

TOMS RIVER TOWNSHIP, NJ



TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES Thursday, January 18, 2024 7:00 PM

1. Meeting called to order.

A **Special Meeting** of the Township Council of the Township of Toms River was held in the L. Manuel Hirshblond Meeting Room, Municipal Complex, 33 Washington Street, Toms River, New Jersey at **7:00 PM**.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Coleman and opened with the salute to the Flag.

2. Flag salute.

3. Open Public Meetings Act statement.

Council President Coleman read the following statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act:

This meeting is convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act of New Jersey. Let the official Minutes reflect that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by publishing a notice in the Asbury Park Press on **Tuesday, January 9, 2024**, the Star Ledger and also forwarding same to the Toms River Times, Toms River Patch and WOBN News on **January 9, 2024** and thereafter posting same on the Town Hall bulletin board for such notices, and filing same with the Township Clerk. This meeting was also posted on the Township web page.

4. **ROLL CALL:**

CICCOZZI	PRESENT
LAMB	PRESENT
NIVISON	PRESENT
QUINLISK	PRESENT
O'TOOLE	PRESENT
COLEMAN	PRESENT

5. **Minutes:** January 1, 2024 Reorganization Meeting

Motion: To Approve January 1, 2024 Reorganization Meeting

Motion Made By: Justin Lamb

Seconded: Thomas Nivison

Roll Call:

Council Member Ciccozzi	- No
Council Member Lamb	- Yes
Council Member Nivison	- Yes
Council Member Quinlisk	- Yes
Council Vice-President O'Toole	- Yes
Council President Coleman	- Yes

6. **Honoring Resolutions and Presentations:**

None

7. **Appointment To Fill Vacant Ward 2 Council Seat**

Motion: To Appoint George Lobman for Ward 2 Council Seat

Motion Made By: Lynn O'Toole

Seconded: Justin Lamb

Roll Call:

Council Member Ciccozzi	- Abstained
Council Member Lamb	- Yes
Council Member Nivison	- Yes
Council Member Quinlisk	- Yes
Council Vice-President O'Toole	- Yes
Council President Coleman	- Yes

8. **Swearing in of Newly Elected Ward 2 Councilmember**

Council Member George Lobman was sworn in by his daughter Natalie Zazenkowski,

Esq.

Resolutions

9. **RESOLUTION** Of The Township Council, Township Of Toms River, Ocean County New Jersey, Supporting The Hiring Of Eight Additional, Full-Time Cso/Emt Emergency Responders And Providing For Additional 24/7 Ambulance Service

In the interests of public health and safety, especially for the elderly, infirm, and other vulnerable populations, and to ensure comprehensive and responsive ambulance service throughout the Township, The Township Council hereby supports, and pledges resources for, strengthening the Township’s emergency medical response unit through hiring eight additional CSO/EMT emergency responders and dispatching an additional ambulance for 24/7 coverage.

January 18, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council, Township of Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey, as follows:

1. In the interests of public health and safety, especially for the elderly, infirm, and other vulnerable populations, and to ensure comprehensive and responsive ambulance service throughout the Township, the Township Council hereby supports, and pledges resources for, strengthening the Township’s emergency medical response unit through hiring eight additional CSO/EMT emergency responders and dispatching an additional ambulance for 24/7 coverage.
2. A certified copy of this resolution shall remain on file in the Office of the Township Clerk and provided to the following parties:
 1. Mayor Daniel T. Rodrick
 2. Business Administrator
 3. Chief Financial Officer
 4. Chief of Police

Motion:To Approve Resolution Item 9

Motion Made By: Justin Lamb

Seconded: George Lobman

Roll Call:

Council Member Ciccozzi	- Yes
Council Member Lamb	- Yes
Council Member Nivison	- Yes
Council Member Quinlisk	- Yes
Council Member Lobman	- Yes
Council Vice-President O'Toole	- Yes
Council President Coleman	- Yes

Ordinances- First Reading

10. **ORDINANCE** Of The Township Council, Township Of Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey, Amending And Supplementing §§50-3B, 50-3G, And 50-3R Of The Township Code To Revise The Roster Of Positions Within The Department Of Law Enforcement

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council, Township of Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey, as follows:

1. Section 50-3B of the Township Code is hereby amended and supplemented to provide as follows:

B. Captain of Police: one.

1. Section 50-3G of the Township Code is hereby amended and supplemented to provide as follows:

G. Police officers: 112

3. Notwithstanding the amendment to Section 50-3B above, any officer currently serving in the position of Captain of Police or Deputy Chief of Police as of January 18, 2024, excluding any officer serving in either of those positions in an acting capacity as of that date, may serve in those positions until their effective date of retirement, resignation, or other separation of employment from Toms River Township.

4. All other provisions of Chapter 50 not inconsistent herewith remain in full force and effect.

5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are repealed, but only to the extent of the inconsistency.

6. If any part of this ordinance is invalidated for any reason by competent authority, that part is severed and the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

7. This ordinance shall take effect following its final passage by the Township Council, approval by the Mayor, and twenty days after publication as required by law.

Motion: To Approve 1st Reading of Item 10. Ordinance

Motion Made By: Lynn O'Toole

Seconded: Craig Coleman

Roll Call:

Council Member Ciccozzi	- No
Council Member Lamb	- Yes
Council Member Nivison	- Yes
Council Member Quinlisk	- No
Council Member Lobman	- Yes
Council Vice-President O'Toole	- Yes
Council President Coleman	- Yes

11. **ORDINANCE** Of The Township Council, Township Of Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey, Amending §165-45B Of The Township Code To Eliminate The Adoption Fees For Dogs And Cats From The Toms River Animal Shelter

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council, Township of Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey, as follows:

1. Section 165-45B of the Township Code is hereby amended and supplemented to provide as follows:

B. There shall be no fee imposed upon any individual or nonprofit organization to adopt dogs or cats from the Toms River Animal Shelter.

2. All other provisions of Chapter 165 not inconsistent herewith remain in full force and effect.

3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are repealed, but only to the extent of the inconsistency.

4. If any part of this ordinance is invalidated for any reason by competent authority, that part is severed and the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

5. This ordinance shall take effect following its final passage by the Township Council, approval by the Mayor, and twenty days after publication as required by law.

Motion: To Approve 1st Reading of Item 11. Ordinance

Motion Made By: Lynn O'Toole

Seconded: Justin Lamb

Roll Call:

Council Member Ciccozzi	- Yes
Council Member Lamb	- Yes
Council Member Nivison	- Yes
Council Member Quinlisk	- Yes
Council Member Lobman	- Yes
Council Vice-President O'Toole	- Yes
Council President Coleman	- Yes

12. **ORDINANCE** Of The Township Of Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey, Amending And Supplementing The Township Code To: (1) Establish The Divisions Of Roads And Sanitation Within Chapter 40 (Department Of Administration); (2) Repeal Chapter 54 (Department Of Public Works) In Its Entirety; And (3) Place The Division Of Parks, Buildings, And Grounds Under The Department Of Recreation Within Chapter 56

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Toms River, County of Ocean, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Chapter 40 (Department of Administration) of the Township Code is hereby amended and supplemented to add the following provisions:

§ 40-11. Divisions of Roads and Sanitation.

A. Division of Roads. There is hereby created the Division of Roads, the head of which shall be the Division Manager of Roads. This position shall be appointed by the Mayor. The Division Manager shall report directly to the Township Business Administrator.

(1) The Division of Roads shall be responsible for:

(a) Constructing, repairing, and maintaining all Township streets and roads, including pothole repair, and the cleaning and repair of catch basins.

(b) Removing snow from Township streets and roads.

