

**April 22 2021**

The Township Committee met on the above date via Gotomeeting.com with Mayor Liedtka calling the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call was taken showing present: Mayor Jeremy Liedtka, Deputy Mayor Lido Panfili, Committeemen Shreekant Dhopte and Michael Russo, Committeewoman Denise Koetas-Dale. Also present Administrator, Thomas Sahol; Township Clerk, Caryn Hoyer and Township Attorney, George Morris.

The Open Public Meetings Act statement was read and compliance noted. The statement on public comment during remote meetings was read.

**AGENDA MATTER(S) REQUIRING RECUSAL(S)** – Mayor Liedtka stated that he will recuse himself from Resolution 2021-4-11 when added to the agenda.

**REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE** - None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Russo made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to approve the regular and executive minutes from April 8, 2021. All were in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA** – None

**2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC HEARING**

Wendy Wulstein, CFO made a presentation on the 2021 budget. She stated that of the total amount of yearly taxes paid per taxable property, Chesterfield Township only received 11.22% in 2020. She stated that surplus will not be regenerated as it has in the past since the last construction permit for Traditions was issued in January 2020. The use of surplus continues to be examined with multi-year projections thoroughly as the final completion of Old York Village and the corresponding reduction of added taxes on the surplus balance. She reviewed the development process of preparing the budget. She acknowledged the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) members Vibor Batra, James Codella, Anil Katragadda, Alistair Phayme and Chad Plotkin. Their main recommendations included: Review refinancing opportunities, review energy programs to drive down costs; Set criteria for new expenses and prepare a five (5) year outlook with regards to new revenue, taxes, construction and demographics. The Government Body take the BAC recommendations into consideration when making budget decisions. Ms. Wulstein explained the Appropriation and Levy CAPS. She stated that every year since 2005, the Township has requested a waiver of the Appropriation CAP law for police salary & wages and ambulance service. The waiver was approved again this year in the amount of \$663,000 by the NJ Local Finance Board at a public meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>. The Township plans to address the appropriation CAP if and when a referendum is needed for the LEVY CAP. This budget addresses the tax rate so that large spikes do not occur between years. The current forecasts show the CAP Referendum may

occur in 2023-2024. The Township Committee remains focused on surplus to spread all increase as far apart as possible. Ms. Wulstein explained this budget uses \$157,000 less in surplus. The amount to be raised by taxation is \$3,042,819.65. She explained the different services and budget areas as well as shared services. She noted some of the projects that were completed this past year. They are as follows: Volleyball Court, Fenton Lane Restroom is near completion, upgrades to the Recycling Yard, Improvements to Fenton Lane Baseball Fields, and Sykesville Road as well as portions of Ellisdale and Extonville Roads were paved. Future projects include: Improvements to the Cricket Field, Improvements to Wright Drive Baseball Field, Tennis Wall, Paving Fenton Lane Walking Path, Improvements to Fenton Lane Soccer Field, Improvements to Stormwater infrastructure, Paving of White Pine Road, and Demo of the former Municipal Building. Ms. Wulstein stated that all future projects are consider in conjunction with grant opportunities.

The 2021 proposed tax rate is 36.5 cents which is an increase of 2.60 over 2020. The average assessed home of \$392,031 will pay \$1,430.91 of local purpose tax. That equates to a \$106.74 annual increase to the average assessed home.

Mr. Panfili made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to open the public hearing of the 2021 Municipal Budget. All were in favor. Hearing no comments, Mr. Dhopte made a motion seconded by Mr. Russo to close the public hearing. All were in favor.

Ms. Koetas-Dale made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to add Resolutions 2021-4-9 through 2021-4-11 to the agenda. Roll Call: Mr. Dhopte – yes; Ms. Koetas-Dale – yes; Mr. Russo – yes; Mr. Panfili – yes; Mr. Liedtka – yes.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Dhopte made a motion seconded by Mr. Russo to approve Resolution 2021-4-4. Roll Call: Mr. Dhopte – yes; Ms. Koetas-Dale – yes; Mr. Russo – yes; Mr. Panfili – yes; Mr. Liedtka – yes. Resolution approved.

