

DECEMBER 10, 2019

The Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, convened in regular session at Municipal Headquarters, Friberger Park, Union, New Jersey, on the 10TH day of December, 2019 at 7:30 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Michele Delisfort, Chairman of the Township Committee.

The Clerk read the following statement:

"This is a regular meeting of the Township Committee. Public Notice of this meeting has been given, as required by the 'Open Public Meeting's Law'. A Resolution was adopted on January 1, 2019, designating this date, this hall and 7:30 P.M. as the time for this regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union.

A notice of each and every regular meeting of the Township Committee was posted, in accordance with the aforesaid 'Open Public Meeting's Law', in one public place reserved for the posting of Ordinances and official notices of the Township of Union, namely, the bulletin board next to the Clerk's Office. In addition thereto, a copy of said Resolution was forwarded to The Local Source, Suburban News and the Star Ledger. A copy of said Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Township."

The opening prayer was led by Committeeman People, and the pledge to the flag was led by Committeeman Florio.

The Clerk called the roll. Those present and those absent, were as follows:

Present: MICHELE DELISFORT, MAYOR
JOSEPH FLORIO, DEPUTY MAYOR
CLIFTON PEOPLE, JR.
MANUEL FIGUEIREDO
SUZETTE CAVADAS

MAYORS AWARD:

UHS Fighting Farmers Football Team

Holiday Ornament Decorating Contest Winner
Sloan Pello
Naomi San Diego

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. People, and carried, the Township Committee moved to approve the Conference & Regular Session Minutes of November 26, 2019.

ORDINANCES:

DRAFT AND FIRST READINGS:

The Clerk presented draft of an ordinance amending and supplementing Bond Ordinance 5638 providing for various improvements to the Municipal Building.

On motion of Ms. Cavadas, seconded by Mr. Figueiredo, and carried, the Township Committee,

RESOLVED, that the said draft of ordinance be received, approved, and that the same be taken up on first reading by title.

BOND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, IN
THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING BOND ORDINANCE

#5638 IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE TOTAL APPROPRIATION THEREIN FROM \$450,000 TO \$850,000 AND TO INCREASE THE TOTAL DEBT AUTHORIZATION THEREIN FROM \$428,500 TO \$808,500, AND TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT OTHER PROVISIONS THEREIN

On motion of Ms. Cavadas, seconded by Mr. Figueiredo, and carried on roll call, the Township Committee,

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid ordinance be and the same is hereby passed on first reading, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforesaid ordinance be considered as to second and final reading, at a meeting to be held on December 23, 2019.

Mr. Figueiredo, aye, Ms. Cavadas, aye, Mr. People, aye, Mr. Florio, aye, Ms. Delisfort aye

The Clerk presented draft of an ordinance vacating a portion of the street known as Buell Avenue in the Township.

On motion of Mr. Figueiredo, seconded by Ms. Cavadas, and carried, the Township Committee,

RESOLVED, that the said draft of ordinance be received, approved, and that the same be taken up on first reading by title.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY VACATING THE PUBLIC STREET KNOWN AS A PORTION OF BUELL AVENUE NORTH IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

On motion of Mr. Figueiredo, seconded by Ms. Cavadas, and carried on roll call, the Township Committee,

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid ordinance be and the same is hereby passed on first reading, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforesaid ordinance be considered as to second and final reading, at a meeting to be held on December 23, 2019.

Mr. Figueiredo, aye, Ms. Cavadas, aye, Mr. People, aye, Mr. Florio, aye, Ms. Delisfort aye

The Clerk presented draft of an ordinance vacating a portion of the Street known as Floral Avenue North in the Township.

On motion of Mr. People, seconded by Mr. Florio, and carried, the Township Committee,

RESOLVED, that the said draft of ordinance be received, approved, and that the same be taken up on first reading by title.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY VACATING THE PUBLIC STREET KNOWN AS FLORAL AVENUE NORTH IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

On motion of Mr. People, seconded by Mr. Florio, and carried on roll call, the Township Committee,

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid ordinance be and the same is hereby passed on

first reading, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforesaid ordinance be considered as to second and final reading, at a meeting to be held on December 23, 2019.

