

**VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 14, 2023 7:00 PM**

This Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Vernon was convened at 7:00 p.m. on August 14, 2023 via Zoom Webinar and in the Vernon Municipal Center, 21 Church Street, Vernon, New Jersey with Council President Buccieri presiding.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the public and the press on January 6, 2023 and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-7.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Council President Buccieri led the assemblage in the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present were Council Members Patrick Rizzuto, Bradley Sparta, Joseph Tadrack and Council President Natalie Buccieri. Also present were Mayor Howard Burrell, Administrator Tina Kraus, CFO Donelle Bright, Municipal Clerk Marcy Gianattasio and Township Attorney Joshua Zielinski.

Council Member Distasi was not present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (For Current Agenda Items Only, Limited to 3 Minutes Per Person)

President Buccieri asked for a motion to open the meeting to Public Comments.

MOVED: Tadrack
SECOND: Rizzuto

All members were in favor.

Jessica Paladini – asked what the executive session was for. Ms. Paladini questioned items on the bills list.

Seeing no one else from the public wishing to come forward, President Buccieri asked for a motion to close the meeting to Public Comments.

MOVED: Tadrack
SECOND: Sparta

All members were in favor.

REVIEW OF BILLS LIST

The Council reviewed the bills list.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 10, 2023 – Regular Meeting

President Buccieri asked for a motion to approve the July 10, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

MOVED: Sparta
SECOND: Tadrack

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Sparta, Tadrack, Buccieri

NAYES:

ABSTAIN: Rizzuto

ABSENT: Distasi

Motion carries to approve the approve the July 10, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution #23-201: Resolution Authorizing Leasing of Certain Vehicles for the Department of Animal Control Through Sourcewell National Cooperative #060618-EFM Through Enterprise Fleet Management Services Inc. (Quote No. 7310491 – 1 x Oxford White)

Resolution #23-202: Refund Overpayment (Block 531 Lot 33 – Fulman)

Resolution #23-203: Authorizing the Award of a Required Disclosure Contract with Granicus for Compliance Software

Resolution #23-204: Chapter 159 Resolution Requesting Approval of Revenue and Appropriation Amending the 2023 Budget as a Revenue and Appropriation of \$13,002.24

Resolution #23-205: Resolution Authorizing Leasing of Certain Vehicles for the Department of Police Through Sourcewell National Cooperative #060618-EFM Through Enterprise Fleet Management Services Inc. (Quote No. 7372059 – 1 x DB Black Clearcoat)

Resolution #23-206: Approving Active Volunteer Firefighter for Membership in the New Jersey State Firemen’s Association (DePalo)

Resolution #23-207: Renewal of Inactive Liquor License (JD Vernon Lodge and Inn LLC) Requiring Special Ruling in the Township of Vernon for the 2023-2024 Licensing Term

Resolution #23-211: Refund for Totally Disabled Veteran (Block 68 Lot 4 – Jones)

Resolution #23-213: Resolution Authorizing Leasing of Certain Vehicles for the Department of Public Works Through Sourcewell National Cooperative #060618-EFM Through Enterprise Fleet Management Services Inc. (Quote No. 7405097 – 1 x Oxford White)

Resolution #23-214: Resolution Authorizing Leasing of Certain Vehicles for the Department of Public Works Through Sourcewell National Cooperative #060618-EFM Through Enterprise Fleet Management Services Inc. (Quote No. 7405203 – 1 x Oxford White)

Resolution #23-215: Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved State Contract Vendors Under T0896

Resolution #23-216: Authorizing the Use of the 2023 Sussex County Road Resurfacing Program with Proposed Improvements to Various Streets within the Township of Vernon

Resolution #23-217: Authorizing the Use of Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council for Proposed Improvements to Various Streets within the Township of Vernon

President Buccieri asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

MOVED: Tadrick
SECOND: Sparta

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Rizzuto, Sparta, Tadrick, Buccieri
NAYES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Distasi

Motion carries to approve the consent agenda.

RESOLUTION #23-201

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEASING OF CERTAIN VEHICLES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CONTROL THROUGH SOURCEWELL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE #060618-EFM THROUGH ENTERPRISE

FLEET MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC.

