

BOROUGH OF METUCHEN COUNCIL MINUTES

March 28, 2022

7:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council was held in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall on Monday, March 28, 2022.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Mayor Busch.

Adequate Notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231. Said notice was sent to the Home News Tribune and Star Ledger on January 7, 2022, posted in Borough Hall, and on file in the Clerk's Office. All requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied.

Mayor Busch asked for a moment of silence in memory of lifetime Metuchen resident Marty Jessen.

Mayor Busch asked all to rise for the flag salute.

Roll Call

Mayor Busch asked for a roll call.

Present were Councilmembers Branch, Hirsch, Kandel, Koskoski, Rasmussen, Council President Delia, and Mayor Busch. Also present were Denis Murphy, Borough Attorney, Melissa Perilstein, Borough Administrator, and Deborah Zupan, Acting Borough Clerk.

Agenda Session

Council President Delia made a motion to open the Agenda Session, second by Councilmember Rasmussen, with all in favor, motion carried, 6-0.

Council President Delia added Resolution 2022-105, regarding relaxing one of the special conditions for the Brown Stone's liquor license renewal.

Mayor Busch pulled Resolution 2022-93, appointing a ne Chief of Police, from the New Business Consent Agenda to be voted on separately.

With no further actions taken, Council President Delia made a motion to close the Agenda Session, second by Councilmember Rasmussen, with all in favor, motion carried, 6-0.

Introduction

Mayor Busch introduced two new Borough staff members: Rick Perrine, Director of Recreation and Senior Services, and Wendi Richards, Recreation and Senior Services Program Coordinator.

Presentation

Borough Planner Chris Cosenza gave a presentation on the Gulton Tract Redevelopment Project.

Ordinance – Public Hearing

Ordinance 2022-04 Ordinance of the Borough of Metuchen Adopting an Amended Redevelopment Plan for the Gulton Tract Within the Borough of Metuchen, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey

Council President Delia asked Ms. Zupan, Acting Borough Clerk, to present the affidavit of publication.

Ms. Zupan presented the affidavit of publication stating that said Ordinance 2022-04 had been published one time in the Home News Tribune according to law on March 17, 2022.

Council President Delia moved that the affidavit of publication be received and filed, second by Councilmember Rasmussen, with all in favor, the motion carried, 6-0.

Council President Delia asked that Ordinance 2022-04 be read by title only.

Ms. Zupan read Ordinance 2022-04 by title only.

Mayor Busch opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2022-04.

Lynne Mueller of the Friends of the Metuchen Library spoke in support of the Ordinance, as it will result in the Library receiving much-needed funds.

Hsihsi Chung, Library Director, thanked the Mayor, Council, and Administrator for the financial support this project will provide for some Library improvements.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Busch closed the public hearing.

Council President Delia made a motion to pass Ordinance 2022-04 on second reading and be published according to law, second by Councilmember Rasmussen.

Mayor Busch asked for a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Yeas: Branch, Hirsch, Kandel, Koskoski, Rasmussen, Delia
 Nays: None

Ordinance 2022-04 was adopted, 6-0.

ORDINANCE 2022-04

*Borough of Metuchen
County of Middlesex
State of New Jersey*

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF METUCHEN ADOPTING AN AMENDED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE GULTON TRACT WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF METUCHEN, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (the “LRHL”), via Resolution No. 2015-226 adopted on September 8, 2015, the Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen (the “Borough Council”) designated Block 37, Lots 5.03, 5.05, 5.12, 5.22, 6, 7.01, 7.02, 13, 14, 15.01, 16.02, 16.03, 17.01 & 17.02; Block 42, Lots 1-7; and, Block 66, Lots 1-3 as a “Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area” (the “Gulton Tract”); and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council, pursuant to Resolution #2020-50, designated the entire Borough of Metuchen, County of Middlesex, including the Gulton Tract an “Area in Need of Rehabilitation” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (the “Rehabilitation Area”); and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the redevelopment of the Rehabilitation Area, the Council adopted Ordinance 2020-10 on May 26, 2020, adopting a redevelopment plan entitled “Redevelopment Plan for Rehabilitation in the Borough of Metuchen, dated March 2020, (“Original Redevelopment Plan”) after review by the Borough Planning Board (the “Planning Board”), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7; and

