

**NORTH HANOVER TOWNSHIP
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 6, 2024 7:00 P.M.**

**VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Dial In: 1-888-482-9769; Access Code 4493305#
OR
IN PERSON**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor DeBaecke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Mayor DeBaecke followed by a moment of silence

ROLL CALL: Mayor DeBaecke
Deputy Mayor O'Donnell
Committeeman Doyle
Committeeman Forsyth
Committeeman Kocubinski

Absent: None

Also Present: Township Clerk Mary Picariello and Township Attorney Roselli

SUNSHINE STATEMENT: “The provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met. Notice of this meeting has been transmitted by email to the Courier Post, Burlington County Times and The Trenton Times as well as given to those having requested same and posted on the Township bulletin board located in the foyer of the municipal building”.

PUBLIC COMMENT AS IT RELATES TO AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor DeBaecke opened the meeting to the public. There were no public comments this evening.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT

Proposed By: Committeeman Doyle

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor O'Donnell

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

1. New Jersey Pinelands Commission review of Ordinance 2024-08. – Clerk Picariello noted the NJPC had no recommendations.
2. New Jersey DCA Local Recreation Improvement Grant Awards – Clerk Picariello stated the Township was awarded \$69,000 for the Grant. Clerk Picariello noted this was below the requested \$89,000 and Engineer Hirsh stated he would modify the scope of work and that most Towns were getting the same award.
3. JLUB Consistency Review of Ordinance 2024-09 As Amended – Clerk Picariello stated the JLUB has found the Ordinance consistent with the Master Plan.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Hirsh stated the repair to Laurel Drive piping is complete. He noted he filed the Annual Stormwater report, coordinated compliance with the NJDEP and everything with Stormwater was good for now. He noted he would be revising the Scope for the FY24 Local Recreation Improvement Grant. Engineer Hirsh also reported the FY24 CDBG grant awards have not been announced. He stated the FY 23 and FY 24 NJDOT bids have been received and Attorney Roselli was reviewing the submissions and expects to award June 20th. He also noted the FY25 NJDOT applications are due July 1st and he anticipates applying for a portion of Jacobstown-Arneytown Road. He stated the Zoning Map updates are complete and copies were delivered to the Clerk this evening.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

- May 16, 2024 – Regular Meeting

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Doyle	X		X			
Committeeman Forsyth			X			
Committeeman Kocubinski		X	X			
Deputy Mayor O'Donnell			X			
Mayor DeBaecke			X			

BILLS AND CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Forsyth			X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Deputy Mayor O'Donnell	X		X			
Mayor DeBaecke		X	X			

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION

2024-11 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15, Land Subdivision and Site Plan Review, of the Code of the Township of North Hanover, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey

MOTION TO INTRODUCE

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Doyle	X		X			
Committeeman Forsyth			X			
Committeeman Kocubinski		X	X			
Deputy Mayor O'Donnell			X			
Mayor DeBaecke			X			

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 18, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.

ORDINANCE – ADOPTION

2024-09 An Ordinance of the Township of North Hanover, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey Amending and Revising Certain Sections of Chapter 16 “Zoning” of the Township Code, As Amended

**TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-09**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND REVISING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 16 “ZONING” OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, fueling stations with a convenience retail store have become a regular and popular commercial use in New Jersey, including in communities surrounding North Hanover Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee recognizes that such a use would also be appropriate for North Hanover Township and would help to serve its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to amend the Township’s existing zoning ordinances, specifically Chapter 16 of the Township Code, to permit this type of commercial use within certain commercial zoning districts in the Township, that necessarily would require amending certain associated bulk standards related thereto.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of North Hanover, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that certain sections of Chapter 16 of the Township Code, entitled “Zoning” be and are hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Amendment to 16-060 Definitions. §16-060 Definitions, of the Code of the Township of North Hanover is hereby amended to include the following (deletions have strikethrough; additions are bolded and underlined; amendments to original ordinance are italicized and highlighted):

Fueling Station with Convenience Retail Sales. ~~A vehicle fueling station with a retail establishment~~ A retail facility with a co-located convenience store and fueling station in one (1) or more principal building(s) operating up to twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week, which may offer prepackaged food products and grocery items, hot and cold made-to order drinks and food, household items, tobacco products, newspapers and magazines, in-store ATM and lottery, outside propane kiosk, ice chest and air pump equipment, and The use typically includes outside facilities for dispensing motor fuels, which may include both gasoline and diesel fuel for light trucks and passenger vehicles under a lit canopy, in addition to electric vehicle supply/service equipment (EVSE). The servicing of motor vehicles is not a component of this a Fueling Station w/ Convenience Retail Sales use. Fueling Stations with Convenience Stores shall also comply with the bulk and design requirements established for service stations, per §16-270.

SECTION 2. **Amendment to 16-110.1 Principal Permitted Uses.** §16-110.1 Principal Permitted Uses, of the Code of the Township of North Hanover is hereby amended as follows (deletions have strikethrough; additions are bolded and underlined):

16.110.1 Principal Permitted Uses.

- A. *No changes.*
- B-S. *No changes.*
- T. Professionals;
- U. Fueling Station with Convenience Retail Sales.**

SECTION 3. **Amendment to 16-110.3 Building Height.** §16-110.3 Building Height, of the Code of the Township of North Hanover is hereby amended as follows (deletions have strikethrough; additions are bolded and underlined):

16-110.3 Building Height. A maximum of four stories or thirty-five feet, except a service station **canopy and a fueling station with convenience retail sales canopy, which shall not exceed eighteen 23 feet in height, and. Further,** where the requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration dictate a lesser maximum height, **the FAA requirements shall apply.**

SECTION 4. **Amendment to 16-200.1 Principal Use.** §16-200.1 Principal Use, of the Code of the Township of North Hanover is hereby amended as follows (deletions have strikethrough; additions are bolded and underlined; amendments to original ordinance are italicized and highlighted):

16-200.1 Principal Use. **Unless otherwise provided in this Chapter,** ~~No~~ lot shall have erected upon it more than one principal use **or principal building or structure.** ~~No more than one principal dwelling or building shall be permitted on one lot except shopping centers and apartments receiving site plan approval where all uses are permitted for that zone and except agricultural uses where the residence and permitted agricultural business are permitted on the same lot. This restriction shall not apply to housing facilities for farm laborers employed on the premises during the term of their employment.~~

A. ~~No more than one principal dwelling or building shall be permitted on one lot except as permitted herein.~~

B. ~~Planned commercial developments, shopping centers, and fueling stations with convenience retail stores with fuel dispensing may include more than one building and more than one use when all buildings and uses are permitted in the zoning district and when all buildings and uses will be operated and maintained as part of an overall coordinated development.~~

C. ~~More than one apartment building is permitted on one lot when part of an overall residential development to be operated and maintained as one unified development.~~

D. ~~Agricultural uses and one primary residential dwelling are permitted on the same lot.~~

E. ~~The limitation above does not apply to housing facilities for farm laborers residing on the farm during the term of their employment.~~

SECTION 5. **Amendment to 16-230. 10 Minimum Parking Requirements.** §16-230.10 Minimum Parking Requirements, of the Code of the Township of North Hanover is hereby amended such that the following is to be inserted after “Fire house, one space for each two hundred fifty square feet of G.F.A.” and before “Garden Apartments” in that section, as follows (deletions

have strikethrough; additions are bolded and underlined, amendments to original ordinance are bolded, underlined and italicized):

Fueling Stations with Convenience Stores, 5.5 spaces per one thousand (1000) square feet of the convenience store’s gross floor area

SECTION 6: At least three copies of said full Ordinance are on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk for public examination and acquisition. Copies are available for inspection or acquisition during regular weekday working hours and arrangements have been made for the publication of said proposed Ordinance in pamphlet or other similar form which will be available for purchase from the Township Clerk.

SECTION 7: This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

SECTION 8: The Township Clerk is hereby directed to give notice at least ten days prior to the hearing on the adoption of this Ordinance to the County Planning Board, and to all others entitled thereto pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:55D-15. Upon adoption of this Ordinance, after public hearing thereon, the Municipal Clerk is further directed to publish notice of passage thereof and file a copy of this Ordinance as finally adopted with the County Planning Board as required by N.J.S.A. 40:55D-16 and with the Township Tax Assessor.

SECTION 9: All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 10: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

MAYOR OPENS THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public comments this evening.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed By: Mayor DeBaecke

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor O’Donnell

MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2024-09 AS AMENDED

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Forsyth			X			
Committeeman Kocubinski	X		X			
Deputy Mayor O’Donnell		X	X			
Mayor DeBaecke			X			

CONSENT AGENDA DEFINED:

All Resolutions listed on today’s consent agenda are to be considered as one vote by Township Committee and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.

2024-90 Resolution Extending Interim Period Set Forth in Conditional Redeveloper Designation and Escrow Agreement By and Between Township of North Hanover and North Hanover Urban Renewal, LLC as Conditional Redeveloper for Block 602 Lot 9.02

**RESOLUTION TC 2024-90
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION EXTENDING INTERIM PERIOD SET FORTH IN CONDITIONAL REDEVELOPER DESIGNATION AND ESCROW AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER AND NORTH HANOVER URBAN RENEWAL, LLC AS CONDITIONAL REDEVELOPER FOR BLOCK 602, LOT 9.02

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (the “**Redevelopment Law**”) authorizes municipalities to determine whether certain parcels of land located therein constitute an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2003, the Township Committee of North Hanover Township adopted Resolution #2003-108, directing the Joint Land Use Board to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether the properties identified as Block 600, Lots 1, 2, 4, 5; Block 601, Lots 401, 8, 9; Block 602, Lots 1-3, 7-9, 12-16; Block 605, Lot 1; Block 606, Lot 1; Block 607, Lot 1; Block 608, Lots 1, 2, 5, 7, 8; Block 609, Lots 2-7; Block 900, Lots 1-5; Block 901, Lots 1, 1.01, 2 and 5; and Block 902, Lots 1-4, 2.01, 24-25 (collectively referred to as the “Redevelopment Study Area”) qualified as an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to the Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, in response to Resolution #2003-108, the Joint Land Use Board engaged in the preparation of a preliminary investigation and because of their investigation, the Joint Land Use Board recommended that Block 602, Lots 10, 11; Block 610, Lots 17-18, 23-27 be added to the Redevelopment Study Area study; and

WHEREAS, based upon the Joint Land Use Board recommendation, the Township Committee adopted Resolution 2005-89 on September 28, 2005, and agreed to expand the study area to include the additional parcels; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee received and reviewed a preliminary investigation study of the Redevelopment Study Area, including the additional lots, and the report and recommendations of the Joint Land Use Board, pursuant to Joint Land Use Board Resolutions 2005-10 and 2005-17, finding that certain areas within the Redevelopment Study Area, including Block 602, Lot 9 (now Lot 9.02) qualified as areas in need of redevelopment according to the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5 et seq., and as more fully detailed in the Wrightstown Sykesville Road Redevelopment Study dated May 5, 2005 and prepared by Remington & Vernick Engineers, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2005-105, the Township Committee accepted the recommendations of the Joint Land Use Board and on October 6, 2005, designated multiple blocks and lots within the Redevelopment Study Area as areas in need of redevelopment, including Block 602, Lot 9.02 (formerly designated as Lot 9); and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2022, pursuant to Resolution 2022-117, the North Hanover Township Committee, acting as the Redevelopment Entity pursuant to the Redevelopment Law, conditionally designated North Hanover Urban Renewal, LLC as Conditional Redeveloper of Block 602, Lot 9.02 (hereinafter the “Redevelopment Property”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2022-117, North Hanover Urban Renewal, LLC was provided one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of adoption of the resolution to execute a Conditional Redeveloper Designation and Escrow Agreement (the “Agreement”), subject to the Township adopting a redevelopment plan for the Redevelopment Property, and unless extended by the Township Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee adopted the redevelopment plan for the Redevelopment Property on February 2, 2023, by Ordinance 2023-01 (the “Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee extended the initial one hundred twenty (120) day period, which expired, for an additional one hundred fifty (150) days from November 18, 2022, that being April 17, 2023 for the negotiation and execution of the Agreement for purposes of establishing a framework for the negotiation and execution of a redevelopment agreement; and

WHEREAS, the parties were unable to complete the negotiation and execute the Agreement on or before April 17, 2023, and therefore by Resolution 2023-96 adopted by the Township Committee on June 15, 2023, the Township Committee further extended the time for the negotiation and execution of a Conditional Redeveloper Agreement with North Hanover Urban Renewal, LLC, for an additional ninety (90) days to July 16, 2023; and

WHEREAS, North Hanover Urban Renewal, LLC received preliminary and final major site plan approval and preliminary and final major subdivision approval from the North Hanover Township Joint Land Use Board after hearings conducted on July 19, 2023 and September 12, 2023, which decision was memorialized by resolution adopted by the Joint Land Use Board on October 25, 2023 (the “Approval”); and

WHEREAS, the parties executed the Agreement, which then required the parties to successfully negotiate and execute a Redevelopment Agreement during the Interim Period, as defined in the Agreement, that expired on November 17, 2023 (the “Interim Period”), without successfully negotiating and executing a Redevelopment Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Paragraph 2 of the Agreement gives the Township Committee, as the Redevelopment Entity, the ability, in its sole discretion, to extend the Interim Period; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2024-54 adopted March 7, 2024, the Township Committee determined to extend the Interim period until May 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the parties have not completed negotiations for the Redevelopment Agreement and therefore the Township Committee has determined that it is necessary to further extend the Interim Period for an additional ninety (90) days; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee, as Redevelopment Entity, has determined that it is in the best interests of the Township to further extend the Interim Period to provide the parties additional time to negotiate exclusively with each other for purposes of executing a Redevelopment Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of North Hanover, County of Burlington and the State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully repeated herein.
2. The Interim Period as stated in Paragraph 2 of the Conditional Redeveloper Designation and Escrow Agreement dated July 20, 2023, and executed by the Township of North Hanover, acting in its capacity as a Redevelopment Entity, and North Hanover Urban Renewal, LLC, as Conditional Redeveloper, be and is hereby further extended until August 29, 2024.
3. The adoption of this resolution by the Township Committee shall serve as a formal amendment to Paragraph 2 of the Conditional Redeveloper Designation and Escrow Agreement for the purpose stated in paragraph 2 above, and all other terms and conditions of said agreement not modified by this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect until such time as a Redevelopment Agreement is executed by the parties, the Conditional Redeveloper Designation and Escrow Agreement is further extended; or the Conditional Redeveloper Designation and Escrow Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms, whichever is the first to occur.
4. A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided to North Hanover Urban Renewal, LLC.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Forsyth			X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Deputy Mayor O'Donnell		X	X			
Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			

2024-91 Resolution Appointing Emergency Management Coordinator

**RESOLUTION 2024-91
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

APPOINTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. Title 40 and Title 40A provide for the Appointment of Certain Officers, Appointees and Employees to be appointed in Township Positions to carry out the lawful duties and responsibilities of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Salary Ordinance provides for the rate of Compensation, Salary or Wages of Certain Officers, Appointees and Employees of said Township.

WHEREAS, North Hanover Township Committee has recognized the statutory need to fill the position of Emergency Management Coordinator in order to conduct the day-to-day operations of North Hanover Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by North Hanover Township Committee hereby appoints Richard Mellor as the Emergency Management Coordinator effective June 1, 2024, for a three-year term expiring June 1, 2027.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Forsyth			X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Deputy Mayor O'Donnell		X	X			
Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			

2024-92 Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Tax Sale Premium

**RESOLUTION 2024-92
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND
OF TAX SALE PREMIUM**

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate#23-00004 was redeemed on May 13, 2024 in the amount of \$1,867.39; and

WHEREAS, Culmac Investors, Inc. paid tax sale premium, in the amount of \$1,100.00, for said Lien.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of North Hanover that, as requested by the Tax Collector, it hereby authorizes a refund of tax sale premium, in the amount of \$1,100.00 to Culman Investors Inc for Lien#23-00004, Block 903 Lot 40, commonly known as 35 Cookstown-New Egypt Road.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Forsyth			X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Deputy Mayor O'Donnell		X	X			
Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

2024-93 Resolution Authorizing Award and Bid for Road and Ground Service Maintenance Supervision Contract

**RESOLUTION 2024-93
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID FOR ROAD AND GROUND
SERVICE MAINTENANCE SUPERVISION CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, North Hanover Township seeks to award a contract for Road and Ground Service Maintenance Supervision Services; and

WHEREAS, North Hanover Township hereby accepts and approves the specifications of these services as prepared by the Township Attorney, and finds this contract to be in the best interest

of the Township; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2024 North Hanover Township received bids for Road and Ground Service Maintenance Supervision Services; and

WHEREAS, on that date, the lowest bids for the Base Bid were received from the following bidders for this project:

1. Freiberger Excavating LLC
\$138,000.00
2. JB Lawn & Land Care LLC
\$148,000.00
3. Herman’s Trucking Inc.
\$167,000.00

WHEREAS, the Public Works Commissioner has recommended that the contract Road and Ground Service Maintenance Supervision Services for the base bid be awarded Freiberger Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$138,000.00, and subject to the Township Attorney as to form and completeness; and

WHEREAS, if applicable, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of North Hanover Township, County of Burlington, New Jersey that the contract for Road and Ground Service Maintenance Supervision Services for the base bid be awarded to Freiberger Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$138,000.00 subject to the approval of the Township Attorney and that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the Township.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman DeBaecke			X			
Committeeman Forsyth			X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Deputy Mayor O’Donnell	X		X			
Mayor DeBaecke		X	X			

DISCUSSION

There were no discussion items this evening.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE “COMMENTS”

Committeeman Kocubinski complimented Mayor DeBaecke on his Memorial Day speech. He stated it was fantastic. He thanked all the Volunteers for their hard work and noted Alex, Courtney and Casey did a great job and stated the Township Committee was very appreciative of their efforts. He also expressed appreciation for the JVFC Ladies Auxiliary. He also recognized the 80th anniversary of D-Day and the events that took place at Normandy. He noted his father and brothers served and his brother died at Normandy.

Committeeman Forsyth stated the Parade went well and the Recreation Advisory Committee did an outstanding job. He stated the deserve a lot of credit along with the Ladies Auxiliary. He was pleased with the turn out.

Committeeman Doyle apologized for not being able to attend the Memorial Day festivities. He stated he does not like to miss but had an issue that needed his attention. He realizes what Memorial Day means and things today are so different then they were back then. He noted things today would not be possible if not for the events of the past. He thanked Mary and the Election workers for their work on Election Day. He noted it is one of the most important processes in the Nation.

Deputy Mayor O’Donnell stated he appreciates the work of the all the people behind the scenes who run the events.

Mayor DeBaecke stated the Memorial Day services and ceremonies went well. He stated the Recreation Advisory Committee always hits it out of the park. The parade was well attended. He also acknowledged the 80-year anniversary of Normandy. He noted he saw Doc Moon at the ceremonies at the cemetery. He thanked the ladies auxiliary for their efforts at the luncheon.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Questions, comments or statements from members of the public in attendance.

Mayor DeBaecke opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Vito D’Amato inquired if the PIG grants were still available for farm preservation. Committeeman Kocubinski gave an overview of the program, the sub-committee that was established and noted that participation was lacking the funding was reallocated. Mayor DeBaecke noted if it was something we could bring back; he believed there would be no opposition. Mr. D’Amato noted he spoke with Brian Wilson and he was told maybe the program would come back next year.

Mr. Wilkins inquired about the yearly appreciation dinner. Mayor DeBaecke noted it has not come back since COVID. Mr. Wilkins stated he was glad to see Meany Road was mowed. He noted his ditch was not mowed. Committeeman Forsyth stated the contractor was not done yet.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT

Proposed By: Mayor DeBaecke

Seconded By: Committeeman Doyle

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

2024-94 Authorizing a Closed Session Meeting to discuss the following matter(s) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 and N.J.S.A. 10:4-12; Contract Matters, Personnel and Litigation matters

**RESOLUTION 2024-94
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION MEETING

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 and P.L. 2001, C. 404, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of North Hanover Township wishes to go into a closed Executive Session and is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist which should not be discussed in public, and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 and N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits the Township Committee to discuss certain matter(s) in private, and in this case for the purpose of the Township Committee to discuss contract negotiations, litigation and personnel matters in this regard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Township Committee of North Hanover Township that it will go into an Executive Session for the purpose of the Township Committee to discuss Contract Matters, Litigation and Personnel matters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of such discussion may be revealed at such time as the matter(s) are resolved and/or a contract(s) is signed and/or the negotiations are formally settled. Interested parties may contact the Township Clerk anytime during normal business hours for periodic updates as to the availability in this regard.

TABLED INDEFINITELY

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Doyle		X	X			
Committeeman Forsyth			X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Deputy Mayor O’Donnell	X		X			
Mayor DeBaecke			X			

MOTION TO ADJOURN

7:34 pm

Proposed By: Deputy Mayor O'Donnell
Seconded By: Committeeman Doyle

Respectively submitted,

*Mary Picariello, RMC/CMR/CTC
Township Clerk*