(c) Maintaining all signs, traffic markers, and streetlights which are owned or under the control of the Township.

(d) Maintaining all drainage facilities located upon Township property.

(2) The following bureaus full under the supervision and oversight of the Division of Roads:

(a) Bureau of Equipment/Maintenance. The Bureau of Equipment and Maintenance shall be responsible for:

(i) Maintaining automotive and radio equipment owned or controlled by the Township.

(ii) Operating the centralized garage and motor pool.

(iii) Undertaking performance analysis of Township equipment.

B. Division of Sanitation. There is hereby created the Division of Sanitation, the head of which shall be the Division Manager of Sanitation. This position shall be appointed by the Mayor. The Division Manager shall report directly to the Township Business Administrator.

(1) The Division of Sanitation shall be responsible for the collection and disposal of solid waste, including the operation and use of the Township Landfill.

(2) The following bureaus fall under the supervision and oversight of the Division of Sanitation:

(a) Bureau of Recycling. The Bureau of Recycling shall be responsible for:

(i) Administering the recycling program of the Township of Toms River under Chapter 442 of the Township Code.

(ii) Administering leaf collection throughout the Township.

(iii) Organizing and maintaining the Toms River Township Convenience Center and leaf yard.

C. Other positions within the Divisions of Roads and Sanitation.

(1) Foreman. There is hereby created the position of Foreman. There shall be a Foreman for each the Division of Roads and the Division of Sanitation, whom shall be under the supervision of the respective Division Managers. Foremen shall organize and develop suitable work programs for the varied functions of each Division; supervise collection of solid waste and recycling; give suitable assignments and instructions to individuals and groups and supervise their work; as applicable to the Bureau assigned, supervise the cleaning and repair of streets and sewers, the paving of streets, the maintenance of piers and the maintenance and care of the garbage dumps; make investigations of complaints dealing with their respective Divisions and take proper action to see that needed repairs are made with a minimum of delay; prepare suitable reports; obtain, store, safeguard and supervise the proper use of needed equipment, materials and supplies; and keep needed records and files and perform such other related tasks as are required by the Director and Township Council.

(2) Assistant Foreman. The position of Assistant Foreman is hereby created. There shall be two Assistant Foreman assigned to the Division of Roads, and one Assistant Foreman assigned to the Division of Sanitation. The Assistant Foremen shall assist in the performance of the duties of, and other tasks assigned by, their respective Foremen.

(3) Recycling Foreman. There is hereby created within the Division of Sanitation the position of Recycling Foreman. The Recycling Foreman shall perform all duties of Recycling Foreman and be responsible for and have authority for enforcement of Chapter 232, Burning, Outdoor, and Chapter 442, Solid Waste, of the Code of the Township of Toms River.

(4) Laborer. There is hereby created the position of Laborer. Under the direction of the appropriate Division Foreman, the Laborer shall primarily perform varied types of manual and unskilled laboring work; may drive a truck in connection with laboring work on occasion; and do related work as required.

(5) Mechanic. There is hereby created the position of Mechanic. Under the direction of the appropriate Division Foreman, the Mechanic shall perform varied mechanical work involved in the repair, maintenance and servicing of motor vehicles and/or construction equipment working with various machines and hand tools common to the trade. The Mechanic shall do related work as required.

(6) Driver. There is hereby created the position of Driver. Under the direction of the appropriate Bureau Foreman, the Driver shall possess a valid commercial driver's license and shall drive a truck to transport materials, equipment or people, which includes, but is not limited to, Robo-garbage trucks and recycling trucks.

(7) Operator. There is hereby created the position of Operator. Under the direction of the appropriate Bureau Foreman, Operator shall perform such duties as required by the Division Managers.

(8) Clerical staff. There is hereby created the position of Senior Secretary, Secretary, and Clerk-Bookkeeper for the Divisions of Roads and Sanitation, who shall perform such bookkeeping, payroll and clerical duties as required by the Division Managers.

2. Chapter 54 (Department of Public Works) of the Township Code is hereby repealed in its entirety.

3. Chapter 56 (Department of Recreation) of the Township Code is hereby amended and supplemented to add the following subsection:

§ 56-15. Division of Parks, Buildings and Grounds.

A. Establishment; powers and duties.

(1) There is hereby established the Division of Parks, Buildings, and Grounds, which shall be under the Department of Recreation and overseen by the Director of Recreation.

(2) This Division shall maintain all Township buildings, grounds, swimming pools, real property, and parks, including garbage removal and maintenance of restroom facilities, and shall be responsible for proper testing of bathing beach waters and swimming pool waters.

B. Positions created. The following positions are hereby established within the Bureau of Parks, Buildings, and Grounds:

- (1) Foreman.
- (2) Senior maintenance worker/custodian.
- (3) Senior groundsman.
- (4) Groundsman, full-time.
- (5) Groundsman, part-time.
- (6) Laborer, full-time.
- (7) Laborer, part-time.
- (8) Maintenance worker, full- or part-time.
- (9) Custodian.
- (10) Clerical staff.
- (11) Driver
- (12) Golf Course Superintendent.
- (13) Assistant Foreman.

4. All other parts of Chapters 40 and 56 remain in full force and effect.

5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are repealed, but only to the extent of the inconsistency.

6. If any part of this ordinance is invalidated for any reason by competent authority, that part is severed and the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
7. This ordinance shall take effect following its final passage by the Township Council, approval by the Mayor, and twenty days after publication as required by law.

Motion: To Approve 1st Reading of Item 12. Ordinance

Motion Made By: Lynn O'Toole

Seconded: Justin Lamb

Roll Call:

Council Member Ciccozzi	- Yes
Council Member Lamb	- Yes
Council Member Nivison	- Yes
Council Member Quinlisk	- Yes
Council Member Lobman	- Yes
Council Vice-President O'Toole	- Yes
Council President Coleman	- Yes

Ordinances - Final Readings

13. **ORDINANCE** Of The Township Council, Township Of Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey, Repealing Chapter 253 Of The Township Code Of The Township Of Toms River Entitled "Continued Use And Occupancy Of Residential Dwellings"

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. Purpose. Pursuant to Ordinance 4724-21 the Township of Toms River established a new Chapter 253 of the Township Code entitled "Continued Use and Occupancy of Residential Dwellings". Said Ordinance was amended by Ordinance 4760-22. It is the intention of this Ordinance to repeal the entirety of Chapter 253.

SECTION 2. Chapter 253 of the Township Code of the Township of Toms River entitled "Continued Used and Occupancy of Residential Dwellings" be and hereby is repealed in its entirety. Upon the effective date of this Ordinance, a Municipal Certificate of Continued Use and Occupancy shall no longer be required to transfer ownership of residential dwellings within the Township of Toms River.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect following its final passage by the Township Council, approval by the Mayor and twenty (20) days after publication as required by law.

SECTION 4. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are repealed, but only to the extent of the inconsistency.

SECTION 5. If part of this Ordinance is invalidated for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, that part is severed and the remaining portion shall remain in full force and effect.

Council President Coleman announced he was opening the floor to public comment if anyone wished to speak at this time.

Chuck Laing, 37 Cedar Dr., states he is a home inspector and asked if this ordinance affects Rental Certifications also.

Township attorney McGuckin states that this Ordinance is only discussing Continued Use and Occupancy and Transfer of Title.

Chuck feels repealing this ordinance will cause a lot of safety issues.

Paul Jeffires 1661 Bay Blvd. Ortlely Beach, he believes the Ordinance is a hassle, but it's there for a reason. Needs to be done for safety issues. He states taking the Ordinance away will become a disaster and could harm a lot of people.

Bruce Shapiro, 10 Hamilton Ave Trenton, NJ Realtor Association, is glad that the ordinance is getting repealed. He states that many closings have been postponed or even terminated because of the long process of getting a CO. He says that sellers are still required to get a Fire Inspection and can hire their own home inspectors.

Phil Brilliant, 79 Holly Tree Lane, says that the town has already stopped issuing MCCUOs. He strongly believes the council needs to look over the Ordinance and amend it not just repeal it.

Pat Klaslo, Ortlely Beach, says people would put in complaints about people working without permits, but the town will not allow you to do so anonymously. She feels that the ordinance should not be repealed, just revised to make sure people aren't doing work illegally.

Julie Adamek, 69 Cedar Grove Rd., thinks repeal this ordinance will be a mistake. People are doing things without permits and this is how it is being uncovered. She feels this will only endanger the public.

Mary Nuziale, 1144 Hooper Ave, Monmouth Ocean Regional Realtors, thinks the ordinance should be repealed. The ordinance lead to delays in resale and possible loss of sale.

Motion: Close Public Session

Motion Made By: Justin Lamb

Seconded: Thomas Nivison

Roll Call:

Council Member Ciccozzi	- Yes
Council Member Lamb	- Yes
Council Member Nivison	- Yes
Council Member Quinlisk	- Yes
Council Member Lobman	- Yes
Council Vice-President O'Toole	- Yes

Council President Coleman - Yes

Motion: To Table Item 13. Final Reading Ordinance

Motion Made By: David Ciccozzi

Seconded: James Quinlisk

Roll Call:

Council Member Ciccozzi	- Yes
Council Member Lamb	- No
Council Member Nivison	- No
Council Member Quinlisk	- Yes
Council Member Lobman	- No
Council Vice-President O'Toole	- No
Council President Coleman	- No

Motion: To Approve Final Reading of Item 13. Ordinance

Motion Made By: Justin Lamb

Seconded: Thomas Nivison

Roll Call:

Council Member Ciccozzi	- No
Council Member Lamb	- Yes
Council Member Nivison	- Yes
Council Member Quinlisk	- No
Council Member Lobman	- Yes
Council Vice-President O'Toole	- Yes
Council President Coleman	- Yes

Consent Agenda

All matters listed under the heading "Consent Agenda" will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired on any item, that will be considered separately.

14. Consent Items

Paul Williams, Broad St., asked if he could discuss Item A. Council President Coleman allowed discussion before the motion.

Paul asked if anyone knew what a Municipal Alliance Coordinator does? When no one on the council answered, he tells them the coordinator is responsible for getting funding and programs that address alcoholism and drug abuse. Paul hopes the council takes this position seriously because drug and alcohol abuse are real issues going on in Toms River.

Motion: To Approve All The Following Items Listed On The Consent Agenda
Motion Made By: Lynn O'Toole
Seconded: James Quinlisk

Roll Call:

Council Member Ciccozzi	- Yes
Council Member Lamb	- Yes
Council Member Nivison	- Yes
Council Member Quinlisk	- Yes
Council Member Lobman	- Yes
Council Vice-President O'Toole	- Yes
Council President Coleman	- Yes

- a. **RESOLUTION** Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey Appointing Laura Picurro as Municipal Alliance Coordinator for the Fiscal Year 2024

JANUARY 18, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor has recommended and the Council consents to the appointment of **LAURA PICURRO** as Municipal Alliance Coordinator for Fiscal Year 2024, expiring on December 31, 2024.

2. The Office of the Township Clerk shall send a certified copy of this resolution to each of the following:

- a. Mayor Daniel T. Rodrick
- b. Township Council
- c. Township Attorney
- d. Municipal Alliance
- e. Laura Picurro

Municipal Alliance Coordinator

Paul Williams- Does anyone know what a Municipal Alliance Coordinators does? It is supposed to help alcoholism and drug abuse. Funding attached to it.

- b. **RESOLUTION** Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey Changing Various Custodians Of Petty Cash Funds

January 18, 2024

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 the Township Council of the Township of Toms River is changing Petty Cash Funds custodians to the individuals

listed below:

The following Petty Cash Funds custodians are to be changed for 2024 for the various Departments of the Township of Toms River:

A. Department of Recreation: \$500.00. Said sum shall be utilized in order to pay for various minimal purchases and expenses incurred by the aforesaid Department. Jonathan Salonis and/or Jaime Hawks shall be the Custodian of the Petty Cash Fund.

B. Municipal Alliance Office: \$100.00. Said sum shall be utilized in order to pay for various minimal purchases and expenses incurred by the aforesaid Office. Laura Picurro and/or Warren Chabot shall be the Custodian of the Petty Cash Fund.

C. Division of Animal Control: \$100.00. Said sum to be utilized in order to pay for the minimal purchases and expenses incurred by the aforesaid Department Laura Picurro and/or Marta Peterson shall be the custodian.

D. Division of Youth Services: \$250.00. Said sum shall be utilized in order to pay for admission to youth oriented events and various miscellaneous travel expenses incurred by the aforesaid Office. Adam Silversmith and/or Jonathan Salonis shall be the Custodian of the Petty Cash Fund.

E. Department of Senior Services: \$500.00 Said sum shall be utilized for the purchase of newspapers and periodicals and for various minimal purchases and expenses, including travel expenses of the aforesaid Office. Laura Picurro and/or Lisa Chiurazzi-Manganiello shall be the Custodian of the Petty Cash Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Toms River, in the County of Ocean and State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this Resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be provided by the Office of the Township Clerk to each of the following:

- a. Director, Division of Local Government Services
 - b. Business Administrator
 - c. Director of Finance/CFO
 - d. Township Attorney
 - e. Jonathan Salonis
 - f. Laura Picurro
- c. **RESOLUTION** Of The Township Of Toms River, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Ameding Resolution 2024-50 Appointing Jean L. Cipriani, Esquire, Of The Law Firm Of Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani, As Labor Counsel For The Township Of Toms River

JANUARY 18, 2024

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2024-50, Jean L. Cipriani, Esq. of the Law Firm of Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani was appointed as Labor Counsel for the Township of Toms River for a term of one (1) year, commencing January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has advised that in order to certify the funds for such position a fixed not-to-exceed amount is required; and

WHEREAS, the Township anticipates a need for labor counsel services to address expiring collective bargaining agreements, grievances and disciplinary matters and pending and anticipated litigation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Toms River, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That Resolution 2024-50 shall be amended so that numbered paragraph 5. of that resolution shall read as follows:

5. Compensation for Labor Counsel services shall be billed at the rate established by the Township for such services for a total authorization not-to-exceed \$100,000.00 for calendar year 2024, unless authorized by resolution of the governing body.

2. That the Agreement authorized pursuant to Resolution 2024-50 shall be amended to provide that Compensation for Labor Counsel services shall be billed at the rate established by the Township for such services for a total authorization not-to-exceed \$100,000.00 for calendar year 2024, unless authorized by resolution of the governing body.

3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

4. A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Office of the Township Clerk to each of the following:

- a) Mayor Daniel T. Rodrick
- b) Business Administrator
- c) Township Attorney
- d) Chief Financial Officer
- e) Jean L. Cipriani, Esq.
Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani
98 E. Water Street
Toms River, NJ 08753

- d. **RESOLUTION** Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey, Authorizing The Mayor To Execute And The Township Clerk To Attest To A Risk Management Broker Consultant Agreement Between The Township Of Toms River And Foundation Risk Partners Corp. D/B/A Fairview Insurance Agency Associates

JANUARY 18, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Toms River, in the County of Ocean, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor is authorized to execute and the Township Clerk to attest to a Risk Management Broker Consultant Agreement between the Township of Toms River and Foundation Risk Partners Corp. d/b/a Fairview Insurance Agency Associates. A copy

of the Agreement is attached to this resolution and made a part hereof.

2. A certified copy of this resolution and the attached Agreement shall be provided by the Office of the Township Clerk to each of the following:

- a) Mayor Daniel T. Rodrick
- b) Township Council
- c) Business Administrator
- d) Township Attorney
- e) Certified Financial Officer
- f) Foundation Risk Partners Corp.
d/b/a Fairview Insurance Agency Associates
25 Fairview Avenue
Verona, NJ 07044

Approval of Bills

Township Clerk asked for the Approval of the Bills.

The Bill List dated January 11, 2024, was approved.

Motion: To Approve The Bill List

Motion Made By: Lynn O'Toole

Seconded: James Quinlisk

Roll Call:

Council Member Ciccozzi	- Yes
Council Member Lamb	- Yes
Council Member Nivison	- Yes
Council Member Quinlisk	- Yes
Council Member Lobman	- Yes
Council Vice-President O'Toole	- Yes
Council President Coleman	- Yes

The following respective exceptions to their votes were noted as abstentions to this vote:

Council Member **Ciccozzi** - None

Council Member Lamb abstained due to Business conflicts on the following:

Purchase Order 23-00036, payable to Borough of Lavallette, in the amount of \$859.58.

Purchase Order 24-00186, payable to TR Payroll, Magistrate Salaries, in the amount of \$6,619.23.

Council Member **Nivison** - None

Council Member Quinlisk abstained due to Business conflicts on the following:

Purchase Order 23-0716 payable to Remington & Vernick Engineers, in the amount of \$4,987.50.

Purchase Order 23-03940, payable to TEC Elevator Inc., in the amount of \$756.00.

Council Member Lobman - None

Council Vice-President O'Toole - None

Council President Coleman - None

Elected Official's Comments

Council Member Lamb thanked Chief Little and the Township Police Officers for all their handwork, but he strongly believes the CSO program is important for this town. Reminded everyone garbage will be picked up early tomorrow with the possibility of snow tomorrow.

Council Member Quinlisk believes there is a need for more CSOs, but there has to be a way to do it without defunding the Police department. Councilman Quinlisk states the Town is heading down wrong the path. He wants to keep our town strong, safe and beautiful.

Council Member Nivison says that the council is not taking away from the Police Department, they are just not going to replace the retirees.

Council Member Lobman wanted to start by telling the Town a little about himself and his family. He stated he will only be on the Council for 1 year. Councilman Lobman also said he is on the council for the community and his friend Dan.

Council Member Ciccozzi thanked DPW for always doing a great job. He also brought up how much the Police Department has done for the Township, and thanked them for all their hard work.

Council Vice-President O'Toole wanted to start by discussing Laura Piccura, and how she is a dedicated employee who loves her work and loves the Senior Center. She feels Laura will be able to bring a lot of resources to the Town. Council Vice-President O'Toole also mentioned that Dan Rodrick will be an excellent Mayor because he truly cares.

Council President Coleman stated he will always vote for what is right for the people of Toms River Township.

Mayor Rodrick started by congratulating George Lobman, and thanked him for volunteering to serve on the council. The Mayor announced the Animal Shelter is at full capacity, some have been there for over a year. He would like to waive the fees for adoptions and open the hours till 7:00 PM. The Mayor then thanked the council for repealing the CO.

Public Comments

Council President Coleman announced the public portion and asked if anyone wished to speak at this time.

Carlos Amizar, Winteringham Apartments, agrees that the town needs more EMT/CSOs, but he believes there has to be a way to do so without taking away from the Police Department.

Paul Williams, Broad St, questioned the Ordinance about hindering our Law Enforcement, and felt it was very vague.

Dana Tormollan, Messenger St., is upset about the Mayor trying to defund the Police Department, and firing Confidential township employees to hire the Mayor's Friends.

Phil Brillaint, 79 Holly Lane, said there is a conflicts with the February Township meeting and the Ciba-Geigy Meeting, if the council could please look into changing the Meeting to be at the Ciba-Geigy Meeting. He also asked for clarification on the Law enforcement ordinance.

Mayor Rodrick stated the town is not firing any Police Officers. They are just not replacing the Captains that are retiring, and the money will go into hiring 8 CSOs.

Phil then asked for the Mayor to please stop rushing to make all these changes, and to look further into ways to improve the town.

Ron Sermarini, President of FOP lodge #156, says he will always support the Police Department. He believes we need more CSOs, but not at the cost of our own Police Officers.

Debra Martin, feels the township needs more ambulances. She is also very concerned about the beaches. Debra hopes everyone can work together.

Bill Hutton, 3 Pearl Dr, is against the reduction in PD. The Police are always the first to an emergency call and are important to the community.

Pat Klaslo, Ortley Beach, stated that Ortley pays 8% of the township taxes.

Kim Bell, 64 Iberis Lane, is for the repeal of the MCCUO ordinance. She told the council to look into doing a letter of no interest, to check for open permits before the sale of a home.

Jillian Messina, 743 Opatut Court, Media relation specialist at Toms River Police Dept., she states she has worked for the town for the last 7 years and loves it. She has helped raised thousands of dollars through the PBA events for the town. She agrees they need more EMT/CSOs but not at the expense of Law Enforcement. There are grants that could fund a CSO program that she would help look into.

Joe Cocco, 161 Walnut Creek Lane, believes there is a need for EMTs and CSOs, and would like to help with a risk management team.

Jason McCowski, was offended that the council kept referring to EMTs as ambulance drivers, stated they are called First Responders. The statics show for EMTs the town meets the requirements, and as for Police Officers we are grossly under staffed.

Paul Williams, Broad St., wants the council to specify what changes will be made to Law Enforcement with the new Ordinance. The new Ordinance says the town is making changes to the Captian positions, the number of police officers, and the media relations specialist.

Ted Maloney, 1442 Sequoia Circle, is against Amending the Law Enforcement Ordinance. He believes that the Police Department is already understaffed, and there is a chain of command

to teach the new officers and to keep the town safe.

Pat Klaslo asked why are we hiring two more MUA employees if we need to make cuts for money.

Anthony Paciulli, Vice president of PBA #137, wants it to be known that the PBA has been strongly against this ordinance and has informed the Mayor and Council.

Andrew Chencharik, Sergeant with Toms River PD, congratulated the mayor and council on their election. He asked the Mayor and Council to please come see the Police Department and all the work they do before cutting any positions.

Brian Doyle, Sergeant with Toms River PD, asked the Council to look into surrounding towns and see how much smaller towns staff their Police Department, and look into how under staffed Toms River Police are.

Christopher Anderson, Baywood Dr., congratulated Mayor Rodrick on his election, and thanked Councilman Lamb for his service. He agrees there should be more EMT/CSOs but not at the cost of Police Officers.

Mike Miller, retiring Captain of the Toms River Police Department, states that he is responsible for much more than the Lieutenants as a Captain. That it is not right for the Chief and Deputy Chief to take on all these new duties and still properly do their own.

Motion: Close Public Comment

Motion Made By: Justin Lamb

Seconded: Lynn O'Toole

Roll Call:

Council Member Ciccozzi	- Yes
Council Member Lamb	- Yes
Council Member Nivison	- Yes
Council Member Quinlisk	- Yes
Council Member Lobman	- Yes
Council Vice-President O'Toole	- Yes
Council President Coleman	- Yes

No other business appearing, the meeting was **adjourned** at 9:52 PM on motion with Council Member Lamb, seconded by Council Vice-President O'Toole, and carried with Council Members, Ciccozzi, Lobman, Nivison, Quinlisk and Council President Coleman voting yes.