STILLWATER TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 17, 2024

THE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR MODIFICATION AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.

A REGULAR MEETING of the Stillwater Township Committee was called to order by Mayor L. Chammings at 7:02 p.m. Mayor L. Chammings stated that this meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of P.L. 1975, Ch. 231, Secs. 4 & 13 the Sunshine Law and that adequate notice of the meeting has been published in the New Jersey Herald as to the time, place, and date of meetings, and is posted in the usual location of posted notices in the municipal building as well as electronically on the township website.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>: Committeeman D. Manser, Committeewoman D. Delaney, Committeewoman V. Rumsey, Committeeman G. Scott (via Zoom) and Mayor L. Chammings <u>Also Present:</u> Township Attorney E. Bernstein

FLAG SALUTE: Mayor L. Chammings led the Flag Salute.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:

Mayor L. Chammings stated that she is adding a discussion on an update on in-rem foreclosures as well as two bills that she would like the Township Committee to consider supporting.

PUBLIC SESSION (Agenda Items Only – 3 Minute Time Limit)

PUBLIC SESSION OPEN. At 7:04pm

No Public Comment.

PUBLIC SESSION CLOSED. At 7:05pm

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION

ORDINANCE 2024-16

AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES AND WAGES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STILLWATER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2025

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Stillwater, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, as follows;

<u>Section 1.</u> The Township of Stillwater shall pay it municipal officers and employees for services rendered as shown below. Figures shown represent annual salary, unless otherwise noted.

POSITION: Township Committee Member Township Clerk Deputy Clerk Municipal Registrar Clerk 1 Deputy Municipal Registrar Receptionist File Clerk Chief Financial Officer Clean Communities Coordinator-Stipend Qualified Purchasing Agent-Stipend SALARY RANGE: \$4,500.00 - \$6,000.00 \$40,000.00 - \$90,000.00 \$18.00 - \$25.00 per hour \$6,000.00 - \$8,500.00 \$35,000.00 - \$60,000.00 \$3,000.00 - \$4,500.00 \$15.49 - \$20.00 per hour \$15.49 - \$20.00 per hour \$50,000.00 - \$95,000.00 \$1,000.00 \$3,000.00

STILLWATER TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE **MEETING MINUTES**

Tax Assessor Tax Collector Tax Collector-Extra Hours Tax Clerk DPW Supervisor (Provisional) DPW Supervisor DPW Supervisor (CPWM) Recycling Coordinator DPW Laborers As Needed Snow Plow Drivers Solid Waste Worker Solid Waste Cashier **Recycling Supervisor** Recycling Worker Zoning Officer Construction Code Official Plumbing Sub-Code Official Electrical Sub-Code Official Fire Sub-Code Official Fire Inspector Building Department Secretary (TACO) **Smoke Detector Certifications** Smoke Detector Re-Certifications Smoke Detector Certifications (Emergency) Smoke Detector Re-Certifications (Emergency) Lead Paint Certifications Lead Paint Re-Certifications Lead Paint Certifications (Emergency) Lead Paint Re-Certifications (Emergency) Emergency Mgmt Coordinator Deputy Emergency Mgmt Coordinator Vacation/Leave Coverage

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: Zoning Board Secretary Planning Board Secretary Environmental Commission Secretary **Recreation Commission Secretary**

POLICE: **Crossing Guard** SALARY RANGE: \$15.49 - \$18.00 per hour

Section 2. Specific salaries or wages established by the Ordinance shall be made active as of the first payroll of 2025 unless otherwise noted.

Section 3. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed as making mandatory the payment of annual salary increments to any officer of employees of the Township of Stillwater. Salary or wage increases shall be contingent upon availability of funds.

Section 4. All former ordinances or parts thereof conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect after publication and passage according to law.

A MOTION was made by Committeewoman V. Rumsey and seconded by Committeewoman D. Delaney, to open the discussion on Ordinance 2024-16 to the public.

No Public Comment.

Public Session Closed.

A MOTION was made by Committeeman D. Manser and seconded by Committeewoman V. Rumsey, to close discussion on Ordinance 2024-16 to the public.

Mayor L. Chammings stated that she is not in favor to adopt until they have settled the DPW contract.

\$25,000.00 - \$45,000.00 \$25,000.00 - \$45,000.00 \$25.00 - \$50.00 per hour \$4,000 - \$10,000 \$58,000.00 - \$75,000.00 \$60,000.00 - \$85,000.00 \$75,000.00 - \$90,000.00 \$1,750.00 - \$2,500.00 As Per Contract \$20.00 - \$30.00 per hour \$15.49 - \$25.00 per hour \$15.49 - \$25.00 per hour \$20.00 - \$30.00 per hour \$15.49 - \$25.00 per hour \$20,000.00 - \$45,000.00 \$10,000.00 - \$25,000.00 \$7,500.00 - \$15,000.00 \$7,500.00 - \$15,000.00 \$2,500.00 - \$5,000.00 \$2,500.00 - \$5,000.00 \$10,000.00 - \$25,000.00 \$30.00 per Certification \$25.00 per Certification \$60.00 per Certification \$25.00 per Certification \$25.00 per Certification \$20.00 per Certification \$50.00 per Certification \$25.00 per Certification \$2,000.00 - \$5,000.00 \$1,000.00 - \$3,000.00 \$20.00 - \$50.00 per hour

SALARY RANGE:

\$5,000.00 - \$9,000.00 \$5,000.00 - \$9,000.00 \$2,500.00 - \$5,000.00 \$2,500.00 - \$5,000.00

A MOTION was made by Committeewoman V. Rumsey and seconded by Committeeman D. Manser to adopt Ordinance 2024-16.

