857)

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillside desires to award a contract for the "FY 2025 NJDOT Belleview, Bernard, & Oakland Terrace Improvements" project pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, On October 14, 2025, Black Rock Enterprises LLC., (1316 Englishtown Road, Old Bridge, NJ 08857), was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, Cifelli & Son General Contracting INC., & DLS Contracting Inc. made mathematical errors on their bid form submission, but it has no effect on the lowest bidder being awarded to Black Rock Enterprises LLC.

WHEREAS, the Township has evaluated the submission and has determined that the price proposed is reasonable and in accordance with industry practice; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to award the contract to Black Rock Enterprises LLC., for the “FY 2025 NJDOT Belleview, Bernard, & Oakland Terrace Improvements” project pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE THAT:

1. Black Rock Enterprises LLC., (1316 Englishtown Road, Old Bridge, NJ 08857), is hereby awarded a contract of \$579,886.37, representing Items #1-41 on the Base Bid, Item #D-1.09 - D1.39 on Deduct on Alternate Bid No. 2 inclusive for the “FY 2025 NJDOT Belleview, Bernard, & Oakland Terrace Improvements” project.
2. Upon approval of this resolution, a contract shall be executed by the Mayor and Black Rock Enterprises, LLC., for said services, subject to approval ss to form and legality by the Township Attorney.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion to by Council Member Feuerstein; Seconded by Council President Epps
All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

R-25-232 Auth. An Event Application for a Block Party on Long Avenue

WHEREAS, **Tanky’s Bar & Grill Inc.** has submitted an Event Application for a Block Party being held on October 25, 2025 (rain date: October 26, 2025), from 1:00 p.m. ending at 5:00 p.m. at 330 Long Avenue, Hillside, New Jersey (Yale Avenue / parking lot); and

WHEREAS, said application has been presented to the Police, Fire, Building, Recreation, and Health Departments for findings and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk has reported that the requisite fee has been paid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Hillside, County of Union, State of New Jersey that **Tanky’s Bar & Grill Inc.** is issued an Event / Street Closure License in accordance with the Event Application provided the non-refundable application fee.

Motion to by Council Member Joyner; Seconded by Council Member Bonanno
All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

R-25-233 Auth. Emergency Temporary Budget Appropriation for Total Sum of \$832,209.00

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen wherein the appropriation set forth in the calendar year of 2025 temporary budget are insufficient to meet the financial obligation as set forth below and the payroll for municipal officers and employees; and

WHEREAS, the permanent budget for the calendar year 2025 has not yet been adopted; and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary resolution adopted for the calendar year 2025 pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 is \$832,209.00 within the Appropriations “CAPS” and \$0 excluded from the “CAPS” for the Current Fund and, for a Grand Total of \$832,209.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Hillside, by (not less than two-thirds (2/3) of all members of thereof affirmatively concurring), that, in accordance with the aforementioned statute, the CFY 2025 temporary budget be and the same is hereby amended to provide for an additional emergency temporary appropriation in the total amount of \$832, 209.00 and distributed as follows:

Appropriations Within "CAPS"		
<u>Department</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Administration and Executive	SW	\$9,000.00
Administration and Executive	OE	\$
Economic Development	SW	\$4,750.00
Economic Development	OE	\$
Record Retention	OE	\$
Repair and Maintenance Contracts	OE	\$
Township Clerk's Office	SW	\$9,500.00
Township Clerk's Office	OE	\$
Advertising	OE	\$
Election	OE	\$
Township Council	SW	\$7,209.00
Township Council	OE	\$
Financial Administration	SW	\$19,000.00
Financial Administration	OE	\$
Annual Audit	OE	\$
Assessment of Taxes	SW	\$3,250.00
Assessment of Taxes	OE	\$
Computer Services	OE	\$
Collection of Taxes	SW	\$5,500.00
Collection of Taxes	OE	\$
Legal Service	SW	\$5,500.00
Legal Service	OE	\$
Municipal Prosecutor	SW	\$
Municipal Prosecutor	OE	\$
Engineering Service	SW	\$
Engineering Service	OE	\$
Alcohol Beverage Control Board	OE	\$
Buildings and Grounds	SW	\$
Buildings and Grounds	OE	\$
Planning Board	SW	\$
Planning Board	OE	\$
Zoning Cost	SW	\$
Zoning Cost	OE	\$
Postage	OE	\$
Unemployment Compensation	OE	\$
Workman's Compensation	OE	\$
Group Insurance Plan for Employee	OE	\$
Insurance Other	OE	\$
NJSTDI	OE	\$
Fire	SW	\$290,000.00
Fire	OE	\$

Fire Ambulance Service	OE	\$
Uniform Fire Safety Act (P.L 1983)	SW	\$
Uniform Fire Safety Act (P.L 1983)	OE	\$
Police	SW	\$350,000.00
Police	OE	\$
Traffic Lights	OE	\$
School Crossing Guards	SW	\$
Garage Service & Repair	SW	\$3,500.00
Garage Service & Repair	OE	\$
Office of Emergency Management	SW	\$
Office of Emergency Management	OE	\$
Roads Repairs and Maintenance	SW	\$70,000.00
Roads Repairs and Maintenance	OE	\$
Garbage and Trash Collection	OE	\$
Sewer System	OE	\$
Sewer Pumping Station	OE	\$
Board of Health	SW	\$6,700.00
Board of Health	OE	\$
Dog License Regulation	OE	\$
Community Recreation Committee	SW	\$9,000.00
Community Recreation Committee	OE	\$
Senior Citizens Program	SW	\$8,500.00
Senior Citizens Program	OE	\$0.00
Celebration of Public Events- Mayor	OE	\$
Celebration of Public Events - Municipal Council	OE	\$
Municipal Court	SW	\$10,800.00
Municipal Court	OE	\$
Public Defender	OE	\$
TV	OE	\$0
Uniform Construction Code Official	SW	\$20,000.00
Uniform Construction Code Official	OE	\$
Utilities	OE	\$
Street Lighting	OE	\$
Fire Hydrant	OE	\$
Group Insurance Waiver	OE	\$
Salary Adjustment Account	SW	\$
Accumulated Leave	OE	\$
Temporary and Summer Employees	SW	\$
Contingent	OE	\$
PERS	OE	\$
PFRS	OE	\$
Social Security (FICA)	OE	\$
Consolidated PD/FD	OE	\$
DCRP	OE	\$

		\$832,209.00
Total		

Appropriations Excluded from “CAPS”

<u>Department</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Maintenance of Free Public Library	OE	\$
Joint Truck Sewer	OE	\$
Reserve for Tax Appeals	OE	\$
Union County Fire & EMS Dispatch Services	OE	\$
Matching Funds for Grants	OE	\$
Union County Health Officer	OE	\$
Capital Improvement Fund	OE	\$
Interest on Notes	OE	\$
Payment of Bond Principal	OE	\$
Interest on Bonds	OE	\$
NJIB Principal	OE	\$
NJIB Interest	OE	\$
NJDCA Demolition Loan	OE	\$
UCIA Principal	OE	\$
UCIA Interest	OE	\$
Prior Year Bill Jen Electric	OE	\$
Total Temporary Appropriation Excluded From the “CAPS”		\$

Swimming Pool

<u>Department</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Swimming Pool S & W	SW	\$0
Swimming Pool O & E	OE	\$0
Swimming Pool Debt Services - Notes	OE	\$0
Swimming Pool Debt Service Interest	OE	\$0
Total Swimming Pool		<u>\$0</u>

Motion to by Council Vice President Rios; Seconded by Council President Epps
 All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Motion to **OPEN** Public Comments by Council Member Garretson; Seconded by Council Member Bonanno,
All-In-Favor

No comments were made.

Motion to **CLOSE** Public Comments by Council Member Bonanno; Seconded by Council Member Garretson,
All-In-Favor

Motion to Adjourned by Council Member Hyatt; Seconded Council Member Garretson, All-In-Favor

Adjourned at 1:08 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,


Rayna E. Harris, Township Clerk



Craig Epps, Council President

DATE: 12/23/2025