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MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey held on the 7th day of January at 7:00 P.M Secaucus Municipal Government Center, 1203 Paterson Plank Road, Secaucus, NJ in Chamber II.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Adequate notice for this meeting, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act, has been provided by the filing of the notice of Meetings with the Municipal Clerk, the posting of said notice on the official bulletin board in the Municipal Building, and the delivery of same to the Jersey Journal on December 26, 2019.

This body wishes to advise you that in accordance with N.J.A.C.5:23-11.1, et seq. of the Indoor Air Quality Standards and Procedures for Buildings Occupied by Public Employees, smoking anywhere in this public building is prohibited by law.

Present: Councilmembers: Michael Gonnelli  
Robert Costantino  
William McKeever  
James Clancy  
Mark Dehnert  
John Gerbasio  
Orietta Tringali

Mayor Gonnelli asked for a moment of silence for Lorraine Richter who recently passed away.

Town Clerk, Michael Marra performed the swearing in of the following firefighters who received promotions to Lieutenant of the Secaucus Fire Department.:

Michael Schoendorf, Lucas Kloeping, Troy Conville, Joseph Franks, Matthew Mattola and Matthew Bienkowski.

The following firefighter were sworn in as Captains of the Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department:

Jason Leppin, John Bujnowski, Mark Mastorelli, David Hayashida and Joseph Schoendorf, Jr.

Nicolas Mandara and Thomas Schafer were sworn in individually as Firefighters of the Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department.

Michael Marra also performed the swearing in of Peter Maraldo, Christopher Miller, Dwight Wise, David Delseni, Michael Borelli and Jason Mitchell as Probationary Police Officers in the Secaucus Police Department.

Chief Flaherty spoke to the officers and gave them advice for their future.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following resolution was read: No. 2019-302

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, that the minutes of the Regular Meetings of November 12, 2019, November 26, 2019 and December 16, 2019 are hereby approved.

Councilman Clancy moved to approve the foregoing resolution, seconded by Councilman Dehnert.

AYES: Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Dehnert, Gerbasio, Tringali, Gonnelli  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None Motion carried

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

The following ordinance was read for introduction: No. 2020-1

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 127-58B OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS ENTITLED "DESIGNATION OF LOCATIONS AT OR NEAR PRIVATE RESIDENCES"

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Councilman Gerbasio moved to accept the first reading of the foregoing ordinance, seconded by Councilman Costantino.

AYES: Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Dehnert, Gerbasio, Tringali, Gonnelli  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None Motion carried

Public hearing on the foregoing ordinance will be on January 28, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Mayor and Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

The following resolution was read: No. 2020-2

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that Councilman William McKeever is hereby authorized to serve as Acting Mayor for any absence of Mayor Michael Gonnelli, during the year 2020.

The following resolution was read: No. 2020-3

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that The Jersey Journal, a newspaper published and circulated in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, is designated as the official newspaper of the Town of Secaucus, in the County of Hudson, New Jersey.

The following resolution was read: No. 2020-4

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is occasionally necessary for manual checks to be written for the purposes of insurance, postage, lease agreements, permit and license fees, payroll fees, office supplies, contingency expenses in the immediate interest of health, safety and welfare, replenishment of petty cash and other essential town expenses; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the Chief Financial Officer notify the Governing Body of all manual checks written in the form of a report included with the monthly bill list.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus hereby authorize the Chief Financial Officer to issue relevant manual payments and report them to the governing body on a monthly basis.

The following resolution was read: No. 2020-5

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, in the County of Hudson and the State of New Jersey, that the following banking institutions are hereby designated as official depositories for the funds of the Town of Secaucus in the year 2020:

Capital One Bank  
TD Bank NA  
PNC Bank (Payroll)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect on January 1, 2020.

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The following resolution was read:

No. 2020-6

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, that Mayor Michael Gonnelli and/or the Town Administrator are hereby authorized to sign all contracts on behalf of the Town of Secaucus.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2020-7

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that the attached Rules and Regulations which are available for public inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk for the Year 2020 are hereby approved.

The following resolution was made:

No. 2020-8

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS  
FOR APPROVAL OF THE USE OF CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus wishes to purchase the commodities of a variety of vendors listed below from authorized vendors under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a; and;

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 (c); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus authorizes the Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved New Jersey State Contract Vendors on the attached list, pursuant to all conditionals of the individual State contracts; and

WHEREAS, that the duration of the contracts between the Town of Secaucus and the referenced State Contract Vendors shall be from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, approve the use of contracts with authorized vendors under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2020-9

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS  
AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF SNACKS FOR  
THE SECAUCUS AFTER CARE PROGRAM FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR TO NATOLI'S CATERING

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus has the continued need for the provision of Snacks for the Secaucus After Care Program for the 2020-2021 School Year as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provision of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent or other individual has determined that the value of the acquisition will not exceed \$50,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one (1) year as approved by this governing body, to begin on January 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, three (3) quotes were obtained for these services; and

WHEREAS, Natoli's Catering has submitted a quote that was presented to the Qualified Purchasing Agent indicating they will provide a general snack for the price of \$1.80 per snack (a piece of fruit, a healthy drink and a healthy treat), for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Natoli's Catering will complete a Secaucus Pay to Play certification. This certifies that Natoli's Catering has not made any reportable contributions to a

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political or candidate committee in the Town of Secaucus in the previous year, and that the contract will prohibit them from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, in compliance with necessary regulations of the State of New Jersey under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.27.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council for the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, authorize the award a Non-Fair and Open contract for the provision of Snacks for the Secaucus After Care Program for the 2020-2021 School Year to Natoli's Catering for a one (1) year term, for an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in accordance with the submitted proposal associated with this contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Finance Director certifies that funds are available for these services under line item 10-2010-00-51811-082; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Natoli's Catering shall provide any and all compliance information requested by the Town of Secaucus' Office of Purchasing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Town Administrator or their designee are hereby authorized to take any action or execute any documents necessary to effectuate the awarding of the contract.

Financial officers  
Certification attached.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2020-10

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS  
AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT  
FOR COURT INTERPRETING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus' Municipal Court has determined the continuing need for court interpretive services; and

WHEREAS, Sol's Interpreting Services has submitted a proposal for Court Interpreting Services; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent has certified in writing that the total value of these services has not exceeded the bidding threshold of \$40,000.00 in past years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council for the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, authorize the award a Non-Fair and Open contract for Court Interpreting Services, in accordance with the proposal submitted by Sol's Interpreting Services, for a one (1) year term beginning on January 1, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sol's Interpreting Services has submitted a Pay to Play Disclosure form which certifies that Sol's Interpreting Services has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Town of Secaucus in the previous year, and that the contract will prohibit them from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, in compliance with necessary regulations and measure of the State of New Jersey under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.27; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sol's Interpreting Services shall provide any and all compliance information requested by the Town of Secaucus' Office of Purchasing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Town Council are hereby authorized to execute any documents regarding the awarding of the contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Finance Director certifies that funds are available for these services under line item 01-2010-00-11072-069; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Town Council are hereby authorized to take any action necessary to effectuate the spirit and purpose of this resolution.

Financial officers  
Certification attached.

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The following resolution was read:

No. 2020-11

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS AUTHORIZING  
THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A STORM WATER PUMP AT BORN STREET PUMP  
STATION WITH RAPID PUMP & METER SERVICE CO., INC.

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus has determined the urgent need to Replace One (1) Storm Water Pump located at the Born Street Pump Station; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6, the replacement of the Storm Water Pump is considered an emergency as it affects public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus Department of Public Works, has obtained a quote from Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co., Inc., located at 285 Straight Street, Paterson, NJ 07509 in the amount of Sixty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Five Dollars 00/100 (\$66,205.00); and

WHEREAS, Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co., Inc. holds a contract with the Town of Secaucus under Resolution 2019-178 for the Repair, Maintenance, and Service of the Town Pump Stations; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds to award this contract are available under line item 10-2150-55-70608-009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council for the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, award the contract to Replace a Storm Water Pump at the Born Street Pump Station in an amount not to exceed Sixty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Five Dollars 00/100 (\$66,205.00); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co., Inc. shall provide any and all compliance information requested by the Town of Secaucus' Office of Purchasing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Town Administrator or their designee are hereby authorized to execute any documents regarding the awarding of the contract with Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co., Inc. for the Replacement of a Storm Water Pump as described herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Town Administrator or their designee are hereby authorized to take any action necessary to effectuate the spirit and purpose of this resolution.

Financial officers  
Certification attached.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2020-12

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS  
FOR APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #3 TO A CONTRACT WITH CAPTAIN CONSTRUCTION FOR THE 2019  
ROAD PROGRAM 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus has a contract with Captain Construction for the 2019 Road Program 9<sup>th</sup> Street under Resolution 2019-152 for the amount of \$357,139.00; and

WHEREAS, Change Order #1 in the amount of \$10,763.00 was awarded under Resolution 2019-251, and Change Order #2 in the amount of \$20,733.00 was awarded under Resolution 2019-297; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that additional work is needed, including an increase in sidewalk and driveway repairs and drain line pipe re-connections, which will increase the total cost by Sixty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$66,855.00); and

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WHEREAS, there is a need for a Change Order #3 to increase the contract with Captain Construction in the amount of Sixty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$66,855.00) for the work set forth, which will increase the overall contract amount to Four Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Ninety and 50/100 Dollars (\$455,490.50); and

WHEREAS, this change order represents a total increase of over twenty percent (20%) from the original contract amount; and

WHEREAS, upon the review of Boswell Engineering and the Town's Legal Department, the increase in work has been deemed justifiable and necessary for this project; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is in compliance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.9; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer certifies that there are sufficient funds under account 10-2150-55-70608-001 for said contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council for the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, that the above statements are incorporated herein and Change Order #3 for Captain Construction in the amount of Sixty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$66,855.00) is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall cause to be printed once, in the official newspaper of the Town of Secaucus, a brief notice indicating the additional amount to be expended, the original contract price, the nature of the original and additional work, and why it is necessary to expend the addition funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town shall report this change order to the Director on an appendix to the Town's annual budget.

Financial officers  
Certification attached.

The following resolution was read: No. 2020-13

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS  
AUTHORIZING INSTALLATION OF A FIRE HYDRANT ON CASTLE ROAD,  
586 FEET OF NEW COUNTY ROAD

WHEREAS, a need exists for the installation of a fire hydrant on Castle Road, 586 feet of New County Road, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094 (see attached sketch); and

WHEREAS, the Fire Official and the Fire Chief support the installation of a fire hydrant to provide a water source in the event of fire purposes only, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Company and its rates set forth in its Schedule of Rates filed with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities in Newark, New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council for the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, in the State of New Jersey, that SUEZ Water New Jersey is authorized to install a fire hydrant on Castle Road, 586 feet of New County Road, as designated on the attached sketch; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, the Town Administrator or their designee, are hereby authorized to take any action or execute any other documents deemed necessary to effectuate said purpose and intent of this Resolution.

The following resolution was read: No. 2020-14

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS  
FOR THE CONTINUING APPOINTMENT OF COURT ATTENDANTS

WHEREAS, upon recommendation of the Secaucus Municipal Court Judge and in accordance with police accreditation procedures, the Town of Secaucus Municipal Court shall continue to utilize Court Attendants in their official capacities for the year 2020.

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BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey that the following individuals shall continue to serve as appointed Court Attendants for the year 2020 for the Secaucus Municipal Court:

1. George Fonseca
2. Joseph Kickey
3. Thomas Lawlor
4. Mario Taboada
- 5.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2020-15

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, and State of New Jersey, pursuant to the recommendation of Michael Pero, Superintendent of Recreation, that the below person is hereby re-appointed to the seasonal part time position(s) in the Recreation Basketball/Winter Sports Programs (#81076) retro to December 21st, 2019 as follows:

<u>Instructional Counselor:</u>	<u>Voucher</u>
Gonzalez, Niko #5168	\$10.00 / Hour
	(increase rate to \$10.30 / Hour Jan. 1, 2020)

The following resolution was read:

No. 2020-16

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, and State of New Jersey, pursuant to the recommendation of Michael Pero, Superintendent Recreation that the below person (s) are hereby re-appointed to the seasonal part time position(s) at the Recreation Center (#85000) as follows:

<u>Custodian (start retro to 12/14/19)</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Griffo, Joseph #0529	\$8.85 / Hour
<u>Lifeguards (start retro to 12/30/19)</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Bowers, Emma #4978	\$10.00 / Hour
Futterer, Kasandra #5302	\$10.00 / Hour
Meghani, Yug #5362-start 1/3/20	\$10.30 / Hour
Schoch, Erin #4886	\$10.00 / Hour
	(all increase rate to \$10.30 / Hour Jan. 1, 2020)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the below staff are hereby re-appointed to the seasonal part time positions at the Ice Rink (#83000) as follows:

<u>Custodian (start retro to 12/16/19)</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Lama, Jam Ling #5564	\$8.85 / Hour
Gercich, William #5013	\$8.85 / Hour
<u>Clerical (start retro to 12/30/19)</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Dunning, Emily #4807	\$8.85 / Hour
	(all increase rate to \$10.30 / Hour Jan. 1, 2020)

The following resolution was read:

No. 2020-17

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS  
FOR APPROVAL OF A BYLAW AMENDMENT  
FOR THE SUBURBAN ESSEX JOINT INSURANCE FUND

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus is a member of the Suburban Essex Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the Bylaws of the Suburban Essex Joint Insurance Fund has been approved by the Board of Commissioners following a public hearing on November 18, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:10-43, the amendment must be approved by the Governing Body of 75% of the participating members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council for the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, that the Bylaw Amendment changing the name of the Fund from The Suburban Essex Joint Insurance Fund to The Suburban Metro Joint Insurance Fund, previously approved by the Board of Commissioners of the Suburban Essex Joint Insurance Fund and annexed hereto as amending By-laws, be and the same are hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the Joint Insurance Fund Office.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2020-18

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS  
AUTHORIZING THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus is participating in the Sustainable Jersey Program; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey Program is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues, and they have created a grant program called the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Secaucus, State of New Jersey, have determined that the Town should apply for the aforementioned Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Secaucus, State of New Jersey, authorize the submission for the aforementioned Sustainable Jersey Grant.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2020-19

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTEREST  
RATE/GRACE PERIOD/YEAR-END PENALTY

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 et seq., permits the Mayor and Council to fix the rate of interest to be charged for the nonpayment of taxes, assessments, or other municipal charges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that the rate of interest on unpaid taxes shall be eight percent (8%) per annum for the first One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) of delinquency and eighteen percent (18%) per annum on any amount in excess of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) to be calculated from the date the tax was payable until the date of actual payment, provided that no interest shall be charged if payment of any installment is made on or before the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) calendar day following the date upon which the same became payable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in addition to the interest provided above, on all delinquencies in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) and which are not paid prior to the end of the year, the Tax Collector shall also collect a penalty of six percent (6%) of the amount of the delinquency in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Town Tax Collector.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2020-20

A RESOLUTION APPROVING MAINTENANCE LIEN  
OVERPAYMENT REFUND

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Tax Collector that the taxpayer indicated



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is entitled to maintenance lien overpayment refund for 4th Quarter 2019; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council to have this overpayment returned to the respective taxpayer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that the requested Maintenance Lien overpayment refund be made:

The Tax Collector is hereby authorized to make overpayment refund in the amount shown to the taxpayer.

Block	Lot	Address	AMOUNT
M0203	5	188 Meadow Lane	\$100.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to execute any documents or take any other action necessary to effectuate the spirit and purpose of this Resolution.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2020-21

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax collector is hereby authorized to execute any documents or take any other action necessary to effectuate the spirit and purpose of this resolution.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2020-21

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS AUTHORIZING  
THE DESIGNATION OF A PETTY CASH CUSTODIAN

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21, Anna Territola is hereby appointed as custodian of the Petty Cash Fund which is established for the Finance Department of the Town of Secaucus; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, has established the listed Petty Cash Fund Accounts with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services in the amount of \$200.00 each:

Department of Public Works  
Finance Department  
Police Department  
Recreation Department

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council for the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that Anna Territola is hereby appointed Custodian of the Finance Petty Cash Fund, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Director of Local Government Services, upon receipt of their approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Town Administrator, or their designee are hereby authorized to take any action necessary to effectuate the spirit and purpose of this Resolution.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2020-22

A RESWOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS APPROVING SENIOR CITIZEN DEDUCTION FOR  
SPECIFIED PERSON

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Tax Assessor that the below listed taxpayer within the Town of Secaucus is entitled to a Senior Citizen Deduction for the year 2019; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE T RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council for the Town of Secaucus that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to refund overpayment in the amount shown below to the requisite taxpayer.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Office of the Town of Secaucus.

BLOCK	LOT	NAME/ADDRESS	AMOUNT
192	18	Garguilo, Eileen 1587 Paterson Plank Rd.	\$250.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to execute any documents or take any other action necessary to effectuate the spirit and purpose of this resolution.

The following resolution was read: No. 2020-23

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Town Council of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, pursuant to the recommendation of the Police Committee and Police Chief the person(s) listed below are hereby appointed to the position of Probationary Police Officers for the Secaucus Police Department (#31002). These positions are based on the collective bargaining contractual agreement step #1 with a base salary of \$35,000.00 per annum, plus any contractual stipends effective January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as follows:

1. Maraldo, Peter
2. Miller, Christopher
3. Wise, Dwight
4. Delseni, David
5. Borrelli, Michael
6. Mitchell, Jason

The following resolution was read: No. 2020-24

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, pursuant to the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and Town Administrator, that the below person has the requisite training and certification to hereby be appointed to the part time position of Chief Financial Officer in the Finance Department (#13000) effective January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020, as follows:

DeBlasio, Patrick \$45,000.00 / annum

The following resolution was read: No. 2020-25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF THE TAX APPEAL REGARDING LOT  
2.01 IN BLOCK 46 AS SET FORTH ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAPS OF  
THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS OWNED BY SINAI ASSOCIATES, INC.

WHEREAS, Sinai Associates, Inc., the owner of real property located at 700 Penhorn Avenue, otherwise designated as Lot 2.01 in Block 46 on the official tax maps of the Town of Secaucus, has taken an appeal to the Tax Court of the State of New Jersey from an Added Assessment levied upon said property for the 2016 Tax Year; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall serve as a correction to Resolution No. 2019-347 approved on December 16, 2019, as that resolution had an error in the Assessed Value and tax recapture amount; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have agreed to rescind the Added assessment and adjust the real property's Overall Assessed Value accordingly; and

WHEREAS, the Complaint filed for 2016 shall be withdrawn along with the Town's withdrawal of its Counterclaim; and

WHEREAS, by further agreement of the Taxpayer the Freeze Act shall not apply to the 2017 and 2018 Tax Years, respectively; and

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WHEREAS, the overall Assessed Value for the 2019 Tax Year shall reflect the rescission of the Added Assessment sum; and

WHEREAS, for Tax Year 2016 the following values shall apply:

Land:	\$1,006,500
<u>Improvement:</u>	<u>\$4,768,500</u>
Total	\$5,775,000

WHEREAS, the Taxpayer has further agreed to waive statutory pre-judgment interest on the tax refund; and

WHEREAS, the Town Tax Assessor has agreed to the rescission of the Added Assessment on the real property for the subject Tax Year in accordance with the settlement; and,

WHEREAS, the agreed upon rescission of the Added Assessment has resulted in a total tax recapture by the Taxpayer for the property in the amount of \$30,074 and

WHEREAS, the total tax recapture shall be provided to the Taxpayer as a credit against any unpaid 2019 Taxes and 2020 Taxes if necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined that it is in the best interests of the Town of Secaucus to adjust the Assessed Values on the subject real property in accordance with the terms of settlement set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Secaucus in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Assessed Value of the Property located at 700 Penhorn Avenue (Lot 2.01 Block 46) (together with the other terms of settlement) shall be as follows:
  - Tax Year 2016 \$5,550,000
  - Tax Year 2017 \$5,550,000
  - Tax Year 2018 \$5,550,000
2. Tax Year 2016 Complaint shall be withdrawn.
3. The Freeze Act shall not apply to Tax Years 2017 and 2018, respectively.
4. The Town Tax Collector is hereby authorized to correct her records to reflect the Town's determination not to require issuing of a check to the Taxpayer upon receipt of the Tax Court Judgments representing fifty (50%) of the Total Tax Recapture attributable to the reduction in Assessed Values set forth herein \$30,074.
5. The Town Tax Collector is hereby authorized to apply a credit in the amount of \$30,074 to the Taxpayer's Tax Years 2019 and 2020 tax bills.
6. The Town Tax Appeal attorney is hereby authorized to withdraw the Town's counterclaims filed for each of the subject years.
7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately or as otherwise provided by law.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2020-26

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Official be and is hereby authorized to make the following transfers for 2019 budget year effective 12/31/2019 in accordance with N.J.S.A 40a:4-58, two thirds of the full membership of the Town Council concurring:  
 SEE THE ATTACHED WORKSHEET.

TRANSFER FROM	TRANSFER TO
ADMIN & exec \$40,000	Community Shuttle Bus \$1000.00
Municipal Clerk O/E \$10,000	Community Shuttle Bus \$500.00
Public Bldgs & Grds \$30,000	Municipal Court O/E \$5000.00
Pool Utility	Legal Services O/E \$10,000.00
Social Security O/E \$17,213.32	Planning Board \$ 1000.00
S/W \$32,786.68	Treasurers Office O/E \$10,000.00
	School Crossing Guards \$20,000.00
	OEM O/E \$ 1,000.00
	Road Repair & Maint \$50,00.00
	Electricity \$10,000.00
	Social Services O/E \$ 2,500.00
	Recreation Activ. \$10,000.00
	Cultural Affairs \$ 3,000.00
	Pool Utility
	Pool Operations O/E \$50,000.00

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Total 174,000.00

Total \$174,000.00

The following resolution was read:

No. 2020-27

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, pursuant to the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and Town Administrator, that the below person hereby be promoted to the fulltime salary and position as Director of Finance/Treasurer in the Finance Department effective January 7, 2020 as follows:

Nagpal, Sheetal \$80,000.00/annum  
Inclusive of overtime

Councilman Dehnert moved to approve the foregoing resolutions on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman McKeever.

AYES: Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Dehnert, Gerbasio, Tringali, Gonnelli  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None Motion carried

BINGO/RAFFLE APPLICATIONS

R-1580 ROTARY CLUB SECAUCUS CASINO NIGHT  
R-1581 GUMA FOUNDATION CASINO NIGHT  
R-1582 PTA HUBER STREET SCHOOL ON-PREMISE 50/50  
R-1583 PTA HUBER STREET SCHOOL ON-PREMISE DRAW RAFFLE

Councilman Costantino moved to approve the foregoing Raffle applications, seconded by Councilman Clancy.

AYES: Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Dehnert, Gerbasio, Tringali, Gonnelli  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None Motion carried

COMMUNICATION REQUIRING ACTION BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Request by Anna Falco of the Secaucus Board of Education to use the Ice Rink

Councilwoman Tringali moved to approve the foregoing requests, seconded by Councilman Clancy.

AYES: Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Dehnert, Gerbasio, Tringali, Gonnelli  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None Motion carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Gerbasio spoke about the Police Department statistics.

Councilman Clancy congratulated the new fire fighters who were sworn in tonight.

Councilman McKeever gave details on upcoming events and a fund raiser.

Councilman Costantino announced the names of the winners of the Christmas Light contest.

Councilman Clancy offered information on Fund Raisers.

Councilwoman Tringali gave details on an upcoming event at the Ice Rink.

Councilman Dehnert also gave details on an upcoming event.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Gerbasio spoke about a free service for anyone needing assistance with housing.

Mayor Gonnelli congratulated Raj Pardasani who was recently was appointed to the Housing Authority.

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REMARKS OF CITIZENS

None

Councilman Dehnert moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm, seconded by Councilwoman Tringali.

AYES: Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Dehnert, Gerbasio, Tringali, Gonnelli

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried

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Michael Marra, Town Clerk