### **TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD RESOLUTION 2021-4-4**

#### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey that the budget hereinbefore set forth is adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization in the amount of \$3,042,819.65 for municipal purposes, and

**SUMMARY OF REVENUES**

Surplus Anticipated	\$ 1,259,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	\$ 957,180.35
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	\$ 180,000.00
Amount to be Raised by Taxation Municipal	\$ 3,042,819.65
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 5,439,000.00</b>

**SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS**

General Appropriations within "CAPS":	
Operations Including Contingent	\$ 3,141,288.00
Deferred Charges & Statutory Expenditures	\$ 530,372.65
General Appropriations Excluded from "CAPS":	
Operations	\$ 812,339.35
Capital Improvements	\$ 25,000.00
Municipal Debt Service	\$ 540,000.00
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$ 390,000.00
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 5,439,000.00</b>

**CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

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| RECORDED VOTE  |     |     |         |        |        |        |
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| TWP COMMITTEE  | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT | MOTION | SECOND |
| S. Dhopte      | X   |     |         |        | X      |        |
| D. Koetas-Dale | X   |     |         |        |        |        |
| L. Panfili     | X   |     |         |        |        |        |
| M. Russo       | X   |     |         |        |        | X      |
| J. Liedtka     | X   |     |         |        |        |        |

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Mr. Dhopte asked if the school is participating this year. Ms. Koetas-Dale stated probably not however the Municipal Alliance is hoping to increase the Music in the Park. Mr. Dhopte made a motion seconded by Ms. Koetas-Dale to approve Resolution 2021-4-5. Roll Call: Mr. Dhopte – yes; Ms. Koetas-Dale – yes; Mr. Russo – yes; Mr. Panfili – yes; Mr. Liedtka – yes. Resolution approved.

**TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD  
RESOLUTION 2021-4-5**

**REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION  
UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 FOR MUNICIPAL DRUG ALLIANCE PROGRAM  
GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,858.00 IN THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield hereby request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2021 in the sum of \$5,858.00, which is now available as revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services-

Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:

|                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Municipal Drug Alliance Program | \$ 5,858.00 |
| Municipal Drug Alliance Trust   | \$ 1,464.59 |

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$5,858.00; be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

Operations – Excluded from “Caps”

Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

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| Municipal Drug Alliance Program        | \$ 5,858.00 |
| Municipal Drug Alliance Matching Funds | \$ 1,464.29 |

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Mr. Panfili made a motion seconded by Ms. Koetas-Dale to approve Resolution 2021-4-6. Roll Call: Mr. Dhopte – yes; Ms. Koetas-Dale – yes; Mr. Russo – yes; Mr. Panfili – yes; Mr. Liedtka – yes. Resolution approved.

**TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD  
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-4-6**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER TO  
PREPARE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE  
WHITE PINE ROAD PAVING PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Committee wish to direct the Township Engineer, Joseph Hirsh, P.E., C.M.E., to prepare plans, specifications and solicit bids in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 et. seq. for repaving of a portion of White Pine Road from Route 545 to the Mansfield Township Line; and

**WHEREAS**, the project limits were reviewed by the Mayor and Township Committee at their meeting on April 8, 2021 with the Township Engineer and the Township Administrator.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the Township Engineer is hereby authorized to prepare plans, specifications and solicit bids for repaving a portion of White Pine Road from Route 545 to the Mansfield Township Line.

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Ms. Koetas-Dale made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to approve Resolution 2021-4-7. Roll Call: Mr. Dhopte – yes; Ms. Koetas-Dale – yes; Mr. Russo – yes; Mr. Panfili – yes; Mr. Liedtka – yes. Resolution approved.

