MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 28, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kula at approximately 7:00 P.M. with the opening statement that the meeting had been duly advertised and met all the requirements of the Sunshine Law. Also present were Deputy Mayor Alfano, Councilman Miller, Councilman Kaminski, Councilman Ceglia, Manager Carrine Piccolo-Kaufer, Clerk Jane Bakalarczyk. Township Attorney Robert Rossmeissl and Township Attorney Fred Semrau of Dorsey & Semrau were present via Microsoft Teams.

SALUTE THE FLAG

CONSENT AGENDA: ALL MATTERS LISTED BELOW ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE IN NATURE AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF ANY DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THAT PARTICULAR ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

Monthly Reports:

1. Municipal Clerk Report – September 2026
2. Tax Collector Report – September 2026
3. Construction Certificate Activity Report –September 2026
4. Construction Permit Activity Report – Hardyston – September 2026
5. Construction Permit Activity Report – Hamburg – September 2026
6. Construction Permit Activity Report – Franklin – September 2026
7. Construction Permit Activity Report – Newton –September 2026
8. Construction Permit Activity Report – Sussex – September 2026
9. Construction Permit Activity Report – Wantage – September 2026
10. Police Department Report – September 2026
11. Municipal Court Report – September 2026
12. Land Use Report – September 2026
13. Zoning Officer Report – September 2026
14. Sussex County Health Department Report – September 2026

Minutes:

1. Workshop Minutes of 9/23/26
2. Regular Minutes of 9/23/26
3. Special Minutes of 10/8/26
4. Executive Minutes of 10/8/26

Agreements/Applications/Licenses:

1. IDEMIA Identity & Security USA, LLC – Maintenance and Support Agreement – Police Dept.
2. Raffles – St. Jude the Apostle Church
3. Raffles – Wallkill Valley Band Boosters, Inc.

A motion was made by Miller to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Kaminski. All in favor. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Township Manager reported and gave the Council updates on the following:

- Employee Health Insurance
- Congressional Funding
- Community Center Survey
- Shared Service Agreement Renewals
- Energy Supplier for Township

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ORDINANCES
1ST READING:

2026-19

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 172, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES REGARDING STONEHEDGE DRIVE AND KNOLLWOOD LANE

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston has heard and discussed the concerns of Township residents regarding the speed limits of Stonehedge Drive and Knollwood Lane, respectively; and

WHEREAS, it appears to be the consensus of residents who reside on Stonehedge Drive and Knollwood Lane that the speed limits thereof should be set at twenty-five (25) miles per hour for the entire length of each; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 39:4-98 provides that twenty-five (25) miles per hour is the prima facie lawful speed limit within any business or residential district; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has reviewed Stonehedge Drive and Knollwood Lane and has advised that each roadway constitutes a 'Residence District' within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 39:1-1 and that, accordingly, the prima facie lawful speed limit for each roadway is twenty-five (25) miles per hour pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-98; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has determined that it is appropriate to set the speed limits along Stonehedge Drive and Knollwood Lane, and to make the speed limit consistent across the entire length of each road, at twenty-five (25) miles per hour.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Hardyston, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 172, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 172-27, Speed Limits, of the aforesaid Revised General Ordinances is hereby amended and supplemented with respect to the speed limits on Stonehedge Drive and Knollwood Lane, respectively, to read as follows:

Name of Street	Direction	Speed Limit	Location
Stonehedge Drive	Both	25 mph	Entire Length
Knollwood Lane	Both	25 mph	Entire Length

SECTION 2. All ordinances of the Township of Hardyston which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court or competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance may be renumbered for purposes of codification.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval and publication as required by law.

A motion was made by Miller to approve Ordinance 2026-19 on first reading, seconded by Alfano. All in favor with Kula abstaining. Motion carried.

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2026-20

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 88, FEES, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES TO UPDATE CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION CODE FEES, MUNICIPAL CLERK FEES AND BOARD OF HEALTH FEES

BE IT ORDAINED by the Municipal Council of the Township of Hardyston, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. Certain portions of Chapter, 88 Fees, Section 88-1 Fees Payable to Municipal Clerk, Subsection B of the aforesaid Revised General Ordinances are hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 88-1. Fees payable to Municipal Clerk.

B. Licenses.

(3) Dog license and/or renewal [§§ 60-4B, 60-6B and 60-23.1D(2)].

(a) Spayed/neutered: $15.
(b) Non-spayed/non-neutered: $18.
(c) Late penalty (per month): $5.
(d) Replacement tag: $1.
(e) The annual fee for licensing a potentially dangerous or vicious dog and each renewal thereof shall be $500 per year.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Township of Hardyston inconsistent herewith are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court or competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This ordinance may be renumbered as necessary.