ROLL CALL: Committeeman D. Manser; no, Committeewoman D. Delaney; no, Committeewoman V. Rumsey; no, Committeeman G. Scott; no, Mayor L. Chammings; no. Motion failed.

RESOLUTION 2024-147 AUTHORIZING REFUND OF ZONING BOARD FEES

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the following property owner paid fees to the Zoning Board; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board determined the application was not necessary;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Stillwater Township that refunds be issued in the following amounts:

Total Refund:	rees (zoning Bu App)	<u>\$100.00</u> \$1100.00
Monahan	Fees (Zoning Bd App)	\$100.00
Monahan	Escrow Acct	\$1000.00
Name & Address	Funding	Amount

Total Refund:

Committeewoman V. Rumsey stated that at the Zoning Board meeting on 12/16 it was discussed that the Zoning Official was 100% correct in the protocol that he followed. The Zoning Board attorney also agreed that Mr. Monahan should not be refunded. Committeewoman D. Delaney agreed that the Zoning Official was in his parameters of the NJ Statutes. The Committee agreed to go with the recommendations of the Zoning Board attorney not to issue the refund.

A MOTION was made by Committeeman G. Scott and seconded by Mayor L. Chammings to adopt Resolution 2024-147.

ROLL CALL: Committeeman D. Manser; no, Committeewoman D. Delaney; no, Committeewoman V. Rumsey; no, Committeeman G. Scott; no, Mayor L. Chammings; no. Motion failed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Letter from EACR Regarding E-Waste Container & Removal

Mayor L. Chammings stated the correspondence from EACR was regarding an e-waste container & removal program. There was a list of other municipalities that use their services. Committeewoman D. Delaney asked for more information before considering and what do they do with the equipment once they collect it, specifically personal electronics like laptops, cell phones, etc.

A MOTION was made by Committeeman G. Scott and seconded by Committeewoman D. Delaney, to look into the company further and see what is done with the personal electronic equipment once they collect it.

ROLL CALL: Committeeman D. Manser; yes, Committeewoman D. Delaney; yes, Committeewoman V. Rumsey; yes, Committeeman G. Scott; yes, Mayor L. Chammings; yes. Motion carried with all in favor.

2. Affordable Housing Obligation Review; Housing Element & Fair Share Plan Proposal: J Caldwell & Associates

Township Attorney E. Bernstein recommended that this will be discussed during executive session and a motion would be made following executive session.

3. RFP Banking Services- Valley National Bank

Mayor L. Chammings stated that they received three RFP's for banking services. A copy from Provident Bank and Valley National Bank was provided to the committee members for review with a recommendation from the CFO to switch to Valley National Bank from Provident Bank. The information on the third bank wasn't distributed as it wasn't anywhere close to Stillwater Township.

The Township Attorney stated this can be added to the Reorganization Agenda in January.

4. Vogel, Chair, Collins & Schneider- 2025 Proposal for Professional Services

Mayor L. Chammings stated that this contract is for the renewal of the conflict attorney for the year 2025. The rate has increased \$5 per hour. The Township did not need his services at all in 2024. Township Attorney E. Bernstein stated there can be a brief discussion on this contract during executive session and it can be added to the Reorganization Agenda.

<u>RESOLUTION 2024-168</u> RESOLUTION APPROVING A PER ADDITIONAL WORKSHOP MEETING STIPEND FOR RECREATION COMMISSION SECRETARY

WHEREAS, Danielle Wunder was hired by the Township of Stillwater as Recreation Commission Secretary by Resolution 2022-174 effective January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Commission Secretary has noted additional workshop meetings have been held throughout the year requiring additional time to complete her workload; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Commission Secretary has requested the Township Committee approve a request for a \$100.00 per additional workshop meeting stipend for the calendar year of 2025; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Stillwater that they do hereby approve a \$100.00 per additional Recreation Commission workshop meeting for the calendar year of 2025.

Committeewoman D. Delaney stated she would like that the Secretary must be present at the meeting in order to be compensated the additional \$100.

A MOTION was made by Mayor L. Chammings and seconded by Committeeman D. Manser, to adopt Resolution 2024-168 with the added amendment that it also include that the Secretary must be present at the meetings in order to be compensated.

ROLL CALL: Committeeman D. Manser; yes, Committeewoman D. Delaney; yes, Committeewoman V. Rumsey; yes, Committeeman G. Scott; yes, Mayor L. Chammings; yes. Motion carried with all in favor.

RESOLUTION 2024-169 RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDITIONAL HOURS FOR THE TAX COLLECTOR

WHEREAS, Terry Beshada was hired by the Township of Stillwater as Tax Collector by Resolution 2022-169 effective November 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has noted during the period when quarterly tax payments are due additional hours are required to complete her workload; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has had additional duties of In Rem Foreclosures added to her workload; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has requested the Township Committee approve a request for up to an additional thirty (30) hours for the calendar year of 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Stillwater that they do hereby approve up to thirty (30) additional hours for the calendar year of 2025 to be compensated at her annual hourly rate.

A MOTION was made by Committeewoman V. Rumsey and seconded by Committeewoman D. Delaney, to adopt Resolution 2024-169 with the amendment that it also includes that the Secretary must be present at the meetings in order to be compensated.

ROLL CALL: Committeeman D. Manser; yes, Committeewoman D. Delaney; yes, Committeewoman V. Rumsey; yes, Committeeman G. Scott; yes, Mayor L. Chammings; yes. Motion carried with all in favor.