**TOWNSHIP OF CHESTEFIELD  
RESOLUTION 2021-4-7**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO  
SUSTAINABLE JERSEY SMALL GRANT PROGRAM**

**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**, Chesterfield Township strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments; and

**WHEREAS**, Chesterfield Township 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;

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of Chesterfield Township has determined that Chesterfield Township should apply for the aforementioned Grant.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey do hereby authorize the submission of a grant application under the Sustainable Jersey Small Grant Program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Administrator and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to submit the application and execute any documents, agreements thereto with the Sustainable Jersey on behalf of the Township of Chesterfield

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Mr. Russo made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to approve Resolution 2021-4-8. Roll Call: Mr. Dhopte – yes; Ms. Koetas-Dale – yes; Mr. Russo – yes; Mr. Panfili – yes; Mr. Liedtka – yes. Resolution approved.

**TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD  
RESOLUTION 2021-4-8**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF  
CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEE**

**WHEREAS**, Tesla Energy Operations, Inc. applied and paid for a construction permit to install roof-top Solar Permit #20-308; and

**WHEREAS**, no work or inspections were done and the project has been cancelled; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the \$448.00 permit fee consists of \$58.00 State DCA permit fees which the Township will be required to pay regardless of the canceling of the permits; and

**WHEREAS**, there was a 20% plan review charge of \$78.00 leaving a refund balance of \$312.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey that the construction permit fees for Block 202.11 Lot 2, 9 Settlers Street, in the amount of Three Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$312.00) is hereby authorized to be refunded to Tesla Energy Operations Inc., 1001 Lower Landing Route, Suite 601, Blackwood, NJ 08012

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Mr. Dhopte asked if this is a new recycling program for Chesterfield. Mr. Sahol explained the he will be submitting the Recycling Grant for the City of Beverly as a Certified Recycling Professional is required to submit the grant. Beverly does not have one and Mr. Sahol will submit for them at no cost; however the Township will get credit for the Shared Service. Mr. Dhopte made a motion seconded by Mr. Panfili to approve Resolution 2021-4-9. Roll Call: Mr. Dhopte – yes; Ms. Koetas-Dale – yes; Mr. Russo – yes; Mr. Panfili – yes; Mr. Liedtka – yes. Resolution approved.

**TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD  
RESOLUTION 2021-4-9**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF  
CHESTERFIELD TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICE  
AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BEVERLY FOR  
CERTIFIED RECYCLING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Beverly is in need of the services of a Certified Recycling Professional; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Sahol is a Certified Recycling Professional; and

**WHEREAS**, Chesterfield Township is interested in provided these services to the City of Beverly; and

**WHEREAS**, the Shared Service Agreement is attached and made part of this resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Shared Service Agreement with the City of Beverly for Certified Recycling Professional Services.

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Mr. Sahol explained the storm drain failure creating the emergency on Hogback Road. Mr. Russo made a motion seconded by Mr. Panfili to approve Resolution 2021-4-10. Roll Call: Mr. Dhopte – yes; Ms. Koetas-Dale – yes; Mr. Russo – yes; Mr. Panfili – yes; Mr. Liedtka – yes. Resolution approved.

**TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD, NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-4-10**

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**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD, COUNTY OF  
BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY CREATING AN  
EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT  
OF \$50,000 PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48**

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**BACKGROUND**

**WHEREAS**, an emergent need has arisen to make necessary repairs and renovations to the storm drain along Hogback Road in the Township of Chesterfield, County of Burlington, New Jersey (“Township”) and the surrounding area (“Emergency Purpose”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township's Department of Public Works Foreman confirms the need for an Emergency Purpose and recommends entering into a contract in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, to complete the Emergency Purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, said Emergency Purpose was not foreseen at the time of preparation and adoption of the 2021 Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 46 of the Local Budget Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-46*, provides for the creation of an emergency appropriation for the various purposes including the Emergency Purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the total amount of emergency appropriations created in 2021, including the appropriations to be created by this Resolution, is \$50,000, which is less than three percent (3%) of the total operating appropriations in the 2021 Budget; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY (NOT LESS THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS THEREOF AFFIRMATIVELY CONCURRING), PURSUANT TO LOCAL BUDGET LAW, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** An emergency appropriation is hereby created in the amount of \$50,000 which will temporarily fund the Emergency Purpose.