Mr. Figueiredo, aye, Ms. Cavadas, aye, Mr. People, aye, Mr. Florio, aye, Ms. Delisfort aye

The Clerk presented draft of an ordinance providing for improvements to Veterans Memorial Park

On motion of Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. People, and carried, the Township Committee,

RESOLVED, that the said draft of ordinance be received, approved, and that the same be taken up on first reading by title.

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$250,000 THEREFOR (INCLUSIVE OF A \$60,300 STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$189,700 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

On motion of Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. People, and carried on roll call, the Township Committee,

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid ordinance be and the same is hereby passed on first reading, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforesaid ordinance be considered as to second and final reading, at a meeting to be held on December 23, 2019.

Mr. Figueiredo, aye, Ms. Cavadas, aye, Mr. People, aye, Mr. Florio, aye, Ms. Delisfort aye

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Mr. Figueiredo, seconded by Ms. Cavadas, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2019-358:**

WHEREAS, the Township of Union in the County of Union purchases landscaping equipment and parts for the Public Works department from P&P Lawnmowers Inc., 1970 Springfield Avenue, Maplewood, NJ 07040, and
WHEREAS, the Committee previously authorized Resolution No. 2019-66 for an amount not to exceed \$5,500.00 and it is necessary to increase that amount by an additional \$1,500.00 for a revised total amount not to exceed \$7,000.00; and
WHEREAS, the availability of funds has been certified by the Local Finance Officer in the amount of \$7,000.00 and will be charged to 9-01-26-310-227.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Union hereby amends Resolution No. 2019-66 increasing the amount to P&P Lawnmowers by an additional \$1,500.00.

On motion of Ms. Cavadas, seconded by Mr. Figueiredo, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2019-359:**

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-4.9 provides for the establishment of open-end contracts; and
WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-1.2 provides that any local contracting unit purchasing, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-12, materials, supplies or equipment under a contract

entered into by the State Division of Purchase and Property shall authorize the award of such contract by resolution of the governing body; and
WHEREAS, the Township of Union purchases building supplies from Home Depot, 2455 Paces Ferry Road, Two Paces West, Atlanta, Ga., 30339 – locally from 2445 Springfield Avenue, Vauxhall, NJ 07088, State Contract No.83930; and
WHEREAS, the Township Committee previously authorized Resolution No. 2019-49 for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 and it is necessary to increase that amount by an additional \$2,500.00.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Union, in the County of Union, hereby amends Resolution No. 2019-49 increasing the amount to Home Depot by an additional \$2,500.00
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-5, the Purchasing Agent shall obtain a Certificate of Availability of Funds for purchases under this State Contract, not to exceed a total amount of \$22,500.00 and shall be encumbered to \$17,500.00 - 9-01-26-310-282 (DPW) and \$5,000.00 - 9-01-25-240-282 (Police).

On motion of Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. People, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2019-360**:

WHEREAS, the Facebook page, Union, NJ Residents Forum is a page that allows and permits its members to participate in cyberbullying, harassment and hatred against other members; and
WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Union not only prides itself on the diversity that exists in the Township, but promotes it, and seeks to be inclusive with all of its residents; and
WHEREAS, the Union, NJ Residents Forum currently uses the Township seal, giving it the appearance that it is an official Facebook page of the Township of Union; and
WHEREAS, because Union, NJ Residents Forum uses the Township seal, some members believe the forum is sanctioned by the Township, and routinely seek resolution to Township issues by posting in the forum; and
WHEREAS, the Union, NJ Residents Forum is currently a closed/private group, which leads to the forum administrators blocking individuals whose views, opinions and political viewpoints conflict with their own or individuals they support for public office;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union that:

1. Union, NJ Residents Forum adopt a cyberbullying and anti-harassment policy for its members.
2. Union, NJ Residents Forum cease using the Township's seal and picture of Townhall.
3. Union, NJ Residents Forum become an open/public forum.
4. A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the administrators of the forum.

On motion of Mr. Figueiredo, seconded by Ms. Cavadas, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2019-361**:

WHEREAS, the Township of Union strongly believes in and supports open transparent government, and that citizens and residents have the right to be informed about the workings of government in order to best participate in a democracy; and
WHEREAS, on January 8, 2002 then Acting Governor DiFrancesco signed into law the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) which mandates that government records shall be available, with limited exceptions, for public access and simplifying the procedures for requesting such specific records; and
WHEREAS, the intent of the law was to provide the public with easy access to government records with an uncomplicated process for obtaining the records and eliminating bureaucratic red tape; and
WHEREAS, over the course of 18 years OPRA has been a positive light, but it has also been fraught with abuse and misuse, and has become an unanticipated financial cost to the taxpayers of New Jersey; and
WHEREAS, the Township of Union has labored under a well-intended law that has

spiraled out of control, due to the volume and nature of requests, the cost to taxpayers in responding to the requests, and the potential liability in having to pay disproportionate prevailing party attorney's fees should the requests turn into litigated matters, as well as the liability in determining which documents shall be released, with or without redaction, while attempting to maintain individual privacy; and

WHEREAS, it is not only the volume of OPRA requests that challenge our resources, but it is also the cost associated with reviewing, retrieving, and processing the OPRA request(s) by public entity personnel and counsel and possibly defending our action(s) before the Government Records Council or in Superior Court; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Union received and responded to 1126 OPRA requests in 2017, 1356 OPRA requests in 2018, and to date has received and responded to 1285 OPRA requests as of September 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Union municipal staff has spent approximately 840 responding to OPRA requests received in 2019 to date, and a yearly average of approximately 1095 hours since 2017; and

WHEREAS, due to the often-conflicting case law and Government Record Council decisions, as well as the unique characteristics of OPRA request, the Township of Union must often times rely on the municipal attorney to review certain OPRA requests; and

WHEREAS, with limited exceptions OPRA has not been amended to address the clear and apparent advancement in technology that has changed the way government records are created, stored, and/or transmitted; the various interpretive decisions; privacy concerns; abuse for commercial gain; and/or the ever-increasing cost to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, as the current law approaches its twentieth (20th) anniversary it has outgrown its original intended use and has become ripe for comprehensive review and reform;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of Township of Union appeals to the legislature to form a Commission comprised of Mayors, Municipal Clerks, Municipal Managers, Attorneys, Police Chiefs, open government advocates, privacy experts, members of the media, citizens and other appropriate stakeholders, to review and examine the effects of OPRA on local government and the needs to be fulfilled by the law, and use the Commission's findings to perform a comprehensive reform of OPRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Senator Joseph Cryan, Assemblywoman Annette Quijano and Assemblyman Jamel Holley, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Senator Weinberg, Executive Director of the Government Records Council, the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the Municipal Clerks Association of New Jersey and New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

On motion of Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. People, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2019-362:**

WHEREAS, the Township of Union entered into an agreement with American Wear Inc., 261 No. 18th Street, East Orange, NJ 07017 to provide uniform rentals to the Township of Union DPW for a period of one year; and

WHEREAS, the township wishes to exercise the extension option of the contract for a period of one year at a 0% increase, not to exceed \$50,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the funds will be charged to account 0-01-26-290-222 - \$50,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Union, in the County of Union, hereby authorizes the extension of contract to American Wear Inc., 261 No. 18th Street, East Orange, NJ 07017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Purchasing Agent shall obtain a Certificate of Availability of Funds for purchases, not to exceed a total amount of \$50,000.00, and shall be encumbered to 0-01-26-290-222 (DPW)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be published according to law within ten (10) days of its passage.

On motion of Mr. Figueiredo, seconded by Ms. Cavadas, and carried, the

Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2019-363:**

WHEREAS, the Township of Union awarded a contract for temporary labor services for the grass and leaf pick up for sanitation services to ProStaff Solutions for a total amount not to exceed \$85,000.00 by Resolution No. 2019-131; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase that amount by an additional \$8,500.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$93,500.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Union, in the County of Union, hereby amends Resolution No. 2019-131 by an additional \$8,500.00 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$93,500.00 to Prostaff Staffing Solutions, 101 N. Feltus Street, South Amboy. N.J. 08879; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Purchasing Agent shall obtain a Certificate of Availability of Funds for purchases, not to exceed a total amount of \$93,500.00 and shall be encumbered to 9-01-26-305-179.

On motion of Ms. Cavadas, seconded by Mr. Figueiredo, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2019-364:**

WHEREAS, the Township of Union awarded a contract for HVAC Services for all Township Buildings, excluding the Municipal Building, for the year 2018 to Ramas Climate & Refrigeration, LLC, 208 East Cedar Street, Livingston, N.J. 07039 and exercised the option to extend the contract for the 2019 year; and

WHEREAS, the Township needs to increase the amount to Ramas Climate & Refrigeration, LLC by an additional \$7,332.00 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$43,992.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Union, in the County of Union, hereby amends Resolution No. 2018-342 increasing the amount by an additional \$7,332.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Purchasing Agent shall obtain a Certificate of Availability of Funds for purchases, not to exceed a total amount of \$43,992.00.00 and shall be encumbered to DPW-9-01-26-310-282- \$43,992.00.

On motion of Mr. Figueiredo, seconded by Ms. Cavadas, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2019-365:**

WHEREAS, the Township of Union awarded a contract for the recycling of comingled yard waste collected from residents to S. Rotondi & Sons, P.O. Box 1407, Summit, N.J. 07901 by Resolution No. 2019-119 for an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase that amount by an additional \$30,000.00 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$155,000.00; and

WHEREAS the Purchasing Agent shall obtain a Certificate of Availability of Funds for purchases, not to exceed a total amount of \$155,000.00 and shall be encumbered to 9-01-26-305-184.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Union, in the County of Union, hereby amends Resolution No. 2019-119 increasing the amount to S. Rotondi & Sons, Inc, P.O. Box 1407, Summit, NJ 07902 by an additional \$30,000.00.

On motion of Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. People, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2019-366:**

WHEREAS, the Township of Union awarded a contract to provide roll off container services for the disposal of tree parts and brush to S. Rotondi & Sons, P.O. Box 1407, Summit, N.J. 07901 by Resolution No. 2019-118 for an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase that amount by an additional \$5,000.00 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$50,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent shall obtain a Certificate of Availability of Funds for purchases, not to exceed a total amount of \$50,000.00 and shall be encumbered to 9-01-26-305-184.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Union, in the County of Union, hereby amends Resolution No. 2019-118 increasing the amount to S. Rotondi & Sons, Inc, P.O. Box 1407, Summit, NJ 07902 by an additional \$5,000.00.

On motion of Mr. Figueiredo, seconded by Ms. Cavadas, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2019-367:**

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-4.9 provides for the establishment of open-end contracts; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-1.2 provides that any local contracting unit purchasing, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-12, materials supplies or equipment under a contract entered into by the State Division of Purchase and Property shall authorize the award of such contract by resolution of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Union purchases Tires and Tubes from Bridgestone America, c/o Cleveland Auto Tire, 462 Third Avenue, Elizabeth, N.J. 07206, State Contract No. 82528; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee previously authorized Resolution No. 2019-71 and Resolution No. 2019-317 for a total amount not to exceed \$47,500.00 and it is necessary to increase that amount by an additional \$2,500.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Union, in the County of Union, hereby amends Resolution No. 2019-317 increasing the amount to Bridgestone America, c/o Cleveland Auto Tire, 462 Third Avenue, Elizabeth, N.J. 07206, State Contract No. 82528; pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-4.9, open-end contracts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-5, the Purchasing Agent shall obtain a Certificate of Availability of Funds for purchases under this State Contract, not to exceed a total amount of \$50,000.00 and shall be encumbered to 9-01-26-290-225 - \$32,500.00 and 9-01-26-305-225 -\$17,500.00.

On motion of Ms. Cavadas, seconded by Mr. Figueiredo, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2019-368:**

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-4.9 provides for the establishment of open-end contracts; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-1.2 provides that any local contracting unit purchasing, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-12, materials supplies or equipment under a contract entered into by the State Division of Purchase and Property shall authorize the award of such contract by resolution of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Union in the County of Union purchases automotive and light truck parts from Samuels, Inc. t/a Buy Wise, 2091 Springfield Ave., Vauxhall, NJ 07088 through the State Contract #42071, and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee previously authorized Resolution Nos. 2019-42, 2019-258, 2019-310 and 2019-345 in the total amount of \$48,500.00 and it is necessary to increase that amount by an additional \$2,000.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$50,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the availability of funds has been certified by the Local Finance Officer in the amount of \$50,500.00 and will be charged to Police Account 240-226 - \$15,500.00 and Public Works 290-226 - \$35,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Union, in the County of Union, hereby amends Resolution No. 2019-345 to purchase auto parts from State Contract Vendor, Samuels, Inc. t/a Buy Wise, 2091 Springfield Ave., Vauxhall, NJ 07088 State Contract Vendor 42071; pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-4.9, open-end contracts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Union hereby authorizes said purchases.