SECTION 5. This law shall take effect January 1, 2027 after final passage, approval and publication as required by law.

A motion was made by Alfano to approve Ordinance 2026-20 on first reading, seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES
2nd READING: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Township Manager reported and gave the Council updates on the following:

A. 3490 Rt. 94 Redevelopment Site
B. First Aid Squad Building
C. Solar Project – Lasinski Road
D. ADA Doors – Municipal Building
E. Display of Hardystonite in Municipal Building

NEW BUSINESS:

A. JCP&L Presentation

JCP&L representative Amy Overman updated the Council on current and new projects in Hardyston Township.

B. Hardyston Township Volunteer Fire Department – LOSAP

William Hickerson, member of the Hardyston Township Volunteer Fire Department and Fire Chief Robert Cook updated the Council on Fire Department operations and requested an increase to the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) contribution. It was the consensus of the Council to put this request on the next workshop agenda for further discussion.

C. Resolution #93-26 – Resolution authorizing the submission of the CY2026/SFY 2027 Best Practices Inventory

RESOLUTION #93-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE CY2026/SFY 2027 BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston that the submission of the following is hereby authorized:

1. CY 2026/SFY 2027 Best Practices Inventory

A motion was made by Miller to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Kaminski. All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Resolution #94-26 – Animal Control Shared Service Agreement – Vernon Township

RESOLUTION #94-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FOLLOWING SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston that the execution of the following agreement is hereby authorized:

1. Animal Control – Vernon Township

A motion was made by Alfano to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Ceglia. All in favor. Motion carried.

E. Resolution #95-26 – Resolution honoring Hardyston Township resident and former Councilman Frank Cicerale for his military service as a United States Marine and dedicating Post Road in his honor

RESOLUTION #95-26
TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON
COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION HONORING HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP RESIDENT AND FORMER COUNCILMAN FRANK CICERALE FOR HIS MILITARY SERVICE AS A UNITED STATES MARINE AND DEDICATING POST ROAD IN HIS HONOR

WHEREAS, Frank Cicerale and his wife, Vally, were proud residents of Hardyston Township for forty-five years, where they raised their three children and became deeply involved in the life and community of the Township; and

WHEREAS, Frank Cicerale devoted more than thirty years of service to the Hardyston Township community, serving in numerous capacities, including as a member of the Economic Development Commission, Chairman of the Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority, and, most notably, as a member of the Township Council and as Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Frank Cicerale was raised in Essex County, New Jersey, and at the age of nineteen enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1965, beginning a period of military service marked by dedication, discipline, and commitment to his country; and

WHEREAS, during his service, Frank completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina, and subsequently received .50 caliber machine gun training at Marine Corps Base Twentynine Palms, California, as well as Artillery Ballistics and Meteorology training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Frank attained the rank of Lance Corporal and was honorably recognized for his service with the National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of Hardyston Township recognize with profound gratitude the sacrifices and contributions made by the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces to protect the freedoms and security of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council further recognize that Frank Cicerale's life of service extended well beyond his military career, as he continued to dedicate his time, leadership, and friendship to the residents and community of Hardyston Township for more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Frank Cicerale's honorable military service and his extraordinary commitment to Hardyston Township, the Mayor and Council desire to permanently honor his memory through the dedication of Post Road in his name; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Hardyston hereby honor and remember Frank Cicerale, Lance Corporal, United States Marine Corps, and extend their sincere gratitude for his honorable military service to our nation and his more than thirty years of dedicated service to the Hardyston Township community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Post Road in Hardyston Township is hereby dedicated in honor and memory of Frank Cicerale, in recognition of his service to his country, his community, and the residents of Hardyston Township whom he served with distinction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the commemorative street sign at Post Road shall read:

FRANK CICERALE
LCPL, U.S. MARINE CORPS
1965–1971

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be made a permanent part of the proceedings of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Hardyston, and that a suitable, certified copy shall be presented to the family of Frank Cicerale as a lasting expression of the Township's appreciation, respect, and gratitude for his service and dedication.

ADOPTED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Hardyston, Sussex County, New Jersey, this 28th day of October, 2026.

A motion was made by Kaminski to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Ceglia. All in favor. Motion carried.