**Section 2.** Two (2) certified copies of this Resolution shall be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

**Section 3.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption this 22nd day of April, 2021.

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Mayor Liedtka recused himself and left the meeting. Deputy Mayor Panfili took over the meeting. Mr. Dhopte made a motion seconded by Mr. Russo to approve Resolution 2021-4-11. Roll Call: Mr. Dhopte – yes; Ms. Koetas-Dale – yes; Mr. Russo – yes; Mr. Panfili – yes. Resolution approved.



**TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-4-11**

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**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD, COUNTY OF  
BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AN  
EMERGENCY PURCHASE PURSUANT TO AND IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6**

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**BACKGROUND**

**WHEREAS**, an emergent need has arisen to make necessary repairs and renovations to the storm drain along Hogback Road in the Township of Chesterfield, County of Burlington, New Jersey (“Township”) and the surrounding area (“Emergency Purpose”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township's Department of Public Works Foreman has contacted two contractors regarding the Emergency Purpose and recommends entering into a contract with Lippincott & Lippincott in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, to complete the Emergency Purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, said Emergency Purpose was not foreseen at the time of preparation and adoption of the 2021 Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6*, an emergent contract may be awarded without advertisement for bids or bidding to resolve an emergency issue affecting the public health, safety and welfare which requires immediate performance of the service, including the Emergency Purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township has certified that funds are temporarily available in the Township's Capital Improvement Funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield, County of Burlington, New Jersey that the Township's Qualified Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to execute an emergency contract with Lippincott & Lippincott, as well as any and all documents required to effectuate the same.

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Mr. Russo made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to add Resolution 2021-4-12 to the agenda. All were in favor.

Mr. Russo made a motion seconded by Mr. Panfili to approve Resolution 2021-4-12. Roll Call: Mr. Dhopte – yes; Ms. Koetas-Dale – yes; Mr. Russo – yes; Mr. Panfili – yes. Resolution approved.

**TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD  
RESOLUTION 2021-4-12**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING 2021 CAPITAL BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Capital Budget for the year 2021 was adopted on the 22nd day of April, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, it is desired to amend said adopted capital budget section.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield, County of Burlington that the following amendment to the adopted Capital Budget section of the Township of Chesterfield be made.

Capital Budget (Current Year Action) 2021

| <u>Project Authorized</u>       | <u>Estimated Total Cost</u> | <u>Capital Improvement</u> | <u>Grants in Aid and Other Funds</u> | <u>Debt</u>  |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Storm Water System Improvements | \$100,000.00                | \$ 5,000.00                | \$ -0-                               | \$ 95,000.00 |
| TOTALS – All Projects           | \$295,000.00                | \$ 11,000.00               | \$ 50,000.00                         | \$209,000.00 |

Three-Year Capital Program 2021-2023  
Anticipated Project Schedule  
And Funding Requirements

| <u>Project</u>                  | <u>Estimated Total Cost</u> | <u>Estimated Completion Time</u> | <u>Funding Amount Per Year - 2021</u> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Storm Water System Improvements | \$ 100,000.00               | 1 Year                           | \$ 100,000.00                         |
| TOTALS – All Projects           | \$ 295,000.00               |                                  | \$ 240,000.00                         |

Three-Year Capital Program 2021-2023  
Summary of Anticipated Funding Sources and Amounts

| <u>Project</u>                  | <u>Estimated Total Cost</u> | <u>Capital Improvement</u> | <u>Grants-In-Aid and Other Funds</u> | <u>Bond &amp; Notes 7A-General</u> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Storm Water System Improvements | \$ 100,000.00               | \$ 5,000.00                | \$                                   | \$ 95,000.00                       |

|                      |              |              |              |               |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Recreation           | \$ 50,000.00 | \$ -0-       | \$ 50,000.00 | \$ -0-        |
| TOTALS– All Projects | \$295,000.00 | \$ 12,250.00 | \$ 50,000.00 | \$ 232,750.00 |

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services.