On motion of Mr. People, seconded by Mr. Florio, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2019-369:**

WHEREAS, the Township of Union needs service and maintenance of the elevators

in the Municipal Building and Police Department for the year 2020; and WHEREAS, Jersey Elevator Company, 657 Line Road, Aberdeen, NJ 07747 will provide services at \$334.54 a month not to exceed \$4,014.48 for the year. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Union, in the County of Union, hereby authorizes the award of contract to Jersey Elevator Company, 657 Line Road, Aberdeen, NJ 07747; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Purchasing Agent shall obtain a Certificate of Availability of Funds for purchases, not to exceed a total amount of \$4,014.48 and shall be encumbered to \$2013.36 to 0-01-26-310-282 and \$2,001.12 to 0-01-25-240-282.

On motion of Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. People, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2019-370:**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59 provides for "Appropriation Transfers" during the last two months of the Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, these transfers may NOT be made for the following:

- contingent expenses
- deferred charges
- cash deficit of preceding year
- reserve for uncollected taxes
- down payments
- capital improvement fund
- interest and redemption charges; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has recommended the following appropriation transfers be made at the meeting of December 10, 2019:

| TO | AMOUNT | FROM |
|---|--------------|---|
| DPW Shade Tree (313) – Salary | \$75,000.00 | DPW Roads (290) – Salary |
| Health Department (330) – Other Expenses | \$8,000.00 | Health Department (330) – Salary |
| Bond or Note Issue Costs (137) | \$35,000.00 | Accounts (130) – Salary |
| Assessor (150) – Other Expenses | \$25,000.00 | Assessor (150) – OE Appeals |
| Planning Board (180) – Salary | \$3,000.00 | Accounts (130) – Salary |
| Street Lighting (435) | \$200,000.00 | Police (240) – Salary |
| Electricity (430) | \$40,000.00 | Police (240) – Salary |
| Administrative & Executive (120) – Other Expenses | \$5,000.00 | Administrative & Executive (120) – Salary |

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union hereby resolves that the above referenced transfers be authorized by a two-thirds majority of the full membership of the Governing Body, on roll call vote.

| | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| DELISFORT | X | | | |
| PEOPLE | X | | | |
| CAVADAS | X | | | |
| FIGUEIREDO | X | | | |
| FLORIO | X | | | |

On motion of Mr. People, seconded by Mr. Florio, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2019-371:**

WHEREAS, the Township of Union needs to repair a John Deere Loader and Jesco Inc., 118 St. Nicholas Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080 is the regionalized proprietary vendor for this service; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works received a quote for an amount not to exceed \$14,050.18.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Union, in the County of Union, hereby authorizes the Township of Union to utilize Jesco, 118 St. Nicholas Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080, State Contract 85848 for the repair of a John Deere 624H Loader for the Department of Public Works; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-5, the Purchasing Agent shall obtain a Certificate of Availability of Funds not to exceed a total amount of \$14,050.18 and shall be encumbered to DPW 9-01-26-290-226.

On motion of Mr. Figueiredo, seconded by Ms. Cavadas, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2019-372:**

WHEREAS, the pedestrian guardrail at Fairway Drive is in extremely poor condition and poses serious safety concerns and will not stop a motor vehicle; and
WHEREAS, the situation poses a serious threat to the safety of drivers and pedestrians; and
WHEREAS, it was the determination of the official in charge for the need for public safety emergency repairs this permits the entry into an emergency contract without public bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6; and
WHEREAS, the Township sought a proposal for replacement of the guardrail from Road Safety Systems, 12 Park Drive, Shamong, NJ 08088; and
WHEREAS, funds are available for the repair in the amount of \$9,995.00 and will be charged to 9-01-26-290-232.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union that:

1. The Chairman of the Township Committee and the Township Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to enter into the contract Road Safety Systems, in the amount of \$9,995.00 for emergency and immediate replacement.
2. This contract is awarded as an emergency contract pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-6 of the Local Public Contracts Law.
3. The contractor agrees to comply with all affirmative action regulations, pursuant to N.J.S.A 10:2-1 et seq. (P.L. 1975 c. 127, NJAC 17:27)

On motion of Mr. Figueiredo, seconded by Ms. Cavadas, and carried, the Township Committee moved the adoption of **Resolution No. 2019-373:**

WHEREAS, The Township has received the vouchers listed below which have been properly documented and checked, and
WHEREAS, said vouchers were submitted in accordance with the verification procedure designed by Suplee, Clooney and Company, which assures accurate calculation of charges for disposal and all applicable taxes, and
WHEREAS, The Township of Union continues to protect the interim rate of \$75.09 per ton for household waste and \$ 107.12 for bulky waste, this resolution is authorized subject to a possible retroactive rate adjustment by the Department of Environmental Protection, Board of Public Utilities, in which case the Township will demand a refund, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Township Committee of the Township of Union, in the County of Union, New Jersey, in a meeting assembled this 10TH day of DECEMBER 2019, hereby authorizes for payment the following vouchers, which are now owed, in accordance with the exceptions hereinbefore expressed.

| | VOUCHER | AMOUNT |
|---------------------------|---------|------------|
| MONTH OF NOVEMBER | | |
| Contract Service | 205965 | 137,333.33 |
| Bulky Waste Contract | 205966 | 11,833.33 |
| Condo/Apartments Contract | 205968 | 8,333.33 |
| Recycling Contract | 205967 | 46,666.66 |
| Total 11/1/19-11/3019 | | 204,166.65 |

FINANCES:

On motion of Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. People, and carried, the Township Committee authorized the payment of bills which are listed in the Permanent Claim's Register against the Township of Union, for the period December 12, 2019, approved by respective Departments as being correct.

On motion of Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. People, and carried, the Township Committee authorized payment of Community Development Agency Bills in the amount of \$112,422.61.

COMMUNICATIONS:

From: Terri Malanda, Tax Collector, Re: Requesting the Township Committee authorize checks issued to the following representing the redemption of tax sale certificates:

| NAME | AMOUNT | CERT# | LOCATION |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| US Bank Cust-for Pro Cap 8 | \$ 668.79 \$ 900.00 | 19-00082 | 2043 Gless Ave. |
| US Bank Cust-for Pro Cap 8 | \$ 706.73 | 19-00069 | 2431 N. Third St. |
| US Bank Cust-for Pro Cap 8 | \$ 1,064.46 \$ 1,400.00 | 19-00026 | 1215 Schmidt Ave. |
| US Bank Cust/ Actlien Holding | \$ 862.51 \$ 1,600.00 | 19-00106 | 2190 Halsey Street |
| US Bank Cust/ Actlien Holding | \$ 743.28 \$ 1,400.00 | 19-00020 | 1214 Biscayne Blvd. |
| US Bank Cust/ Actlien Holding | \$11,485.69 \$45,100.00 | 19-00024 | 1570 Barton Road |
| Zhungrong Yun | \$ 360.89 \$ 600.00 | 19-00099 | 2051 Pleasant Pkwy. |
| Harrieth Nnadi | \$ 215.05 \$ 200.00 | 19-00104 | 1473 Ridgway St. |
| HarriethNnadi | \$ 184.00 | 19-00054 | 1201 Liberty Avenue |

On motion of Mr. Figueiredo, seconded by Ms. Cavadas, and carried, the Township Committee moved to approve the request.

From: Township Clerk’s Office, Re: Requesting a refund to Senaida Lopez in the amount of \$100.00 for an over payment on a rental registration.

On motion of Ms. Cavadas, seconded by Mr. Figueiredo, and carried, the Township Committee moved to approve the refund.

From: Jack Beyda, Embee Distribution, Inc. (Jembro) Re: Requesting to display merchandise outside of their store at 1745 Morris Avenue from November 29 – December 25, 2019.

On motion of Mr. Figueiredo, seconded by Ms. Cavadas, and carried, the Township Committee moved to approve the request.