WHEREAS, by way of Ordinance No. 2021-19, adopted on September 27, 2021, the Borough Council adopted the “Gulton Tract Redevelopment Plan” prepared by LRK, Inc., dated September 10, 2021, which superseded the 2020 Redevelopment Plan in its entirety, as it relates to the Gulton Tract only (“Gulton Tract Redevelopment Plan”), and which set forth, inter alia, the plans for the planning, development, redevelopment, and rehabilitation of the Gulton Tract; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined it is necessary to create more specific design standards for the redevelopment and rehabilitation of the Gulton Tract to ensure high-quality site

development and building design that is appropriate and necessary given its highly visible gateway location as well as adjacent open spaces and residential areas; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that adoption of an amended redevelopment plan for the Gulton Tract is necessary to incorporate these more specific design standards and has prepared an amended redevelopment plan entitled, “Amended Gulton Tract Redevelopment Plan,” prepared by LRK, Inc. (the “Amended Gulton Tract Redevelopment Plan”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7, a governing body may adopt, revise or amend a redevelopment plan; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the rehabilitation and redevelopment of the Gulton Tract, the Planning Board, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7, reviewed the Amended Gulton Tract Redevelopment Plan which will support and promote the adaptive reuse, rehabilitation and redevelopment of the Gulton Tract; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7, the Planning Board recommended to the Borough Council that the Amended Gulton Tract Redevelopment Plan, which is on file with the Borough Clerk’s office, be adopted, as it provides for improved planning, development, redevelopment, and rehabilitation of the Gulton Tract and is consistent with the Borough Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Amended Gulton Tract Redevelopment Plan shall supersede the development regulations of the Borough’s Zoning Ordinance, to the extent set forth therein, and the Borough Zoning Map is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of the Amended Gulton Tract Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to adopt the Amended Gulton Tract Redevelopment Plan, as recommended by the Board, to effectuate the rehabilitation and redevelopment of the Borough.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen, Middlesex County, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Borough hereby adopts the “Amended Gulton Tract Redevelopment Plan” to facilitate the rehabilitation and redevelopment of the Borough of Metuchen.

Section 2. The Borough Council declares and determines that said Amended Gulton Tract Redevelopment Plan meets the criteria, guidelines, and conditions set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7, provides realistic opportunities for the rehabilitation and redevelopment of the Borough, and is otherwise in conformance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq.

Section 3. The Borough Council shall have, be entitled to, and is hereby vested all power and authority granted by the aforementioned statutory provisions to effectuate the Amended Gulton Tract Redevelopment Plan.

Section 4. The Amended Gulton Tract Redevelopment Plan shall supersede the development regulations of the Borough’s Zoning Ordinance, to the extent set forth therein, and the Borough Zoning Map is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of the Amended Gulton Tract Redevelopment Plan.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 6. In the event any clause, section or paragraph of this Ordinance is deemed invalid or unenforceable for any reason, it is the intent of the Borough Council that the balance of the Ordinance remains in full force and effect to the extent it allows the Borough to meet the goals of the Ordinance.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication according to law.

Public Comment

Mayor Busch opened Public Comment to any members of the public wishing to speak.

Seeing no one wishing to speak, Mayor Busch closed the Public Comment.

Borough Council Meeting Minutes

Council President Delia made a motion to approve Borough Council Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2022, second by Councilmember Rasmussen, with all in favor, motion carried, 6-0.

Council President Delia made a motion to approve Borough Council Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2022, second by Councilmember Rasmussen, with all in favor, motion carried, 6-0.

Communication Consent Agenda – Items A - D

Council President Delia made a motion to approve Communication Consent Agenda, Items A - D, second by Councilmember Rasmussen, with all in favor, motion carried, 6-0.

- A. Receive and Accept Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2022
- B. Receive and Accept Human Relations Commission Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2021, January 4, 2022, and February 1, 2022
- C. Receive and Approve letter regarding Breaking the Chain Through Education's Sam Liss Memorial 5K on October 20, 2022
- D. Receive and Approve Block Party/Street Closing for Franklyn Place, Saturday, April 16, 2022

Report of Borough Administrator

No report.

Reports of Councilmembers

Council President Delia

- The Accessibility Committee met last week. On April 13 they will be hosting a virtual community conversation with AARP. The Committee will also be partnering with the Human Relations Commission on a community conversation about Autism on April 25.
- The TV and Technology Committee will be meeting this Thursday at 8 p.m.

Councilmember Rasmussen

- The Shade Tree Commission will meet April 5 at 7:30 p.m. The tree planting list has been finalized and residents receiving trees will be contacted.
- The Senior Commission will meet April 13 at the Senior Center.
- The Environmental Commission will meet on April 20 at 7 p.m. There are plans for an Earth Day celebration on May 7, details to follow.

Councilmember Koskoski

- The New Street parking lot repaving will take place around April 4 through April 7. All parking meters will be removed and kiosks installed.

Councilmember Kandel

- I met with Chief Donnan and other senior members of the Fire Department a few weeks ago to discuss the status and morale of the department, which seems to be extremely strong. Their concerns and needs were addressed and the location and design of the new Emergency Services Meeting discussed. I also had the opportunity witness a training drill and the hard work these volunteer firefighters do.
- Councilmember Delia and myself will host 'Coffee with a Councilmember' at Cai's on March 30 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Councilmember Hirsch

- Pool registration details for the 2022 season should be on the website in the next few weeks. The pool will open for weekends only beginning Memorial Day weekend, May 28. We are also planning on having the pool open on Friday June 17th as an extended weekend date, with the pool opening full time for the summer on Tuesday June 21st. The next pool commission meeting will be held at Borough Hall on Tuesday April 12.
- The Municipal Alliance will be hosting an evening vigil to commemorate International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31, 2022.

Councilmember Branch

- The Mike Lee Quartet will be performing at the Library, hosted by the Arts Council, on April 30 at 2 p.m. to celebrate International Jazz Day. The event is free but registration is required. Registration information is on the Arts Council's website.
- Also from the Arts Council, the Count Basie Gospel Choir and the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will perform Sunday, May 15 at 3:30 p.m. at the High School. The event is free.
- Councilmember Koskoski and I had our 'Coffee with a Councilmember' a couple of weekends ago. We had some good discussions and look forward to doing it again.

Report of the Mayor

Mayor Busch encouraged residents to visit him during his office hours and visit Councilmembers during the 'Coffee with Councilmember' events.

Resolution Appointing a New Chief of Police

Council President Delia made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-93, second by Councilmember Kandel.

Mayor Busch asked for a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Yeas: Branch, Hirsch, Kandel, Koskoski, Rasmussen, Delia
 Nays: None

Resolution 2022-93 was adopted, 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2022-93

RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE BOROUGH OF METUCHEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has submitted his letter of retirement to be effective June 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have expressed the importance of the effective transition in the Office of the Chief of Police from the current Chief of Police to his successor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Section 37-1 of the Code of the Borough of Metuchen, the "Police Chief shall be appointed by the Mayor in consultation with the Appropriate Authority/Borough Administrator upon confirmation by the Borough Council".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Metuchen that it hereby confirms the appointment of Arthur M. Flaherty, Sr. to the position of Chief of Police of the Borough of Metuchen Police Department effective June 1, 2022.

New Business Consent Agenda – Resolutions 2022-94 to 2022-103 and 2022-105

Council President Delia moved to approve New Business Consent Agenda Resolutions 2022-94 to 2022-103 and 2022-105, second by Councilmember Rasmussen, with all in favor, motion carried, 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2022-94

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2022 TEMPORARY BUDGET

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 of the Local Budget Act provides that temporary appropriations shall be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following additional temporary emergency appropriations shall be made for the year 2022, effective March 28, 2022:

Administrative & Executive	S&W	20,000.00
Administrative & Executive	OE	50,000.00
Clerk	S&W	10,000.00
Financial Administration	S&W	30,000.00
Tax Assessment	OE	1,000.00
METV Cable	OE	10,000.00
Zoning	S&W	10,000.00
Uniform Construction Code	S&W	30,000.00
Group Insurance		100,000.00
Police	OE	25,000.00
Fire	S&W	1,000.00
Uniform Fire Safety	S&W	6,000.00
Public Works Administration	S&W	30,000.00
Public Works Administration	OE	1,000.00
Streets & Roads	S&W	40,000.00
Streets & Roads	OE	10,000.00
Solid Waste Collection		20,000.00
Buildings & Grounds	S&W	10,000.00
Buildings & Grounds	OE	30,000.00
Sewers	S&W	10,000.00
Garbage & Trash	S&W	30,000.00
Recycling	OE	10,000.00
Forestry	S&W	10,000.00
Forestry	OE	3,000.00
Board of Health	OE	200.00
Recreation	S&W	20,000.00
Library		100,000.00
Library Consortium		5,000.00
Woodbridge Shared Services-Assessor		31,000.00
Street Lighting		10,000.00
Utilities		30,000.00
Telephone		10,000.00
Defined Contribution Retirement Plan		5,000.00
Municipal Court	S&W	20,000.00
Municipal Court	OE	3,000.00
PERS		514,100.00
PFRS		1,026,400.00
	TOTAL	2,271,700.00
Pool Social Security		5,000.00

RESOLUTION 2022-95

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RESERVE TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, there are unexpended balances in various 2021 appropriation reserve accounts not required for the balance of 2021; and

WHEREAS, additional sums are required for the operating expenses of other Borough accounts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following transfers be approved:

APPROPRIATION		TRANSFER IN	TRANSFER OUT
Streets & Roads	OE	10,000.00	
Joint Insurance Fund	OE	4,600.00	
Recycling	OE	600.00	
Municipal Court	S&W	18,000.00	
Municipal Court	OE		9,000.00
Administrative & Executive	OE		24,200.00
	TOTALS	33,200.00	33,200.00

RESOLUTION 2022-96

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MOU AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE A 2022-2026 COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT WHICH INCORPORATES THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN THE MOU INTO THE NEW COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF METUCHEN AND P.B.A. LOCAL #60

WHEREAS, the Borough of Metuchen is in need of a new Collective Negotiation Agreement with the Borough of Metuchen and PBA Local #60; and

WHEREAS, the Police Negotiation Committee, representing Mayor and Council, and PBA Local #60 have negotiated a new agreement; and

WHEREAS, the parties have executed a Memorandum of Understanding setting forth the terms of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Governing Body of the Borough of Metuchen have reviewed the MOU; and

WHEREAS, PBA Local #60 has ratified said Memorandum of Understanding.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Governing Body of the Borough of Metuchen, in the County of Middlesex, in the State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Memorandum of Understanding, as ratified by PBA Local #60, is hereby approved and that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to prepare and execute on behalf of the Borough of Metuchen a new Collective Negotiations Agreement incorporating the terms of the ratified MOU.

RESOLUTION 2022-97

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD AND EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES TO AAA FACILITIES SOLUTIONS LLC

WHEREAS, the Borough of Metuchen has determined that it is necessary to retain the services for Janitorial Services for the Borough of Metuchen; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 et seq.*, provides for the utilization of a process called competitive contracting in lieu of public bidding for procurement of specific goods and or services, such as janitorial services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.11-4-3(a)*, by way of Resolution No. 2021-289, the Borough Council authorized the use of competitive contracting for the procurement of Janitorial Services for the Borough of Metuchen; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Metuchen prepared, issued, and publicly advertised a Notice of a Request for Proposals for the provision of Janitorial Service for the Borough of Metuchen; and

WHEREAS, the Borough received five (5) proposals to provide Janitorial Services to Metuchen; and

WHEREAS, Metuchen through a Committee comprised of the Borough Administrator, the Public Works Director and the QPA evaluated the proposals submitted based upon the criteria set forth in the RFP and have determined and recommended the award of contract to AAA Facilities Solutions LLC for the provision of Janitorial Services in the total amount not to exceed Thirty-four Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Dollars (\$34,840.00) for Janitorial Services for a contract term of one year to be effective upon passage of this resolution of contract award, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen have determined that it to be in the best interest of Metuchen to authorize the award of contract for Janitorial Services to AAA Facilities Solutions LLC; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount for Janitorial Services for the Borough of Metuchen for the 2022 portion of this contract award is \$ 34,840.00 and that the Chief Financial Officer certifies that there are sufficient funds for such award and is available and is designated from 2022 Temporary Budget and 2022 Adopted Budget Current Fund appropriation Buildings & Grounds-Contractual Services 2-01-26-772-109 in the amount of \$28,250.00, and Library-Building Maintenance 2-01-29-800-024 in the amount of \$6,590.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Metuchen that it hereby authorizes the award of contract for Janitorial Services to AAA Facilities Solutions LLC for a total amount not to exceed Thirty-four Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Dollars (\$34,840.00); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Metuchen that the Borough Administrator and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement, with AAA Facilities Solutions LLC, 111 Kinderkamack Road, Suite 300B, River Edge, NJ 07661 consistent with the terms of the within Resolution, the RFP and the proposal submitted to the Borough; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Administrator, and other officials and employees are hereby authorized to take all necessary actions in order to effectuate the terms and provisions of this Resolution and the award and implementation of the contract awarded herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the within contract was awarded pursuant to a “Fair and Open Process” pursuant to New Jersey Local Unit Pay-To-Play Law (*N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et. seq.*).

RESOLUTION 2022-98

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING THE CENTRAL JERSEY JOINT INSURANCE FUND’S 2022 SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Borough of Metuchen is a member of the Central Jersey Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (CENTRAL JIF); and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the CENTRAL JJIF to achieve the best and most practical degree of freedom from accidents and / or injuries; and

WHEREAS, the CENTRAL JJIF endeavors to ensure that all their members' employees, volunteers, and public are provided with a safe and healthy environment, free from any recognized hazards; and

WHEREAS, the CENTRAL JJIF endeavors to ensure that all their members are in compliance with applicable safety and health requirements; and

WHEREAS, the CENTRAL JJIF's Safety Committee is made up of representatives of the Fund's Municipalities, along with the professionals employed by the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the new Program will assist all the Central JJIF members in becoming or maintaining compliance with all Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH) Requirements; and

WHEREAS, the CENTRAL JJIF has adopted the new 2022 SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM which should succeed in providing a safe, healthful, and pleasant environment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM be adopted by the Borough of Metuchen.

RESOLUTION 2022-99

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 2022 'UDRIVE. UTEXT. UPAY' DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN APRIL 1-30, 2022

WHEREAS, distracted driving is a serious, life-threatening practice that is preventable; and

WHEREAS, distracted driving can result in injuries and deaths to all road users (motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists); and

WHEREAS, distracted driving occurs when drivers divert their attention away from the task of driving to focus on another activity instead; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 alone distracted driving-related crashes resulted in 3,142 deaths and 400,000 injuries on our nation's roads; and

WHEREAS, in New Jersey distracted driving was listed as a contributing circumstance in 49-percent of all motor vehicle crashes in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide Distracted Driving 2022 Crackdown from April 1 - 30, 2022 in an effort to raise awareness and decrease driver distraction through a combination of enforcement and education; and

WHEREAS, the national slogan for the campaign is *UDrive. UText. UPay*; and

WHEREAS, a reduction in distracted driving in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen declare their support for the Distracted Driving 2022 Crackdown both locally and nationally from April 1 - 30, 2022 and pledge to increase awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.

RESOLUTION 2022-100

**RESOLUTION TO GRANT EXEMPTION FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN
 AND TO REFUND AND CANCEL 2022 TAXES**

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor of the Borough of Metuchen has been provided sufficient proof that the owner of the property known as 64 Home Street, Block 184, Lot 79, in the Borough of Metuchen is owned by a 100% Permanently & Totally Disabled Veteran, as noted in a letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs dated March 17, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the property owner Aaron Kent, being determined to be totally and permanently disabled by the Department of Veteran Affairs applied to the Borough of Metuchen for the tax exemption on March 17, 2022, for Block 184, Lot 79, effective March 17, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen that the Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector is hereby authorized to refund the homeowner the monies already paid for the 2022 1st quarter taxes, prorated for the period of exemption in the amount of \$532.58, and to cancel the remaining taxes for 2022.

RESOLUTION 2022-101

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF 2020 TAXES

WHEREAS, the following has made an overpayment of taxes:

Name	Block/Lot	Address	Amount		Year
Inamdar, Prasad & Deshmukh, Dipti	74/26	673 New Durham Road	\$3,393.77	Refinance-tax overpayment	4th qtr 2020, cancelled by reso 2021-291

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the above listed property owner or agent be refunded property taxes as described in the amount of \$3,393.77.

RESOLUTION 2022-102

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER 2021 TAX OVERPAYMENT DUE TO
 PARCELS AFFECTED BY SUBDIVISION, LAND BOUNDARY CHANGES
 OR COMBINING PARCELS**

WHEREAS, Block 144, Lot 13.1 was affected by subdivision, boundary changes or combining parcels where parcels are being combined/eliminated; and

WHEREAS, payments for quarters one and two on both parcels were credited to the mother lot Block 144, Lot 13.1; and

WHEREAS, to properly account for taxes billed and paid, the following transfers of payments is requested from the Tax Collector.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen, that the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to make transfer adjustments for 2021 tax payments on the following properties due to subdivision, boundary changes or combining parcels where parcels are being combined/eliminated, in the amount of \$4,146.53.

Block/Lot/Qual	Address	Owner	Amount to Transfer	Quarter of Transfer
144/13.1	21-23 Halsey Street	Gulberg Builders LLC	(2,073.27)	1/2021
144/13.1	21-23 Halsey Street	Gulberg Builders LLC	(2,073.27)	2/2021
144/13.01 C-01	21 Halsey Street	Bikash Shrestha Mukta Gupta	2,073.27	2/2022
144/13.01 C-02	23 Halsey Street	Kinjal Patel & Yogesh Sharma	2,073.27	2/2022

RESOLUTION 2022-103

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF FEES FOR BINGO LICENSE #2022-01
AND RAFFLES LICENSE #2022-03 - METUCHEN MUSIC ENRICHMENT AND
DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION**

WHEREAS, Metuchen Music Enrichment and Development Organization filed applications for a Bingo License and a Raffles License with the Borough of Metuchen for an event to be held February 26, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the applications were erroneously submitted to the Borough of Metuchen instead of the Township of Edison, where the event was being held; and

WHEREAS, the \$20.00 municipality fee for Bingo License #2022-01 and the \$20.00 municipality fee for Raffles License #2022-03 was deposited by the Borough of Metuchen before the error was noted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to issue a refund to Metuchen Music Enrichment and Development Organization in the amount of \$40.00 from Anticipated Revenue, and shall forward same to Metuchen Music Enrichment and Development Organization, 400 Grove Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840.

Other New Business

Council President Delia made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-104, authorizing the payment of the Bill List in the amount of \$625,073.05, second by Councilmember Rasmussen, with all in favor, motion carried, 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2022-104

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF THE BILL LIST

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen that the proper warrants be drawn and all bills be paid totaling \$625,073.05.

Adjournment

Council President Delia made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilwoman Rasmussen, with all in favor, 6-0.

A member of the public wishing to speak addressed the Mayor and Council, as he had a comment to make and thought there would be a second Public Comment period, as had been the practice in the past. Council President Delia withdrew his motion to adjourn to allow the additional Public Comment.

Former Councilmember Dan Spiegel, 1 Mark Circle, spoke about the passing of Marty Jessen, sharing stories and the many great things he had done for the Borough, both recognized and anonymously. For many years Marty Jessen, as President of the Chamber of Commerce, would sit on a platform at the intersection on Hillside Avenue, Main Street, and New Street and give out the Country Fair awards. Marty also in that spot as Grand Marshall of many parades. With this in mind, Mr. Siegel suggested that a fitting honor for Marty might be to name that intersection 'Jessen Square.'

Council President Delia made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilwoman Rasmussen, with all in favor, 6-0, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Zupan
Acting Borough Clerk