F. Resolution #96-26 – Resolution approving the PILOT application of Pillar Care Properties Hardyston Urban Renewal, LLC and authorizing execution of the financial agreement

RESOLUTION #96-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING THE PILOT APPLICATION OF PILLAR CARE PROPERTIES HARDYSTON URBAN RENEWAL, LLC AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Pillar Care Properties Hardyston Urban Renewal, LLC ("Pillar") is an urban renewal entity qualified pursuant to the Long Term Tax Exemption Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 et seq. (the "LTTE Law"); and

WHEREAS, Pillar has undertaken the redevelopment, operation, and maintenance of the property known as 132 Wheatsworth Road, Hardyston, New Jersey, and designated as Block 63, Lot 26.01 on the Township Tax Map (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, Pillar submitted an application to the Township of Hardyston (the "Township") seeking a long-term tax exemption for the Project pursuant to the LTTE Law and approval of a financial agreement providing for payment of an Annual Service Charge in lieu of conventional real property taxes (the "PILOT Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 2026-13, adopted on June 24, 2026, the Township Council approved the tax exemption for the Project and approved and authorized the execution of the PILOT Agreement with Pillar; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2026-13 further authorized the Mayor to execute the PILOT Agreement, substantially in the form presented to the Township Council, together with such additions, deletions, modifications or revisions as may be deemed necessary and appropriate in consultation with the Township Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the PILOT Agreement provides that a resolution of the Township approving Pillar's PILOT application and authorizing execution of the PILOT Agreement shall be attached thereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to confirm its approval of Pillar's PILOT application and its authorization of the execution and delivery of the PILOT Agreement in accordance with Ordinance No. 2026-13.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston as follows:

1. The Township Council hereby approves the application of Pillar Care Properties Hardyston Urban Renewal, LLC for a long-term tax exemption and payment in lieu of taxes with respect to the property located at 132 Wheatsworth Road, Hardyston, New Jersey, designated as Block 63, Lot 26.01 on the Township Tax Map, pursuant to the Long Term Tax Exemption Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 et seq., and upon the terms and conditions set forth in the PILOT Agreement and Ordinance No. 2026-13.

2. The Township Council hereby approves and authorizes the execution and delivery of the PILOT Agreement between the Township and Pillar, substantially in the form previously presented to and approved by the Township Council and as authorized by Ordinance No. 2026-13.

3. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the PILOT Agreement on behalf of the Township, and the Township Clerk is authorized and directed to attest to the Mayor's signature and affix the seal of the Township thereto. The Mayor, Township Manager, Township Clerk, Township Tax Assessor, Township Tax Collector, Township Attorney, and such other Township officials and professionals as may be appropriate are hereby authorized to take such further actions and execute such additional documents as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution, Ordinance No. 2026-13, and the PILOT Agreement.

4. A copy of this Resolution shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk of the Township of Hardyston.

5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

A motion was made by Miller to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Kaminski. All in favor. Motion carried.

G. Resolution #97-26 – Resolution authorizing an extension for one (1) year of the agreement entered into by the Township and by Blue Diamond Disposal, Inc. for recycling collection

RESOLUTION #97-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION FOR ONE (1) YEAR OF THE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BY THE TOWNSHIP AND BY BLUE DIAMOND DISPOSAL, INC. FOR RECYCLING COLLECTION

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2022, the Township of Hardyston ('Township') entered into an agreement ('Agreement') with Blue Diamond Disposal, Inc. ('Blue Diamond'), for the collection of recycling in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the term of the Agreement was two (2) years, encompassing calendar years 2023 and 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Township retained the option to extend the agreement for three (3) one (1) year extensions; and

WHEREAS, the Township extended the agreement for calendar years 2025 and 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager has recommended that the Township Council accept the option to extend the Agreement for one (1) year, which year shall encompass the period of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027 ('Extension'), at the current service level and cost; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds that the services under the Agreement are being performed in an effective and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available for the Extension.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston as follows:

1. The Mayor, Clerk, and Manager of the Township of Hardyston are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary in order to effectuate the one-year extension of the Township's agreement with Blue Diamond Disposal, Inc., for the collection of recycling in the Township.

2. A copy of this Resolution shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk of the Township of Hardyston.

3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

A motion was made by Miller to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Alfano. All in favor. Motion carried.

H. Resolution #98-26 – Temporary Qualified Purchasing Agent Appointment

RESOLUTION #98-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardyston is in need of Qualified Purchasing Agent ("QPA") Services on an interim basis, for the period commencing immediately and continuing through March 1, 2027 (the "Interim Period"); and

WHEREAS, Sean P. Canning, MPA, QPA, of The Canning Group, LLC, possesses a valid Qualified Purchasing Agent certificate issued by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services and possesses substantial experience providing QPA and public procurement services to municipalities and other public entities throughout the State of New Jersey in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston desires to enter into an agreement with Sean P. Canning of the Canning Group, LLC for QPA services, effective immediately and terminating on March 1, 2027, based on the proposal submitted October 28, 2026 in the amount of $175.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS, the Canning group, LLC has provided the Business Entity Disclosure Certification in accordance with the N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8 and completed the Political Contribution Disclosure Form; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11 et. seq.) requires that a resolution authorizing the payment of such professional fees, without competitive bidding must be publicly advertised; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager and Township Attorney have reviewed the proposal submitted by the Canning Group, LLC, and recommend approval of same; and

WHEREAS, a professional services agreement has been prepared, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston, in the County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The proposal for professional services for Qualified Purchasing Agent ("QPA") Services on an interim basis, for the period commencing immediately and continuing through March 1, 2027, submitted by Sean P. Canning of the Canning Group, LLC, a copy of which is attached hereto, be and is hereby approved.