RESOLUTION# 2024-170

RESOLUTION APPOINTING KATHRYN WUNDER AS FILE CLERK FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT PURGING PROJECT

WHEREAS, Stillwater Township has undertaken a purging project for the Construction Department files; and

WHEREAS, the project is ongoing and will require additional time to reach completion; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to have Kathryn Wunder continue to provide the necessary services through completion of the project; and

WHEREAS, the project should reach completion by April 2025;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Township Committee of the Township of Stillwater will retain the services of Kathryn Wunder to provide assistance to the Construction Department for up to \$3,000.00 for completion of the purging project of the Construction Department files.

Township Attorney E. Bernstein asked if K. Wunder was paid at an hourly rate as an employee. He stated that the resolution should be amended to reflect "at an hourly rate not to exceed \$3,000 plus applicable deductions".

A MOTION was made by Committeewoman D. Delaney and seconded by Committeewoman V. Rumsey, to adopt Resolution 2024-170 with the amendment to change the wording to "at an hourly rate not to exceed \$3,000 plus applicable deductions".

ROLL CALL: Committeeman D. Manser; yes, Committeewoman D. Delaney; yes, Committeewoman V. Rumsey; yes, Committeeman G. Scott; yes, Mayor L. Chammings; yes. Motion carried with all in favor.

RESOLUTION 2024-171

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STILLWATER AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTEMENT OF JULIE ANN LEATHAM AS DEPUTY CLERK

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Stillwater do hereby concur with the appointment of Julie Ann Leatham as Deputy Clerk effective January 1, 2025, at a rate of \$21.00 per hour for up to 29 hours per week, subject to a probationary period with reviews at thirty (30), sixty (60), and ninety (90) days.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appointment was made at a meeting of the Township Committee on Tuesday, December 17, 2024.

A MOTION was made by Committeewoman V. Rumsey and seconded by Committeeman D. Manser, to adopt Resolution 2024-171.

ROLL CALL: Committeeman D. Manser; yes, Committeewoman D. Delaney; yes, Committeewoman V. Rumsey; yes, Committeeman G. Scott; yes, Mayor L. Chammings; yes. Motion carried with all in favor.

RESOLUTION 2024-172

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A CHANGE ORDER TO PIERSON EXCAVATING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,975.00

WHEREAS, the Township of Stillwater awarded a contract to Pierson Landscape and Design, dba Pierson Excavating on June 20, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for demolition and debris removal from the property located at 992 Fairview Lake Road; and

WHEREAS, due to the level of debris located within the premises, Pierson Landscape and Design, dba Pierson Excavating has exceeded the contract amount by \$3,975.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is creating a Change Order in the amount of the overage of \$4,091.06 to be funded from the following source: Solid Waste: SCMUA Fees; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee must approve the Change Order to authorize payment to Pierson Landscape and Design, dba Pierson Excavating.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee that the Township does hereby authorize the issuance of a change order to Pierson Landscape and Design, dba Pierson Excavating in the amount of \$3,975.00 for a total contract amount of \$23,975.00.

A MOTION was made by Committeeman G. Scott and seconded by Committeewoman V. Rumsey, to adopt Resolution 2024-172.

ROLL CALL: Committeeman D. Manser; yes, Committeewoman D. Delaney; yes, Committeewoman V. Rumsey; yes, Committeeman G. Scott; yes, Mayor L. Chammings; yes. Motion carried with all in favor.

RESOLUTION# 2024-173 RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE AN INCREASE IN THE LOSAP CONTRIBUTION AMOUNTS FOR THE INCREASE IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ("CPI")

WHEREAS, the Stillwater Township Committee deems it appropriate and necessary to act to ensure retention of existing members and to provide incentives for recruiting new members of the Stillwater Area Volunteer Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve this goal, the Township, via Ordinance #2002-7, provided for the creation of a Length of Service Award Program ("LOSAP"), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-182, et. al., which provides tax-deferred income benefits to Volunteer Members of the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Township's LOSAP program, as created via Ordinance #2002-7, does not provide for increases in the LOSAP contribution amount to account for increases in the Consumer Price Index ("CPI"); and

WHEREAS, the Stillwater Township Committee has determined it is in the best interests of the citizens of Stillwater Township to provide the members of the Stillwater Area Volunteer Fire Company with increased LOSAP benefits consistent with the CPI determined by the Director of the State of New Jersey: Division of Local Government Services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Stillwater Township Committee, the amount of the LOSAP benefit provided to each qualifying member of the Stillwater Area Volunteer Fire Company (SAVFCO) shall be increased as follows:

1. The LOSAP contribution for qualifying members of the SAVFCO for the year of 2024 shall be:

- a. 91 or more points \$1,951.00
- b. 75 to 90 points \$1,408.00
- c. 50 to 74 points \$908.00
- d. 0 to 49 points \$0.00

Township Attorney E. Bernstein stated that the Township Committee may adopt this resolution on a one-time basis with the understanding that these individuals have not received an increase in two years. The Ordinance will need to be amended early in the new year.

A MOTION was made by Mayor L. Chammings and seconded by Committeewoman V. Rumsey, to adopt Resolution 2024-173.

ROLL CALL: Committeeman D. Manser; yes, Committeewoman D. Delaney; yes, Committeewoman V. Rumsey; yes, Committeeman G. Scott; yes, Mayor L. Chammings; yes. Motion carried with all in favor.

Township Attorney E. Bernstein recommended suspending the order of business and move the resolutions that were added as additions to the end of the meeting. He recommended moving onto the Consent Agenda.