From: Nancy Spana Yurek, Family Division Program Coordinator, Re: Requesting permission to use the Bonnell room the third Wednesday of each month.

On motion of Mr. Figueiredo, seconded by Ms. Cavadas, and carried, the Township Committee moved to approve the request.

On motion of Mr. People, seconded by Mr. Florio, and carried, the Township Committee moved to receive and file the following:

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

MONTHLY REPORTS:

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| Clerk’s Office | Senior Services |
| Engineering Department | Community Development |

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MS. CAVADAS:

- Ms. Cavadas made a motion to move the Reorganization meeting to January 1,

2020 at 12:00pm.

- Ms. Cavadas congratulated all the participants of the Holiday Ornament Decorating Contest.
- Ms. Cavadas congratulated the UHS Football Team and Coaches on a great season and for unifying Union as a great community.
- Ms. Cavadas gave the recreation report
- Ms. Cavadas gave the Senior Citizen's report.

MR. FIGUEIREDO:

- Mr. Figueiredo praised all participants of the Holiday Ornament Decorating Contest, especially the winners, Naomi and Sloan.
- Mr. Figueiredo applauded the UHS Football Team, Lou Grasso and the whole coaching staff. He expressed what a phenomenal job they did with our youth.
- Mr. Figueiredo gave the report from the Fire Department.

MR. PEOPLE:

- Mr. People gave kudos to the UHS Football team and coaches.
- Mr. People congratulated the winners of the Holiday Ornament Decorating Contest.
- Mr. People gave the report from DPW.

MR. FLORIO:

- Mr. Florio congratulated the participants of the Holiday Ornament Contest and a special congratulations to the winners. Mr. Florio thanked the SID and the Recreation Department for always getting our young residents involved.
- Mr. Florio was very thrilled to commend the UHS Football team and coaches on such a huge success this season.
- Mr. Florio gave the Police report.
- Mr. Florio thanked the Police Department for their Santa in Blue program and thanked the Community for getting together this past Saturday and sorting and wrapping all the gifts that were collected.

MS. DELISFORT:

- Ms. Delisfort congratulated the winners of the Ornament contest and all who participated. She urged residents to stop by Town Hall and visit the tree.
- Ms. Delisfort congratulated the UHS Football team on an exemplary season and wished the seniors on the team lots of luck in the future.
- Ms. Delisfort invited all residents to the Menorah Lighting Ceremony on December 23rd in front of the Main Library at 12:30 pm.
- Ms. Delisfort asked that residents to save the date for the Union High School production of White Christmas, starting Friday, December 13th through Sunday, December 15th. For tickets and times you can go online to uhspac.com.
- Ms. Delisfort announced that registration for the 4th Annual Operation Gift Drop is underway. Register online at uniontownship.com for a chance to be selected as one of the 100 lucky families. Santa and his elves will visit on Sunday, December 22nd between 12pm and 4pm. Registration closes on Sunday, December 15th at 1pm. For more information, call Fatimah Raymond, SID Director.
- Ms. Delisfort thanked the SID for continuing to bring the Holidays to the Center and announced various activities scheduled for December 14th & 21st.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mr. Darrell Martin, 1163 Francyne Way, congratulated the UHS Football Team and Union Police Department on the Santa in Blue program. Mr. Martin also congratulated the winners of the Ornament Contest. Mr. Martin would like to know what the Township is doing to make sure that all residents are counted for the 2020 census. He stated that with all the new buildings coming to town, he wants to make sure everyone is counted. He would like to help in any way he can. Mr. Martin also reminded everyone to make sure that they lock their car doors because people

are going around checking doors and stealing items from unlocked vehicles.

Mr. Florio announced that this was the first meeting in several months that he didn't remind people to lock their car doors and thanked Mr. Martin for reminding everyone. Ms. Delisfort announced that she was happy that he brought up the census. She stated that a committee is being formed and they will kick off on April 1st.

There being no further business presented, the Township Committee on motion of Mr. Figueiredo, seconded by Ms. Cavadas, and carried, adjourned the meeting, the time being 8:17 pm.

Dated: December 10, 2019

MICHELE DELISFORT, Chairwoman of
the Township Committee of the Township
of Union in the County of Union.

EILEEN BIRCH, Township Clerk