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Mayor Liedtka returned to the meeting.

Mr. Panfili made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to add Ordinance 2021-4 to the agenda. All were in favor. Mr. Dhopte made a motion seconded by Mr. Russo to introduce Ordinance 2021-4. Roll Call: Mr. Dhopte – yes; Ms. Koetas-Dale – yes; Mr. Russo – yes; Mr. Panfili – yes; Mr. Liedtka – yes. The public hearing for this ordinance will be at the Township Committee meeting of May 13<sup>th</sup>.

**TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD, NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE 2021-4**

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**BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE STORM WATER SYSTEM IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$100,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$95,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING**

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**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield, County of Burlington, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law, constituting Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented ("Local Bond Law"), as follows:

**Section 1.** The purposes described in Section 7 hereof are hereby authorized as general improvements to be made or acquired by the Township of

Chesterfield, County of Burlington, New Jersey ("Township").

**Section 2.** It is hereby found, determined and declared as follows:

- (a) the estimated amount to be raised by the Township from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is \$100,000;
- (b) the estimated amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is \$95,000; and
- (c) a down payment in the amount of \$5,000 for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is currently available in accordance with the requirements of Section 11 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11*.

**Section 3.** The sum of \$95,000, to be raised by the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes, together with the sum of \$5,000, which amount represents the required down payment, are hereby appropriated for the purposes stated in this bond ordinance ("Bond Ordinance").

**Section 4.** The issuance of negotiable bonds of the Township in an amount not to exceed \$95,000 to finance the costs of the purposes described in Section 7 hereof is hereby authorized. Said bonds shall be sold in accordance with the requirements of the Local Bond Law.

**Section 5.** In order to temporarily finance the purposes described in Section 7 hereof, the issuance of bond anticipation notes of the Township in an amount not to exceed \$95,000 is hereby authorized. Pursuant to the Local Bond Law, the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver the same to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their date to delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this Bond Ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

**Section 6.** The amount of the proceeds of the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance which may be used for the payment of interest on such obligations, accounting, engineering, legal fees and other items as provided in Section 20 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20*, shall not exceed the sum of \$20,000.

**Section 7.** The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which said obligations are to be issued; the estimated costs of each said purpose; the amount of down payment for each said purpose; the maximum amount obligations to be issued for each said purpose and the period of usefulness of each said purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law are as follows:

| <u>Purpose/Improvement</u>  | <u>Estimated Total Cost</u> | <u>Down Payment</u> | <u>Amount of Obligations</u> | <u>Period of Usefulness</u> |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| A Renovations and Improvements to the Storm Water System in and for the Township; together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto | \$100,000                   | \$5,000             | \$95,000                     | 20 years                    |

**Section 8.** Grants or other monies received from any governmental entity, if any, will be applied to the payment of, or repayment of obligations issued to finance, the costs of the purposes described in Section 7 above.

**Section 9.** The supplemental debt statement provided for in Section 11 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-10*, was duly filed in the office of the Clerk prior to the passage of this Bond Ordinance on first reading and a complete executed duplicate original thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. The supplemental debt statement shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-43*, is increased by this Bond Ordinance by \$95,000 and that the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

**Section 10.** The full faith and credit of the Township are irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance, and to the extent payment is not otherwise provided, the Township shall levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable real property without limitation as to rate or amount for the payment thereof.

**Section 11.** The Capital Budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this Bond Ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith, and the resolution promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended Capital Budget and Capital Program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

**Section 12.** The Township hereby declares its intent to reimburse itself from the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance pursuant to Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(e), promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), for "original expenditures", as defined in Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(c)(2), made by the Township prior to the issuance of such bonds or bond anticipation notes.

**Section 13** The Township hereby covenants as follows:

(a) it shall take all actions necessary to ensure that the interest paid on the bonds or bond anticipation notes is exempt from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income taxation purposes, and will not become a specific item of tax preference pursuant to Section 57(a)(5) of the Code;

(b) it will not make any use of the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes or do or suffer any other action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "arbitrage bonds" as such term is defined in Section 148(a) of the Code and the Regulations promulgated thereunder;

(c) it shall calculate or cause to be calculated and pay, when due, the rebatable arbitrage with respect to the "gross proceeds" (as such term is used in Section 148(f) of the Code) of the bonds or bond anticipation notes;

(d) it shall timely file with the Internal Revenue Service, such information report or reports as may be required by Sections 148(f) and 149(e) of the Code; and

(e) it shall take no action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "federally guaranteed" within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code.

**Section 14.** The improvements authorized hereby are not current expenses and are improvements that the Township may lawfully make. No part of the cost of the improvements authorized hereby has been or shall be specially assessed on any property specially benefited thereby.

**Section 15.** All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.

**Section 16.** In accordance with the Local Bond Law, this Bond Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Introduced: April 22, 2021

Adopted:

| RECORD OF VOTE 2021-4 |     |     |    |    |     |     |   |     |     |    |    |     |     |
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| INTRODUCTION          |     |     |    |    |     |     | ADOPTION  |     |     |    |    |     |     |
| TWP COMMITTEE         | AYE | NAY | NV | AB | ORD | SEC | TWP COMMITTEE   | AYE | NAY | NV | AB | ORD | SEC |
| S Dhopte              | X   |     |    |    | X   |     | S Dhopte  |     |     |    |    |     |     |
| D Koetas-Dale         | X   |     |    |    |     |     | D Koetas-Dale   |     |     |    |    |     |     |
| J Liedtka             | X   |     |    |    |     |     | J Liedtka   |     |     |    |    |     |     |
| L Panfili             | X   |     |    |    |     |     | L Panfili   |     |     |    |    |     |     |
| M Russo               | X   |     |    |    |     | X   | M Russo   |     |     |    |    |     |     |
| X – Indicates Vote    |     |     |    |    |     |     | NV – Not Voting AB – Absent ORD – Motion SEC - Seconded |     |     |    |    |     |     |

## **Bill List**

Ms. Koetas-Dale made a motion seconded by Ms. Koetas-Dale to approve the Treasurers bill list. Roll Call: Mr. Dhopte – yes; Ms. Koetas-Dale – yes; Mr. Russo – yes; Mr. Panfili – yes; Mr. Liedtka – yes.

## **REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS**

Ms. Koetas-Dale asked to give an update on OYCC. Mayor Liedtka suggested that any discussion regarding OYCC should wait until John Gillespie is present. Attorney George Morris stated that he would feel more comfortable talking about OYCC when Mr. Gillespie is present. Ms. Koetas-Dale expressed her desire to move forward with the survey.

Mr. Dhopte stated that he, along with Mr. Panfil, Troy and Rachel met with the CTAA regarding the fields. Mr. Dhopte also requested that a quick update on any issues with recreation fields be discussed. Additionally, Mr. Dhopte, Mr. Sahol, Troy and Rachel will meet once a month regarding recreation.