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<u>CONSENT AGENDA</u> - All items with an Asterisk (\*) are considered to be routine and non-controversial in nature. All such items will be handled by one (1) motion and one (1) second and one (1) vote. There will be no separate discussion of any of these items unless a Committee member requests same, in which case the item(s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

# \*<u>MINUTES:</u> December 3, 2

December 3, 2024 Regular & Executive Meeting Minutes

# \*<u>CORRESPONDENCE:</u>

- 1. Stillwater Township Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting Agenda- December 16, 2024; Meeting Minutes- October 28, 2024
- 2. Stillwater Township Planning Board Meeting Agenda- December 18, 2024
- 3. Stillwater Township Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes- November 4, 2024
- 4. Stillwater Township Environmental Commission Meeting Agenda- December 9, 2024
- 5. State of NJ, Department of Agriculture-LDD Regional Meeting
- 6. 2024 Sussex County Resurfacing Program- Project Award Notice
- 7. Letter from L. Francavilla Regarding Tire Replacement

# \*<u>REPORTS:</u>

- 1. Zoning Report- September, October, November 2024
- 2. Recreation Commission Report November 2024
- 3. Board of Health Receipts –November 2024
- 4. Construction Permit Activity Report- November 2024
- 5. Vacant/Abandon Property Registration Report November 2024
- 6. Convenience Center Report November 2024
- 7. Registrar Report November 2024
- 8. Certified Copies Report November 2024
- 9. ACO Report November 2024
- 10. Community Center Report- November 2024
- 11. DPW Monthly Report- November 2024
- 12. Tax Collector's Report- November 2024
- 13. Sussex County Division of Health Inspection Report- October & November 2024

- 14. Sussex County Division of Health Monthly Rabies Data for November 2024
- 15. Food License Report- November 2024

#### \*<u>RESOLUTIONS:</u>

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-174 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DISPOSAL OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Stillwater periodically retires items after reaching the end of their useful life and they are no longer suitable for use by the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has determined the following items have reached the end of their service lives and are eligible for disposal in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:11-36:

- 1. Empire Safe Company Safe (FA# D00103)
- 2. (5) 4-Drawer Filing Cabinets

(FA# 000036,000038,000039,000040,000079)

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has determined it will dispose of the above-mentioned items for their scrap value through George's Salvage Co., Inc., in Newton, New Jersey.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the above-mentioned items are declared to be surplus and no longer needed for Township purposes and are of such condition that they shall be disposed of for their scrap value; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the above-mentioned items shall be disposed of through George's Salvage Co., Inc. in Newton, New Jersey; and

A copy of this Resolution shall be placed on file with the Clerk of the Township.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase in this resolution is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this resolution.

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-175** AUTHORIZING REFUND OF BUS TRIP REGISTRATION

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the following resident paid a fee to attend the Recreation Commission bus trip to New York City scheduled for December 14, 2024; and

WHEREAS, they are not able to attend the trip;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of Stillwater Township that a refund be issued in the following amount:

| Name & Address | Funding              | Amount  |
|----------------|----------------------|---------|
| Berndt         | Bus Trip Escrow Acct | \$70.00 |

# <u>RESOLUTION# 2024-176</u> RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A SECURITY CAMERA WITH SIM CARD FOR VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Stillwater sees a need to install a security camera at Stillwater Township Veterans Memorial Park; and

WHEREAS, the proposal received for the equipment and labor is \$470.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Stillwater has funds remaining from the American Rescue Plan grant;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Stillwater, New Jersey as follows:

- 1. The purchase of a security camera with SIM card and labor to install said equipment at Stillwater Township Veterans Memorial Park in an amount not to exceed \$500.00 is hereby approved.
- 2. The Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for the purchase in an amount not to exceed **\$500.00 from American Rescue Plan funding**.

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-177 RESOLUTION AWARDING DEER CARCASS REMOVAL CONTRACT**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Stillwater needs a deer carcass removal contractor to provide deer removal services for 2025 and for various municipal streets; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated cost of said services would not exceed the bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, not removing the dead carcass is a health and safety hazard; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township received one (1) written proposal valid through December 31, 2025 in response to its request for quotations; and

**WHEREAS**, Space Farms Zoo and Museum provided the lowest responsive, responsible quote in the amount of \$27.00 per carcass for the year of 2025; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Stillwater that it does hereby award a contract to Space Farms Zoo and Museum for the 2025 dead deer carcass removal in an amount not to exceed \$27.00 per carcass in accordance with Space Farms Zoo and Museum's written proposal.

### RESOLUTION 2024-178 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF 2024 APPROPRIATIONS

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Officer certifies there are insufficient funds in the budgetary accounts listed below to meet the demands thereon for the balance of the year; and

**WHEREAS,** the Finance Officer certifies there appear to be a surplus in the budgetary accounts listed below, over and above the demand deemed necessary for the balance of the year; and

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 provides that transfers of funds may be made during the last two months of the budget year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Stillwater that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to make a transfer in 2024 budget appropriations in the amount of \$7,000.00 within the Current Fund, as follows:

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| <b>Current Fund</b> |                     | From:       | To:         |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Streets/Rds: O/E    |                     | \$ 7,000.00 |             |
|                     | Solid Waste: O/E    |             | \$ 6,000.00 |
|                     | Buildings/Grds: O/E |             | \$ 1,000.00 |
|                     |                     | \$ 7,000.00 | \$ 7,000.00 |
|                     |                     |             |             |

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-179**

#### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF IMMEDIATE TRANSPARENCY BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES REGARDING DRONE ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT STILLWATER TOWNSHIP, SUSSEX COUNTY AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**WHEREAS**, over the past several weeks, there have been reports of unidentified drones seen throughout Sussex County as well as the Township of Stillwater over residential homes, commercial businesses, military and other secure areas of infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS,** despite the convening of State and Federal legislative sessions to discuss the drone activity, local leaders have received no meaningful answers to ease the residents of not just Sussex County, but all of New Jersey, that there is no public safety threat at this time; and

**WHEREAS**, answers such as "there is no known credible threat" and "we are still working to identify... " is not acceptable, it is reckless, and most importantly is outright dangerous; and

**WHEREAS**, President Joseph Biden as the Commander-in-Chief for the United States of America and Governor Phil Murphy as the Commander-in-Chief for the State of New Jersey have an obligation to the citizens of this Country and this State respectively, to be transparent and provide a stronger response from the appropriate authorities to assure public safety.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Stillwater Township Committee of the County of Sussex demands a stronger Federal and State response on behalf of the residents of Sussex County and the State of Jersey to ensure the safety of all; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to President Joseph Biden, The. White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20500; Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security, MS 0525 Department of Homeland Security, 2707 Martin Luther King, Jr., Ave SE, Washington, DC 20528-0525; Christopher Wray, Director of the FBI, FBI Headquarters, 935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20535-0001; Secretary Lloyd J. Austin Ill, Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, 1000 Defense Pentagon, Washington DC 20301-1000; Nelson I. Delgado, Acting Special Agent in Charge, FBI Newark Office, Claremont Tower, 11 Centre Place, Newark, NJ 07102; Governor Phil Murphy, The State House, P.O. Box 001, Trenton, NJ 08625; Laurie R. Doran, Director of NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, P.O. Box 091, Trenton, NJ 08625; Colonel Patrick J. Callahan, New Jersey State Police Headquarters, P.O. Box 7068 West Trenton, NJ 08628; Senator Cory Booker, 717 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510; Senator Andy Kirn, Representative Josh Gottheirner, 93 Spring Street, Suite 408, Newton, NJ 07860; Representative Thomas Kean, Jr., 251 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515; Senator Parker Space, One Wilson Drive, Suite 28, Sparta, NJ 07871; Assemblywoman Dawn Fantasia, One Wilson Drive, Suite 28, Sparta, NJ 07871; Assemblyman Michael Inganarnort, One Wilson Drive, Suite 28, Sparta, NJ 07871; all 21 counties; all Sussex County Municipalities.

# **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Committeeman G. Scott requested that the December 3, 2024 meeting minutes be held for further consideration.

Committeeman D. Manser requested that Correspondence #7 be held for further consideration.

Mayor L. Chammings requested that Resolution 2024-179 be held for further consideration.

A MOTION was made by Committeewoman V. Rumsey and seconded by Committeewoman D. Delaney to adopt the Consent Agenda with the exception of the December 3, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, Correspondence #7 and Resolution 2024-179 to be discussed for further consideration.

**ROLL CALL:** Committeeman D. Manser; yes, Committeewoman D. Delaney; yes, Committeewoman V. Rumsey; yes, Committeeman G. Scott; yes, Mayor L. Chammings; yes. Motion carried with all in favor.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### December 3, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Committeeman G. Scott stated that he pulled the meeting minutes because he didn't see where the minutes reflected his motion to not include the day after thanksgiving as a holiday. Municipal Clerk V. Ingles responded that his statement and motion were on page 18 of the meeting minutes.

**A MOTION** was made by Committeeman G. Scott and seconded by Committeewoman V. Rumsey to adopt the December 3, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

**ROLL CALL:** Committeeman D. Manser; yes, Committeewoman D. Delaney; yes, Committeewoman V. Rumsey; yes, Committeeman G. Scott; yes, Mayor L. Chammings; yes. Motion carried with all in favor.

#### Correspondence # 7. Letter from L. Francavilla Regarding Tire Replacement

Committeeman D. Manser asked if a police report or accident report were filed for this. Mayor L. Chammings replied that this occurred when the milling was being completed. Mr. Francavilla originally contacted the DPW, then Mayor Chammings. There was no evidence that he hit a storm drain on a Township Road. Mayor Chamming forwarded the letter and bill to the paving company but they have refused to pay for it since there's no evidence the damage occurred at that time. Mayor Chammings just received the bill and request in writing on Friday. The Township Attorney instructed the Clerk to send the letter and bill to our insurance agency and instruct Mr. Francavilla to do the same with his insurance company then we will go at the discretion of the insurance companies.

#### RESOLUTION 2024-179

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF IMMEDIATE TRANSPARENCY BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES REGARDING DRONE ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT STILLWATER TOWNSHIP, SUSSEX COUNTY AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Mayor L. Chammings stated that this resolution was modeled after a state resolution. The resolution will be forwarded onto those listed to show Stillwater's support.

**A MOTION** was made by Committeewoman V. Rumsey and seconded by Committeewoman D. Delaney to adopt Resolution 2024-179.

**ROLL CALL:** Committeeman D. Manser; yes, Committeewoman D. Delaney; yes, Committeewoman V. Rumsey; yes, Committeeman G. Scott; yes, Mayor L. Chammings; yes. Motion carried with all in favor.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

DPW Equipment Disposal

# **RESOLUTION 2024-184**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC SALE OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE THROUGH MUNICIBID.COM PUBLIC AUCTION Township Attorney E. Bernstein stated this will be moved to after executive session.

#### Local Recreation Improvement Grant Items

Mayor L. Chammings stated the LRIG grant is open again and due the end of January. The Committee instructed the Clerk to work with previous requests to add to the wish list items on the LRIG Grant.

Mayor L. Chammings stated that the committee received an update from In Rem Attorney, R. McBriar, regarding the foreclosures. She stated that the complaint containing 32 in rems was prepared, unfortunately the title company that they were using wasn't responsive. They recently chose a new title company experienced in these matters, which is currently reviewing the complaint prior to filing. They hope to file before the end of this year and notice shortly thereafter.

Mayor L. Chammings stated that there are 2 bills circulating that she would like to have letters of support sent in for via resolution in 2025. Bill A-3680/S-3045 which expands the definition of newspaper required public advertisements to include those published online and Bill A-3953/S-3318 which requires State reimbursement to local government units for first-year uncollected property tax revenue attributable to veteran' property tax exemptions.

#### **<u>PUBLIC SESSION</u>** (any subject – 3-minute limit)

#### PUBLIC SESSION OPENED at 7:55 PM

Township Resident D. Voris thanked the Committee for their time and efforts running the Township. He described the hardships of trying to open and run a business in today's economy and how a lot of businesses have closed in Stillwater Township, including selling his own business. There aren't many people interested in investing, preserving or opening a new business in Stillwater. He feels that the Township and Zoning Board should fully support anyone who wishes to open a business in Stillwater. He would like the Township Committee to consider what they're doing on Main Street; how to get more activity then he sees now and how to make it happen. He stated that he faced many obstacles and that if it weren't for the concessions from the Zoning Board, he wouldn't have been able to do it. The Committee thanked Mr. Voris for his thoughts.

Township Resident D. Gatanas stated that he appreciates Mr. Voris' words and echoes his concerns. He thanked the Committee for approving the Yuletide Stroll and stated that it was a well-attended and great event. He stated his safety concerns for the temporary traffic light in front of his home again and asked if the Township has sought answers from the County or written a formal letter asking them to address the situation faster. Mayor L. Chammings stated that there was a meeting with the County regarding bridge work in Stillwater Township, so the Township has been in communication with the County.

Mr. Gatanas stated that if a traffic light should be anywhere that he feels that there should be one at the intersection of Main Street, Maple Ave and Stillwater Road meet.

Mr. Gatanas stated that the parking lots for the church and the bank will remain unopened to the public. He will speak with the school board regarding this. He stated that the busses use them as a stop to pick up children but that they didn't have permission and that it is a safety concern having them on his property.

Mr. Gatanas noted that the Zoning Board voted in favor of refunding Mr. Monahan that evening, including the engineer and substitute attorney that evening. He felt that the Township Committee shouldn't overturn the Zoning Board's decision. He asked the Deputy Mayor to speak with the Zoning Official and rescind the Zoning violations due to her complaint. Committeewoman V. Rumsey stated that he addressed the issues after the fact of receiving the violation. The Committee thanked Mr. Gatanas for his comments.

Township Resident K. Draghi stated that she also appreciated what Mr. Voris said in regards to the development of Main Street however she has some concerns that three of the businesses located on Main Street are on the current tax sale list, owing over six figures in taxes. She stated

that it's a difficult situation when the entities that are here aren't paying their taxes. The Zoning Board doesn't spend time hearing from entities that are behind on their taxes as they're not sure if they'll even be here much longer since they aren't paying their taxes.

Township Resident P. Piccone asked the Town Committee if there were any updates from the Zoning Officer in regards to his property. The Sussex County Health Department conducted their investigation in June. Committeeman G. Scott stated that there is an active investigation going on regarding the vehicles on his property, that once it's resolved that the Township Committee can give him an update. The Township Attorney also added that he could go to municipal court and file a civil claim regarding the vehicles that are on his property.

Committeeman G. Scott stated that he wanted to thank Mr. Voris for everything that he's done for Stillwater. He built up a nice business and he did a great job. He was sorry to see him sell it. Mayor L. Chammings stated that she echoed Mr. Scott's words and added that a term that Mr. Voris used was that concessions were made by the Zoning Board but essentially the Zoning Board worked within the D-variances that they could. They did what they could to help him and he also worked with the Zoning Board in return, she wouldn't call that a concession but it was following the proper procedures.

No further public comment.

#### PUBLIC SESSION CLOSED at 8:20 PM

#### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Township Attorney E. Bernstein stated that his report will be given during a brief executive session.

#### BILLS LIST #19 \$1,026,835.17

Mayor L. Chammings stated that the amount of the bills list was incorrect, the amount was updated after receiving a bill from the paving company for Mt. Benevolence Road and Middleville Road. The updated bills list amount is \$934,080.77.

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-180** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the proper account; and

**WHEREAS,** the Chief Financial Officer has approved payment upon certification from the Township Department Heads that the goods and/or services have been rendered to the Township;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Stillwater that the current bill lists, dated December 17, 2024, are on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Chief Financial Officer and approved by the Chief Financial Officer for payment, be paid.

**A MOTION** was made by Committeeman G. Scott and seconded by Committeewoman V. Rumsey to adopt Resolution 2024-180, funds permitting.

**ROLL CALL:** Committeeman D. Manser; yes, Committeewoman D. Delaney; yes, Committeewoman V. Rumsey; yes, Committeeman G. Scott; yes, Mayor L. Chammings; yes/abstain from PO 15668. Motion carried with all in favor.

Committeeman G. Scott wished everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year, to enjoy spending time with their families and he is looking forward to 2025!

Mayor L. Chammings thanked everyone for the past year and wished them all Happy Holidays as well. Blessings into 2025.

# STILLWATER TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Township Attorney E. Bernstein stated that they will be back in public after Executive Session to approve 4-5 resolutions if anyone from the public would like to wait outside until after Executive Session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** held in the Stillwater Township Municipal Building.

**A MOTION** was made by Committeewoman V. Rumsey and seconded by Committeewoman D. Delaney with all members in favor, to adopt the Resolution permitting the Committee to go into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Committeeman D. Manser; yes, Committeewoman D. Delaney; yes, Committeewoman V. Rumsey; yes, Committeeman G. Scott; yes, Mayor L. Chammings; yes. Motion carried with all in favor.

#### STILLWATER TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

**WHEREAS,** Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Stillwater, in the County of Sussex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from that portion of this meeting.

2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows: Attorney Client.

3. As nearly as can now be ascertained, the matter or matters to be discussed at this time will be disclosed to the public when such matters are resolved.

**A MOTION** was made by Committeeman G. Scott and seconded by Committeewoman D. Delaney with all members in favor, to go back into Regular Session at 9:32 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:** Committeeman D. Manser; yes, Committeewoman D. Delaney; yes, Committeewoman V. Rumsey; yes, Committeeman G. Scott; yes, Mayor L. Chammings; yes. Motion carried with all in favor.

Township Attorney E. Bernstein stated to let the record reflect that all members of the governing body present commencing from Executive Session are present to recommence to the open session along with the Township Attorney and Township Clerk and Committeeman G. Scott via Zoom. There were discussions regarding ongoing negotiations with teamsters local 125, no formal action needs to be taken; the Township Labor Attorney has been given direction relative to the same. There was a discussion regarding compensatory time for the Clerk for the rabies clinic for which she is seeking four hours compensatory time.

**A MOTION** was made by Mayor L. Chammings and seconded by Committeewoman V. Rumsey to approve four hours of comp time to the Municipal Clerk for working the rabies clinic on Saturday, November 16, 2024.

**ROLL CALL:** Committeeman D. Manser; yes, Committeewoman D. Delaney; yes, Committeewoman V. Rumsey; yes, Committeeman G. Scott; yes, Mayor L. Chammings; yes. Motion carried with all in favor.

Township Attorney E. Bernstein stated that there was a discussion regarding a former fire department member and LOSAP, guidance has been given to the Township Attorney and Township Clerk to inquire additional items and report back to the Township Committee at a later time. No formal action needs to be taken. A request was made by Mr. Gardner to be promoted to mechanic/truck driver. The proposal is effective January 1, 2025 at year 1 of the current contract at \$27.93 per hour.

# STILLWATER TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**A MOTION** was made by Committeeman G. Scott and seconded by Committeewoman D. Delaney to promote J. Gardner to Mechanic/Truck Driver at year 1 of the current contract guide at \$27.93 per hour effective January 1, 2025.

**ROLL CALL:** Committeeman D. Manser; yes, Committeewoman D. Delaney; yes, Committeewoman V. Rumsey; yes, Committeeman G. Scott; yes, Mayor L. Chammings; yes. Motion carried with all in favor.

Township Attorney E. Bernstein stated that under the ongoing issues regarding attorney client privilege and pending/anticipated litigation, the Township Committee discussed a proposal from J. Caldwell & Associates, LLC to assist the Township Committee and attorney as to the ongoing affordable housing issues related to round 4 in the proposed housing recommended number from the DCA which the Town wishes to exercise potential options regarding contesting same. There is resolution 2024-185 to move forward with this. There are also four additional resolutions for the Township Committee to discuss that were carried to this point in the meeting.

#### RESOLUTION 2024-181 RESOLUTION AWARDING CUSTODIAL SERVICES CONTRACT

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Stillwater requires a custodial services contractor to provide cleaning services for the following Township municipal buildings: Stillwater Town Hall located at 964 Stillwater Road, and Stillwater Community Center located at 931 Swartswood Drive; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated cost of said services would not exceed the bid threshold; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1, the Township solicited a quote for the requested custodial services; and

WHEREAS, the Township received a written response to its request for quotation; and

**WHEREAS**, Completely Clean provided a responsive, responsible quote in the amount of \$10,428.00 for custodial services for the calendar year of 2025;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Stillwater that it does hereby award a contract to Completely Clean for the 2025 calendar year for custodial services in the amount of \$10,428.00 in accordance with Completely Clean's written proposal dated September 24, 2024.

**A MOTION** was made by Committeewoman V. Rumsey and seconded by Committeeman D. Manser to adopt Resolution 2024-181.

**ROLL CALL:** Committeeman D. Manser; yes, Committeewoman D. Delaney; yes, Committeewoman V. Rumsey; yes, Committeeman G. Scott; yes, Mayor L. Chammings; yes. Motion carried with all in favor.

#### <u>RESOLUTION 2024-182</u> RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE NJDEP TREATMENT WORKS APPROVAL APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT A NEW SANITARY FACILITY AT SWARTSWOOD STATE PARK

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Division of Property Management (DPMS) seeks Township endorsement of NJDEP Treatment Works Approval application to construct a new sanitary facility at Swartswood State Park, 1091 E. Shore Drive (County Road 619), Newton, NJ 07860 Block 3601 Lot 14 in Stillwater Township; and

WHEREAS, the DPMC project number is P1277-00; and

**WHEREAS**, Swartswood State Park attracts many visitors to utilize swimming in the lake, boating, fishing, hiking, and camping; and

WHEREAS, Swartswood State Park is in need of a campground bath house with septic system; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Stillwater, County of Sussex, State of NJ, that the Township Committee endorses the NJDEP Treatment Works Approval application to construct a new sanitary facility at Swartswood Park.

**A MOTION** was made by Committeewoman V. Rumsey and seconded by Committeeman G. Scott to adopt Resolution 2024-182.

**ROLL CALL:** Committeeman D. Manser; yes, Committeewoman D. Delaney; yes, Committeewoman V. Rumsey; yes, Committeeman G. Scott; yes, Mayor L. Chammings; yes. Motion carried with all in favor.

### <u>RESOLUTION 2024-183</u> RESOLUTION INCREASING THE SALARY OF THE CONVENIENCE CENTER CASHIER

**WHEREAS**, the Cashier at the Stillwater Township Convenience Center, Louis Zack, has been tasked with and performed duties beyond the job title of Cashier; and

WHEREAS, he has seven (7) years seniority above the other Solid Waste workers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee desires to bring his compensation in line with his seniority and expansive job duties;

**BE IT RESOLVED,** the Township Committee of the Township of Stillwater is increasing the hourly salary of the Solid Waste Cashier, Louis Zack, to \$20.00 per hour.

Township Attorney E. Bernstein noted to amend the resolution to include that the salary increase is effective January 1, 2025.

**A MOTION** was made by Committeewoman D. Delaney and seconded by Committeewoman V. Rumsey to adopt Resolution 2024-183.

**ROLL CALL:** Committeeman D. Manser; yes, Committeewoman D. Delaney; yes, Committeewoman V. Rumsey; yes, Committeeman G. Scott; yes, Mayor L. Chammings; yes. Motion carried with all in favor.

#### <u>RESOLUTION 2024-184</u> RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC SALE OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE THROUGH MUNICIBID.COM PUBLIC AUCTION

WHEREAS, the Township of Stillwater is the owner of certain property that is no longer needed for public use consisting of a 2002 International Truck VIN#1HTGK ATR92 H5459 06 and a 2010 Ford F550 Mason Dump truck VIN #1FDAF 5HRXA EA808 77; and

WHEREAS, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:11-36 authorizes municipalities to sell public property that is no longer needed for public use at a public sale by an online auction to the highest bidder as surplus property; and

WHEREAS, <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 5:34-5.8 authorizes the sale of property through an online auction, and there is a New Jersey State Contract for Online Auction Services (19-GNSV1-00696) that was awarded to Municibid and is authorized for use by local governments; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Stillwater desires to sell such surplus property in "as is" condition without express or implied warranties.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Township of Stillwater hereby authorizes the sale of Township property no longer needed for public use by an online auction to be conducted by Municibid; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the public auction shall be conducted beginning on December 18, 2024 and ending on January 17, 2025, through the Municibid.com public online auction, pursuant <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:11-36, Local Finance Notice 2019-15 of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services and New Jersey State Contract for Online Auction Services (19-GNSV1-00696); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the sale of surplus property to be sold in "as is" condition without expressed or implied warranties is as follows:

| ITEM                                                   | MINIMUM BID |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 2002 International<br>VIN #1HTGK ATR92 H5459 06        | \$6,000.00  |
| 2010 Ford F550 Mason Dump<br>VIN #1FDAF 5HRXA EA808 77 | \$9,000.00  |

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township of Stillwater reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted; and

**A MOTION** was made by Committeewoman V. Rumsey and seconded by Committeeman D. Manser to adopt Resolution 2024-184.

**ROLL CALL:** Committeeman D. Manser; yes, Committeewoman D. Delaney; yes, Committeewoman V. Rumsey; yes, Committeeman G. Scott; yes, Mayor L. Chammings; yes. Motion carried with all in favor.

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-185**

### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR TOWNSHIP HOUSING ELEMENT & FAIR SHARE PLAN

**WHEREAS,** Stillwater Township ("Township") requires the services of a Professional Planner for a review of the affordable housing obligation numbers and preparing a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and,

WHEREAS, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:1 1-5 specifically exempts professional services from provisions of public bidding as provided in the Local Public Contracts Law, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:11-1 et seq., of which the proposed services qualify as such; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Township desires to appoint Jessica Caldwell. of J Caldwell & Associates LLC to review the affordable housing regulations and prepare a Housing Element & Fair Share Plan for the Township of Stillwater, at the rate of \$155.00 per-hour for professional planners and \$145.00 per hour for associate planners in a total amount not to exceed \$26,000, in a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:11-1 et seq.; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Local Public Contracts Law, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A: 11-1 et seq., requires that this Resolution be publicly advertised.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Stillwater, Sussex County, New Jersey hereby authorizes the appointment of Jessica Caldwell, Principal Planner, of the American Institute of Certified Planners J Caldwell & Associates, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$26,000, pursuant to the Agreement to Provide Planning Services provided by J. Caldwell & Associates, LLC, on December 11, 2024, and further authorizes J. Caldwell & Associates, LLC, to provide the following professional services to the Township: review the affordable housing obligation numbers and prepare a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan for the Township of Stillwater and any and all other needs of the Township related to its purported fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) round obligations as to affordable housing.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the proper officers of the Township of Stillwater are hereby authorized to endorse and deliver a contract for such services consistent with the terms of this Resolution and that a certification of funds must be promulgated onto this agreement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the successful bidder(s) shall be required to pay the full amount of the sale and shall be required to make arrangements for the pick-up of sold property from the Township of Stillwater within 10 business days of the auction; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all other Township officials and employees are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

A copy of this Resolution shall be placed on file with the Clerk of the Township.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase in this resolution is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this resolution.

**A MOTION** was made by Committeewoman D. Delaney and seconded by Committeeman D. Manser to adopt Resolution 2024-185.

**ROLL CALL:** Committeeman D. Manser; yes, Committeewoman D. Delaney; yes, Committeewoman V. Rumsey; yes, Committeeman G. Scott; yes, Mayor L. Chammings; yes. Motion carried with all in favor.

Township Attorney E. Bernstein stated with that the Township Committee is up to their final adjournment of 2024.

Mayor L. Chammings thanked the Township Committee, staff, DPW, volunteers and professionals, and is looking forward to seeing Committeeman G. Scott in person soon.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION** was made by Mayor L. Chammings and seconded by Committeeman D. Manser, with all members in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie Ingles, Municipal Clerk