(Quote No. 7310491- 1 x Oxford White)

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon, Sussex County, State of New Jersey as follows:

WHEREAS, the governing body of Vernon Township approved in Resolution 19-164 authorizing leasing of certain vehicles through Sourcewell National Cooperative #060618-EFM through Enterprise Fleet Management Services, Inc., and this is an extension of that resolution; and

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WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Public Contract Law P.L. 2011, C.139 (the “Law” or “Chapter 139” and N.J.S.A.52:34-6.2 the regulations promulgated there under in Local Finance Notice LFN 2012-10, the following purchase without competitive bids from vendor with a National Cooperative Contract is hereby approved for municipalities, and;

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has the need to procure certain vehicles through lease program for Township services in accord with the Local Publics Contract Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. Seq., and;

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has previously acted in accord with New Jersey public procurement statutes and regulations as promulgated by formally joining a recognized and compliant national cooperative, being the Sourcewell National Cooperative, and;

WHEREAS, the regulations as set forth within Local Finance Notice LFN 2012-10 have been fully complied with, and;

WHEREAS, the equipment and corresponding Sourcewell National Cooperative contract is #060618-EFM for Enterprise Fleet Management Services Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the cost savings determination as required under LFN 2012-10 is the cost of contract as there is currently no cooperative lease program in effect under the New Jersey Division of Purchase and Property; and

WHEREAS, the quoted cost under the Sourcewell National contract is \$48,468.00 (Quote No. 7310491); and

WHEREAS, that the governing body of Vernon Township pursuant to NJAC 5:30-5.5(b) (the certification of available funds), states that the Chief Finance Officer shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Finance Officer; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Business Administrator is hereby directed to effectuate the contract with Enterprise Fleet Management Services Inc. under Sourcewell contract #060618-EFM in accord with the provisions of the tenets as established within 40A:11-1 et. Seq.,

RESOLUTION #23-202

**REFUND OVERPAYMENT
(Block 531 Lot 33 – FULMAN)**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon, Vernon, New Jersey, that a warrant be drawn to Konstantin & Elina Fulman.in the amount of \$837.25 representing refund for overpayment of 1st qtr. 2023 property taxes for Block 531 Lot 33.

OWNER	BLOCK	LOT	REFUND AMOUNT
Fulman	531	33	\$837.25
		TOTAL:	\$837.25

RESOLUTION #23-203

**AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF A REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONTRACT
WITH GRANICUS FOR COMPLIANCE SOFTWARE**

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has a need for contractor for its operations in service of the residents of the Township, through Granicus, 408 St. Peter Street, Suite 600, St. Paul, MN 55012 as a required disclosure contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4; and,

WHEREAS, Sean Canning, Q.P.A., of the Canning Group, LLC has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500 and the anticipated term of this contract is for the year of 2023-2024; and

WHEREAS, Granicus, 408 St. Peter Street, Suite 600, St. Paul, MN 55012, in the aggregate is expected to provide more than the pay to play threshold of \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, Granicus, 408 St. Peter Street, Suite 600, St. Paul, MN 55012, has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification and a Personal Contribution Disclosure form which certifies that Granicus has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the *Township of Vernon* in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Granicus from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, the subject to the governing bodies approval of future budgets the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies that funds NOT TO EXCEED \$28,286.53 are available in Line Items:

- 2023: 3-01-20-100-20
- 2024: 4-01-20-100-20 (subject to the 2024 Budget)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Business Administrator to enter into a contract with Granicus, 408 St. Peter Street, Suite 600, St. Paul, MN 55012, not to exceed \$28,286.53 for the 2023-2024 budget year for contractor services;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and Personal Contribution Disclosure form, Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

RESOLUTION #23-204

**CHAPTER 159 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF
REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION AMENDING THE 2023 BUDGET
AS A REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$13,002.24**

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

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

WHEREAS, the Township has been awarded a \$13,002.24 National Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grant; and wishes to amend its 2023 budget for the difference of the awarded amount as a revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Vernon hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2023 in the sum of \$13,002.24 which is now available as a revenue,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$13,002.24 is hereby appropriated under the caption National Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grant.

RESOLUTION #23-205

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEASING OF CERTAIN VEHICLES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
POLICE THROUGH SOURCEWELL
NATIONAL COOPERATIVE #060618-EFM THROUGH ENTERPRISE
FLEET MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC.
(Quote No. 7372059- 1 x DB Black Clearcoat)**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon, Sussex County, State of New Jersey as follows:

WHEREAS, the governing body of Vernon Township approved in Resolution 19-164 authorizing leasing of certain vehicles through Sourcewell National Cooperative #060618-EFM through Enterprise Fleet Management Services, Inc., and this is an extension of that resolution; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Public Contract Law P.L. 2011, C.139 (the "Law" or "Chapter 139" and N.J.S.A.52:34-6.2 the regulations promulgated there under in Local Finance Notice LFN 2012-10, the following purchase without competitive bids from vendor with a National Cooperative Contract is hereby approved for municipalities, and;

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has the need to procure certain vehicles through lease program for Township services in accord with the Local Publics Contract Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. Seq., and;

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has previously acted in accord with New Jersey public procurement statutes and regulations as promulgated by formally joining a recognized and compliant national cooperative, being the Sourcewell National Cooperative, and;

WHEREAS, the regulations as set forth within Local Finance Notice LFN 2012-10 have been fully complied with, and;

WHEREAS, the equipment and corresponding Sourcewell National Cooperative contract is #060618-EFM for Enterprise Fleet Management Services Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the cost savings determination as required under LFN 2012-10 is the cost of contract as there is currently no cooperative lease program in effect under the New Jersey Division of Purchase and Property; and

WHEREAS, the quoted cost under the Sourcewell National contract is \$45,578.40 (Quote No. 7372059); and

WHEREAS, that the governing body of Vernon Township pursuant to NJAC 5:30-5.5(b) (the certification of available funds), states that the Chief Finance Officer shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Finance Officer; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Business Administrator is hereby directed to effectuate the contract with Enterprise Fleet Management Services Inc. under Sourcewell contract #060618-EFM in accord with the provisions of the tenets as established within 40A:11-1 et. Seq.,

RESOLUTION #23-206

APPROVING ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE

NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION (DePalo)

WHEREAS, the Township Council recognizes the extraordinary contributions made by volunteer firefighters to our community and seeks to encourage their full participation in professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, John M DePalo an active firefighter and member of the Pochuck Valley Fire Department, is requesting approval to submit an application for membership to the New Jersey State Firemen's Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, Sussex County, New Jersey hereby approves John M DePalo for membership in the New Jersey State Firemen's Association.

RESOLUTION #23-207

RENEWAL OF INACTIVE LIQUOR LICENSE (JD VERNON LODGE AND INN LLC) REQUIRING SPECIAL RULING IN THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON FOR THE 2023-2024 LICENSING TERM

WHEREAS, all licenses to dispense alcoholic beverages must be renewed and reissued annually; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 the following license required a Special Ruling by the State Division of Alcoholic Beverages, as the license is currently inactive, prior to its renewal; and

WHEREAS, the State Division of Alcoholic Beverages, on July 11, 2023 had issued said special ruling for the 2023-2024 license term; and

WHEREAS, the licensee has complied with all of the regulations as set forth by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission of the State of New Jersey;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon that the following inactive license shall be reissued for the 2023-2024 licensing period expiring June 30, 2024.

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION

JD Vernon Lodge and Inn LLC

1922-33-009-004

RESOLUTION #23-211

**REFUND FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN
(Block 68 Lot 4 - Jones)**

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS awarded George Jones a 100% permanent and totally disabled veteran: and,

WHEREAS, the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to refund 4th quarter 2022 property tax in the amount of \$2,046.89 to George Jones.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #23-213

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEASING OF CERTAIN VEHICLES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS THROUGH SOURCEWELL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE #060618-EFM THROUGH ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC.
(Quote No. 7405097- 1 x Oxford White)**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon, Sussex County, State of New Jersey as follows:

WHEREAS, the governing body of Vernon Township approved in Resolution 19-164 authorizing leasing of certain vehicles through Sourcwell National Cooperative #060618-EFM through Enterprise Fleet Management Services, Inc., and this is an extension of that resolution; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Public Contract Law P.L. 2011, C.139 (the "Law" or "Chapter 139" and N.J.S.A.52:34-6.2 the regulations promulgated there under in Local Finance Notice LFN 2012-10, the following purchase without competitive bids from vendor with a National Cooperative Contract is hereby approved for municipalities, and;

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has the need to procure certain vehicles through lease program for Township services in accord with the Local Publics Contract Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. Seq., and;

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has previously acted in accord with New Jersey public procurement statutes and regulations as promulgated by formally joining a recognized and compliant national cooperative, being the Sourcewell National Cooperative, and;

WHEREAS, the regulations as set forth within Local Finance Notice LFN 2012-10 have been fully complied with, and;

WHEREAS, the equipment and corresponding Sourcewell National Cooperative contract is #060618-EFM for Enterprise Fleet Management Services Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the cost savings determination as required under LFN 2012-10 is the cost of contract as there is currently no cooperative lease program in effect under the New Jersey Division of Purchase and Property; and

WHEREAS, the quoted cost under the Sourcewell National contract is \$87,783.00 (Quote No. 7405097); and

WHEREAS, that the governing body of Vernon Township pursuant to NJAC 5:30-5.5(b) (the certification of available funds), states that the Chief Finance Officer shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Finance Officer; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Business Administrator is hereby directed to effectuate the contract with Enterprise Fleet Management Services Inc. under Sourcewell contract #060618-EFM in accord with the provisions of the tenets as established within 40A:11-1 et. Seq.,

RESOLUTION #23-214

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEASING OF CERTAIN VEHICLES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS THROUGH SOURCEWELL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE #060618-EFM THROUGH ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC. (Quote No. 7405203- 1 x Oxford White)

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon, Sussex County, State of New Jersey as follows:

WHEREAS, the governing body of Vernon Township approved in Resolution 19-164 authorizing leasing of certain vehicles through Sourcewell National Cooperative #060618-EFM through Enterprise Fleet Management Services, Inc., and this is an extension of that resolution; and

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WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Public Contract Law P.L. 2011, C.139 (the "Law" or "Chapter 139" and N.J.S.A.52:34-6.2 the regulations promulgated there under in Local Finance Notice LFN 2012-10, the following purchase without competitive bids from vendor with a National Cooperative Contract is hereby approved for municipalities, and;

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has the need to procure certain vehicles through lease program for Township services in accord with the Local Publics Contract Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. Seq., and;

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has previously acted in accord with New Jersey public procurement statutes and regulations as promulgated by formally joining a recognized and compliant national cooperative, being the Sourcewell National Cooperative, and;

WHEREAS, the regulations as set forth within Local Finance Notice LFN 2012-10 have been fully complied with, and;

WHEREAS, the equipment and corresponding Sourcewell National Cooperative contract is #060618-EFM for Enterprise Fleet Management Services Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the cost savings determination as required under LFN 2012-10 is the cost of contract as there is currently no cooperative lease program in effect under the New Jersey Division of Purchase and Property; and

WHEREAS, the quoted cost under the Sourcewell National contract is \$87,783.00 (Quote No. 7405203); and

WHEREAS, that the governing body of Vernon Township pursuant to NJAC 5:30-5.5(b) (the certification of available funds), states that the Chief Finance Officer shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Finance Officer; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Business Administrator is hereby directed to effectuate the contract with Enterprise Fleet Management Services Inc. under Sourcewell contract #060618-EFM in accord with the provisions of the tenets as established within 40A:11-1 et. Seq.,

RESOLUTION #23-215

**AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS
WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE CONTRACT VENDORS
UNDER T0896**

WHEREAS, as provided for within the New Jersey Local Publics Contract Law (N.J.S.A.40A:11-1 et. Seq.) the Township of Vernon may by resolution, and without advertising for bids or obtaining quotations, purchase any goods or services under the State Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Township has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods and services utilizing State contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Township intends to enter into contracts with Morris Asphalt Co. Inc., P.O. Box 305, Lafayette, NJ 07848, New Jersey State Contract T0896 Asphaltic Oil and Aggregate Surface Treatment - Statewide applicable to all the conditions to current State contracts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, authorizes the Qualified Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods and services from Morris Asphalt Co. Inc., P.O. Box 305, Lafayette, NJ 07848, New Jersey State Contract T0896 Asphaltic Oil and Aggregate Surface Treatment - Statewide applicable to all the conditions to current State contracts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of Vernon Township pursuant to NJAC 5:30-5.5(b) (the certification of available funds), states that the Chief Finance Officer shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Finance Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

RESOLUTION #23-216

**AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE 2023 SUSSEX COUNTY ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM FOR
PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS STREETS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON**

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has a need for contracting services for Proposed Improvements to Various Streets throughout the Township; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Sussex County Road Resurfacing Program has advertised and received bids for milling, paving, and line striping work and the bids received allowed for vendors to extend their pricing to municipalities within the County of Sussex; and

WHEREAS, the list of 2023 resurfacing projects included the following roadways:

Panorama Dr	Amisa Court	Lakeview Rd
Lakeview Dr. NW	Hillary Court	West Lakeview Rd
Lisa Drive	White Birch Dr	Dogwood Trail East
Bantry Court	Woodland Rd	Susan Valley Terrace
Tullock Drive	Oakway Dr	(North End)
Tanglewood Dr	Paradise Trail	(North End)

WHEREAS, the Vernon Township Engineer recommends the Township Council award contracts for milling & paving, and line striping, through the use of 2023 Sussex County Road Resurfacing Program to the following contractor:

- 1) Milling - Riverview Paving, Inc. in an amount of **\$164,150.00**; and
- 2) Paving - Riverview Paving, Inc in an amount of **\$551,800.00**; and
- 3) Traffic Striping - Riverview Paving, Inc. in an amount of **\$5,940.00**.

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer of the Township of Vernon has certified that the funds for these contracts are available in Account #C-04-23-015-01 Road Improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon that the vendor Riverview Paving, Inc. be utilized for the Milling, Paving and Traffic Striping to Various Street Improvements through the respective 2023 Sussex County Road Resurfacing Program contracts at the amounts not to exceed listed herewith.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately according to law.

RESOLUTION #23-217

**AUTHORIZING THE USE OF MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING
COUNCIL FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO
VARIOUS STREETS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON**

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has a need for contracting services for Proposed Improvements to Various Streets within Cliffwood Lake, Barry Lakes (E2 section) Lake Panorama and Susan Valley Terrace; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council advertised and received bids for guide rails and drainage inlet accessories; and

WHEREAS, the bids received allowed for vendors to extend their pricing to municipalities who are a member of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, a State regulated County Contract Purchasing System; and

WHEREAS, the Vernon Township Engineer recommends the Township Council award contracts for guide rails and drainage inlet accessories through the use of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council to the following contractors:

- 1) Guide Rails: Road Safety Systems, LLC (Contract #26) in an amount of **\$70,694.00**; and
- 2) Drainage Inlet Accessories: Campbell Foundry Co. (Contract #14) in an amount of **\$9,324.00**

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer of the Township of Vernon has certified that the funds for these contracts are available in Account #C-04-23-015-01 Road Improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon that the vendors Road Safety Systems and Campbell Foundry Co. be utilized for the Improvements to Various Streets through the respective Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council contracts at the amounts not to exceed listed herewith.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately according to law.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #23-210: Resolution Requesting Authorization to Hire Certain Police Officers

Council Member Buccieri asked for a motion to approve resolution #23-210.

MOVED: Tadrick
SECOND: Sparta

A roll call vote was taken:
AYES: Rizzuto, Sparta, Tadrick, Buccieri
NAYES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Distasi

Motion carries to approve the resolution #23-210.

RESOLUTION #23-210

RESOLUTION REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE CERTAIN POLICE OFFICERS

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township of Vernon to hire a police officer, and

WHEREAS, the Vernon Township Police Department staff have conducted background checks and interviewed Police Officer candidates in accordance with all Civil Service guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Vernon Township Police Department staff recommend the hiring of the following Police Officer Candidate:

Trevor R. Krupinski- at a Step 1 level, \$54,694/year.

WHEREAS, the Township's Chief of Police recommends hiring this officer; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that there will be sufficient funds.

Resolution #23-212: Authorizing the Award of a Required Disclosure Contract for Professional Legal Services for Redevelopment Projects and Tax Foreclosures

Council Member Buccieri asked for a motion to approve resolution #23-212.

MOVED: Sparta
SECOND: Buccieri

A roll call vote was taken:
AYES: Sparta, Buccieri
NAYES: Rizzuto, Tadrick
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Distasi

Motion does not carry to approve the resolution #23-212.

2022 ANNUAL AUDIT

Resolution #23-208 2022 Annual Audit

Council Member Sparta made a motion to place resolution #23-208 on the floor for discussion. Seconded by Council Member Tadrick.

Council Member Rizzuto made a motion to table resolution #23-208. Seconded by Council Member Tadrick.

A roll call vote was taken:
AYES: Rizzuto, Sparta, Tadrick, Buccieri
NAYES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Distasi

Motion Carries to table resolution #23-208.