2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with the Canning Group, LLC, 45 S Park Pl, Morristown, NJ 07960 for QPA Services, as detailed in their submitted proposal dated October 28, 2026.

3. Sean P. Canning of the Canning Group, LLC is appointed as Interim Qualified Purchasing Agent for the period commencing immediately and continuing through March 1, 2027.

4. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services are to be performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

5. A copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Canning Group, LLC, at 45 S Park Pl, Morristown, NJ 07960, for its information and guidance.

6. Final execution of any contract pursuant to this Resolution is subject to the review and approval of the Township Manager and Township Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5, the Township Clerk is hereby directed to post a copy of this resolution on the bulletin board of the Township Municipal Building and publish a brief public notice stating the nature, duration, service and amount of the contract herein awarded, and stating that said contract and this resolution are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

A motion was made by Kaminski to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Ceglia. All in favor. Motion carried.

I. Resolution #99-26 – Resolution revising the established bidding threshold for the Qualified Purchasing Agent

RESOLUTION #99-26

RESOLUTION REVISING THE ESTABLISHED BIDDING THRESHOLD FOR THE QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT

WHEREAS, P.I. 2009, C. 166, codified as N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 et seq. supplementing and amending Chapter 11 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes allows local contracting units in New Jersey to create the position of Qualified Purchasing Agent and increase the bidding threshold; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardyston has an established position of Qualified Purchasing Agent within the Township of Hardyston; and

WHEREAS, Sean Canning possesses the designation of Qualified Purchasing Agent as issued by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(a), the Township of Hardyston desires to reauthorize the Qualified Purchasing Agent to award contracts on behalf of the Township of Hardyston that do not exceed the total sum of $53,000.00 in a contract year, without the public advertising for bids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey that pursuant to N.J.S.A, 40A:11-3 (a) that it does hereby authorize Sean Canning, as Qualified Purchasing Agent, to award contracts on behalf of the Township of Hardyston, that do not exceed $53,000.00 in a contract year, without public advertising for bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2, the Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution and a copy of Sean Canning's certification to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

A motion was made by Alfano to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Kaminski. All in favor. Motion carried.

J. Proclamation – Lights On Afterschool Day

TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardyston is committed to investing in the health, safety, and academic success of all young people; and

WHEREAS, quality afterschool programs provide safe, engaging environments where children can learn new skills, build relationships, and explore their full potential; and

WHEREAS, afterschool programs support working families by ensuring children are supervised and productive after the regular school day ends; and

WHEREAS, the Sussex County Metro YMCA of the Oranges provides exceptional afterschool opportunities that enrich the lives of students in our community; and

WHEREAS, *Lights On Afterschool*, a national celebration, highlights the vital role of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families, and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Stanley J. Kula, Mayor of the Township of Hardyston, do hereby proclaim, October 22, 2026 as:

LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY

A motion was made by Miller to approve the proclamation as presented, seconded by Kaminski. All in favor. Motion carried.

K. Correspondence

1. Lafayette Township
2. Lafayette Township
3. Lafayette Township
4. Hamburg Borough
5. Fredon Township
6. Frankford Township
7. State of NJ
8. State of NJ
9. State of NJ
10. State of NJ
11. State of NJ
12. Archer & Greiner, P.C.
13. Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc.
14. Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority

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A motion was made by Miller to approve the correspondence as presented, seconded by Kaminski. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilman Kaminski mentioned that it was First Responder Day. The Council expressed their gratitude to all of the first responders for all they do. Deputy Mayor Alfano asked about congressional funding for a fire truck and also provided the Council with an update on the SCMUA Wastewater Treatment Plant repair status.

BILLS TO BE PAID: A motion was made by Kaminski to approve the bill list of 10/14/26 in the amount of $2,524,713.45, which includes payroll for pay-period ending 9/30/26 and pay period ending 10/15/26, and the bill list of 10/28/26 in the amount of $2,099,980.83, seconded by Alfano. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PORTION: A motion was made and seconded to open the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried. Sparta resident Robert Kovic presented the Council with copies of resolutions regarding the gas tax escalator and BPU electric utility audits and asked the Council to review them and consider approving them. Resident Michele VanAllen shared her concerns regarding ethics and lawfulness of Council candidate campaigning.

A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Alfano to adjourn at approximately 8:43 p.m., seconded by Ceglia. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk