

**MINUTES**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5 OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, CHAPTER 231.P.L. 1975, NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS POSTED ON THE TOWNSHIP BULLETIN BOARD DESIGNED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTICE WAS ALSO POSTED ON ALL TOWNSHIP SOCIAL MEDIA SITES. NOTICE WAS MAILED TO THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2023.

Council President announced that the meeting was accessible to the public online and those who did not have the ability to access Zoom on a computer were able to participate using the telephone.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

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| <b>COUNCILWOMAN JENNIFER APELL</b>          |                     |
| <b>COUNCILMAN WILLIAM CARTER, III</b>       |                     |
| <b>COUNCILWOMAN SANGEETA DOSHI</b>          | <b>ARRIVED 6:36</b> |
| <b>COUNCILWOMAN MICHELE GOLKOW</b>          |                     |
| <b>COUNCILWOMAN CAROLE ROSKOPH</b>          |                     |
| <b>COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT BRIAN BAUERLE</b> | <b>ARRIVED 6:34</b> |
| <b>COUNCIL PRESIDENT DAVID FLEISHER</b>     |                     |

Council President reviewed the agenda.

Howard Long, Special Counsel, read the resolution authorizing the executive session to discuss any pending contract negotiations.

On a motion by Councilwoman Roskoph, seconded by Councilman Carter, Township Council moved into executive session.

**AYE:** Councilwoman Apell, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Golkow, Councilwoman Roskoph, Council Vice President Bauerle, and Council President Fleisher

**Council convened in Executive Session.**

On a motion by Councilwoman Roskoph, seconded by Council Vice President Bauerle Township Council ended the executive session.

**AYE:** Councilwoman Apell, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Golkow, Councilwoman Roskoph, Council Vice President Bauerle, and Council President Fleisher

**ADOPTED: OCTOBER 16, 2023**

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**ATTEST:**

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**PATTI CHACKER, RMC**  
**TOWNSHIP CLERK**

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Council President advised that the meeting was accessible to the public online and those who did not have the ability to access Zoom on a computer were able to participate using the telephone.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**INVOCATION**

**ROLL CALL**

**COUNCILWOMAN JENNIFER APELL  
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM CARTER, III  
COUNCILWOMAN SANGEETA DOSHI  
COUNCILWOMAN MICHELE GOLKOW  
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COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT BRIAN BAUERLE  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT DAVID FLEISHER**

**PROCLAMATIONS AND/OR COMMENDATIONS – RONAN KELLY, CHEB VOLUNTEER**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON PRIOR REGISTRATION - NONE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**On a motion by Councilman Carter, seconded by Councilwoman Apell the minutes of September 12 were approved by the following vote:**

**AYE:** Councilwoman Apell, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Golkow, Councilwoman Roskoph, Council Vice President Bauerle, and Council President Fleisher  
**ABSTAIN:** Councilwoman Doshi

**COMMUNICATIONS – CORRESPONDENCE**

**TEMPORARY USE PERMIT APPLICATION**

Cherry Valley Park Halloween Party  
218 Harvest Road, CH

**TOTAL (1) LICENSE**

Oct. 21, 2023  
9:00 am-2:00 pm  
Rain Date Oct. 28, 2023

**TEMPORARY SIGN PERMIT**

Holy Eucharist Parish Christmas Craft Show Sign  
344 Kresson Road, CH

**TOTAL (1) LICENSE**

Oct. 19 - Nov. 11

**On a motion by Councilwoman Golkow, seconded by Councilwoman Apell the applications detailed above were approved by the following vote:**

**AYE:** Councilwoman Apell, Councilwoman Carter, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Golkow, Councilwoman Roskoph, Council Vice President Bauerle, and Council President Fleisher

**REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND/OR DEPARTMENT HEAD - NONE**

**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING – NONE**

**RESOLUTIONS**

2023-9-24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

**On a motion by Councilman Carter, seconded by Councilwoman Apell the bill list in the amount of \$19,374,099.69 was approved by the following vote:**

**AYE:** Councilwoman Apell, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Golkow, Councilwoman Roskoph (Abstain to Cherry Hill Board of Education), Council Vice President Bauerle (Abstain any/all payments to Connor, Strong and Buckelew), and Council President Fleisher (Abstain any/all payments to Connor, Strong and Buckelew)

**Consent Agenda 2023-9-25 THROUGH 2023-9-35**

- 2023-9-25 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL AND VOORHEES TOWNSHIP REGARDING BACKUP WASTEWATER OPERATORS
- 2023-9-26 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TERMINATION OF CHERRY HILL TOWNSHIP'S PARTICIPATION UNDER THE STATE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN
- 2023-9-27 RESOLUTION TO AWARD UTILIZATION OF STATE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF CARPETING AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING
- 2023-9-28 RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF 2023 HIGHWAY MATERIALS HOT MIX ASPHALT I-2, I-4 AND I-5
- 2023-9-29 RESOLUTION TO UTILIZE STATE CONTRACT EXTENSION TO PURCHASE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT, PERIPHERALS AND RELATED SERVICE FROM DELL COMPUTER
- 2023-9-30 RESOLUTION CHARGING AGAINST OWNERS COST FOR CUTTING GRASS, REMOVING TREE DEBRIS, REFUSE, AND OTHER MATERIALS FROM LANDS
- 2023-9-31 RESOLUTION CHARGING AGAINST OWNERS COST FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS INCLUDING SEWAGE PUMP RENTAL FEES, LABOR, AND MATERIAL COSTS FOR ONGOING MAINTENANCE OF THE PRIVATE SEWER PUMP STATION AT 2458 ROUTE 38
- 2023-9-32 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OR CANCELLATION OF VARIOUS ITEMS, DIVISION OF TAX COLLECTIONS-SEWER

- 2023-9-33 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE COMBINATION OF CERTAIN ISSUES OF SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2023 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY INTO A SINGLE ISSUE OF BONDS AGGREGATING \$10,823,000 IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT.
- 2023-9-34 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE COMBINATION OF CERTAIN ISSUES OF GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2023 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY INTO A SINGLE ISSUE OF BONDS AGGREGATING \$39,364,000 IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT.
- 2023-9-35 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF \$50,187,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2023, CONSISTING OF \$39,364,000 GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2023 AND \$10,823,000 SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2023, OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR SALE.

**On a motion by Councilwoman Roskoph seconded by Councilwoman Golkow the Consent Agenda, Resolutions 2023-9-25 through 2023-9-35 were approved by the following vote**

**AYE:** Councilwoman Apell, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Golkow, Councilwoman Roskoph, Council Vice President Bauerle, and Council President Fleisher

- 2023-9-36 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT OF SALE BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL AND THE ESTATE OF EVA D. GILMOUR, ROBERT GILMOUR, EXECUTOR, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**Council President Fleisher** announced the adoption of Resolution 2023-9-36 will represent a critical step towards the permanent preservation and protection of the Holly Ravine Farm for Cherry Hill Township. The property will be acquired for \$3,859,000.00, and the township will utilize a combination of funds from the Open Space Trust Fund, bonding capacity, and previously allocated capital funds while also exploring funding alternatives from the County and the State to ensure this important preservation effort moves forward responsibly.

**On a motion by Councilwoman Golkow seconded by Councilwoman Doshi, Resolution 2023-9-36 was approved by the following vote**

**AYE:** Councilwoman Apell, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Golkow, Councilwoman Roskoph, Council Vice President Bauerle, and Council President Fleisher

## **ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING - NONE**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

#### **Lew Gorman**

**Cherry Hill, NJ**

Mr. Gorman shared his excitement on behalf of the Cherry Hill Environmental Board of the sale and preservation of the Holly Ravine Farm property.

#### **Yolanda Lorenz**

**Cherry Hill, NJ**

Ms. Lorenz expressed her concerns about the safety of pedestrians on Kings Highway.

#### **Chief Kempf**

Chief Kempf noted that neither a crosswalk nor a well-lit area of the road was present when

the fatal pedestrian accident happened. The timing of the traffic signals along Kings Highway is being looked at, according to Chief Kempf, in partnership with the state.

**Rick Short**

**Cherry Hill, NJ**

Mr. Short voiced his concerns about the safety of pedestrians in light of recent street light outages. Additionally, Mr. Short complimented the Chief on the new K-9 vehicles and the security cameras at events. Mr. Short voiced his worries about the schools in Cherry Hill.

**COMMENTS OF COUNCIL**

**Councilman Carter**

Councilman Carter praised the Council President and all those involved for their efforts in saving Holly Ravine Farms. Additionally, according to Councilman Carter, we must ensure that everyone may live in safety, regardless of how they may appear or what they may do.

**Councilwoman Doshi**

Councilwoman Doshi, who also addressed the neighbors' concerns about traffic safety, recognized the CH Environmental Board. Councilwoman Doshi thanked everyone for their efforts and support in order to preserve open space. Councilwoman Doshi expressed the importance of protecting the environment and cited Native American Chief Seattle, "We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors—we borrow it from our children."

**Councilwoman Golkow**

Councilwoman Golkow acknowledged Ms. Lorenz's concerns and stated we will find a solution to maintain public safety along Kings Highway. Councilwoman Golkow thanked Council President for his efforts to protect open space.

**Councilwoman Roskoph**

Councilwoman Roskoph thanked CHEB for their services to the community. Councilwoman Roskoph as a cost-saving measure acknowledged the re-negotiation of employee health benefits, Resolution 2023-9-26, for both citizens and employees. In response to Mr. Short's remarks, Councilwoman Roskoph said that words do matter.

**Councilwoman Apell**

Councilwoman Apell congratulated Ronan Kelly and the Environmental Board. In addition to thanking everyone who contributed to the preservation of Holly Ravine Farm, Councilwoman Apell acknowledged that the 100-year-old tree on the property would be conserved.

**Council Vice President Bauerle**

Council Vice President Bauerle expressed his excitement over the perseveration of open space at Holly Ravine Farm.

**Council President Fleisher**

Council President Fleisher thanked Councilwoman Roskoph for her steadfast commitment to civility. Council President Fleisher expressed gratitude to his colleagues and Cherry Hill residents for their support of open space.

**ADOPTED: OCTOBER 16, 2023**

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**ATTEST:**

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