Resolution #23-209 Corrective Action Plan 2022 Audit

Council President Bucciero made a motion to table resolution #23-209. Seconded by Council Member Sparta.

A roll call vote was taken:
AYES: Rizzuto, Sparta, Tadrick, Buccieri
NAYES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Distasi

Motion Carries to table resolution #23-209.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Ordinance #23-18: Ordinance of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 5 of the Code of the Township of Vernon Entitled "Administration of Government" to Update Reorganization and Term Start Dates

President Buccieri asked for a motion to introduce ordinance #23-18.

MOVED: Sparta
SECOND: Tadrick

A roll call vote was taken:
AYES: Rizzuto, Sparta, Tadrick, Buccieri
NAYES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Distasi

Motion carries to introduce ordinance #23-18.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limited to 5 Minutes Per Person)

President Buccieri asked for a motion to open the meeting for public comment.

MOVED: Sparta
SECOND: Tadrick

All members were in favor.

Peter Knipe – questioned resolution #23-215. Mr. Knipe asked about the contract for ambulance services because he is concerned about the service.

Jessica Paladini – let the Council know that she will be requesting time to do a presentation of the Western Highland Scenic Byway at a future meeting. Ms. Paladini feels that the Chairperson of the EDAC falsified information.

Seeing no other members of the public wishing to speak, President Buccieri asked for a motion to close the meeting for Public Comments.

MOVED: Sparta
SECOND: Tadrick

All members were in favor.

MAYOR COMMENTS

While my wife Reba and I have lived in, and raised our family in, the town of Vernon for the past 43 years, these last almost four years that I have had the honor of serving as Vernon's Mayor has given me a new and greater appreciation for the CARING, GIVING and VOLUNTEERING SPRIT of VERNON TOWNSHIP! And on tonight, I use my Mayor's Comments to focus a much-deserved light on the ongoing positive, productive and cost savings impact that this CARING, GIVING and VOLUNTEERING SPRIT is having on the rapid development and care of our town's newest park, the Town Center Municipal Park. Those of you who were around 18 years ago when we broke ground for the now beautiful Maple Grange Municipal Park, know that it took years, and not months, before that park had the level of usable amenities, and the volume of public attendance, that has been achieved at our new Town Center Municipal Park in just the first 10 months since it opened. And one of the most community minded and financially significant facts, is that with the exception of the Pump Track and Walking Trail amenities, plus the Porta-John that's on the site, all of the many other usable and beneficial amenities and site improvements at this new Municipal Park have been donated by town volunteers and/or other friends of this park. And as I have done in the past, on tonight, it is my pleasure and privilege to acknowledge three additional gifts to the Town Center Municipal Park. The first is a striking new Flagpole surrounded by a circled apron of beautiful Paving Stones. This special gift will allow our town to raise, display and honor our nation's flag at the Town Center Municipal Park, just as we do at our Veterans' Memorial and Maple Grange Municipal Parks. The installation of the Flagpole was professionally done by the company Advantage Signs, Flags, and Banners of Newton. As part of this gift, the giver will also provide our town a large, new American flag. Every aspect of this gift was at no cost to our town's taxpayers, since it was fully paid for by the giver, the RINKER FAMILY! The second gift is a high quality, glass enclosed Outdoor Kiosk/Message Board that has been installed at the Town Center Municipal Park. Again, every aspect of this gift was at no cost to our town's taxpayers, since it was fully paid for by the giver, the KRAUS FAMILY! The third gift is a small touch that's makes a big difference. It's the gift of the beautiful flowers that are planted and cared for around the municipal signs that identify the Town Center Park & Pump Track, and the Town Center Bike & Walking Trail - - the two key amenities that anchor our newest Municipal Park. Here also, every aspect of this gift was at no cost to our town's taxpayers, since these beautiful flowers were fully paid for, planted and are being cared for by the giver, Ms. REBA BURRELL! On behalf of our township, I thank these givers not only for their gifts, but for their demonstrations of their pride in, and their care for, our town. They are a part of the many individuals who together, make us VERNON STRONG!

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Members Rizzuto, Sparta and Tadrick had no comments.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS

Council President Buccieri had no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:41 pm Council Member Sparta made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Council Member Tadrick.

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Gianattasio, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

Natalie Buccieri
Council President

Minutes approved: August 28, 2023