**Dog Park** – Mr. Panfili stated that when they met with CTAA at Fenton Lane Park, there were multiple concerns with the dog park location and sharing of a fence with the outfield baseball fence. He stated we need to do something for the safety of everyone. Mr. Panfili and Mr. Dhopte asked Troy to put a plan together to relocate the existing fence away from the baseball outfield fence and make the dog park slightly smaller at this time. They suggested 10 feet away at this time and will plan to look into relocating the dog park somewhere else in Fenton Lane Park. There was discussion regarding increase the height of the fence when it is relocated elsewhere. All committee members agreed. Mayor Liedtka stated that any additional cost would come out of the recreation fund. Mayor Liedtka made a motion seconded by Mr. Panfili to let the CTAA know that they agree that the dog park is a safety concern and plan to relocate it. All were in favor. Mr. Panfili asked Troy to put out 4-5 additional signs referencing the ordinance requiring dogs to be leashed since there have been complaints about that as well. Mayor Liedtka stated he will request the police to visit the park frequently to enforce.

**Recreation** – Rachel reported that she reached out to organizations that were renting the recreation building in the past to see if there was any interest in renting it now. They declined based on COVID and are happy to stay outside until the weather gets cold again. Based on that, we will not be re-opening the building at this time. She also reported that spring sports are in full swing. Troy and the PWD have completed the outdoor batting cages and sand volleyball courts and all of the sports fields are in full use. Mayor Liedtka made a motion seconded by Mr. Panfil to open up for a representative of the CTAA to speak. All were in favor. Mike Jones, CTAA Liaison from 29 Sprague Street said that he is concerned about the dog park being too close to the ball fields. He is very concerned about the safety of the children. He said the dogs are digging under

the fence and the coaches carry a bat with them when they have to practice in the outfield just in case a dog attacks a child. Mr. Panfil told Mr. Jones that they just spoke about this and reiterated to him what the Township Committee agreed on. Mr. Jones thanked Mr. Panfil and apologized for being late to the meeting.

Mr. Sahol wanted to make sure that the CTAA does not have an objection with the PWD removing one of the baseball fields at Wright Drive that is within the cricket pitch field. Mr. Sahol said that there is a second ball field there and PWD plans to make it into a universal baseball field. Mayor Liedtka said that when we first built the cricket field we were going to remove that ball field but received a lot of push back from the CTAA and want to make sure that is still not the case. Mr. Ulshafer stated he spoke with Mike Jones about change the field to a universal field and improve the infield. That would leave 6 fields and should be plenty. If we need an additional field, we could contact the firehouse about use of their field. Mr. Jones said that he already spoke to Troy about the removal of that ball field to be strictly cricket and making the second field into a universal field and he and the CTAA are in agreement with that decision.

Ms. Koetas-Dale stated that she would like to get input from the CTAA prior to moving the dog park. Mayor Liedtka would like to look at the whole park. There is a lot more land out there and we are trying to pack everything in one spot.

**New Business** – Mayor Liedtka asked when we plan to go out to bid for the demo of the old municipal building. Mr. Sahol stated we need to put the funding in place in May and should be able to award in June.

Mr. Panfili said that the Planning Board discussed increasing the size of the village lots. They want to be sure the Township Committee is behind them before they move forward. All were in favor of increasing the minimum lot size. He stated the public is not happy with the 3 lots on New Street at 4,000 square feet each and there are already parking issues.

Ms. Koetas-Dale made a motion seconded by Mr. Panfili to open the meeting to public comment. All were in favor.

Agnus Marsala from 42 Cromwell Drive asked who authorized the Fire Company as a lay down yard for the pipeline. Mayor Liedtka replied that is the Township's pipe. It is the water sleeve that NJNG agreed to install for us. That was part of the covenant made with NJNG as part of the settlement agreement.

Lauren D'Amato from 73 Harker Road read a letter she was going to mail to the Township Committee. She stated that she moved here 3 years ago because of history and farmland preserved and little congestion. Any warehouse in Chesterfield will be a major deviation of the Master Plan. That is not why she moved here and she is concerned with the impact on traffic getting in and out. She believes it is misleading of the developer to state that the residents will save \$900 in taxes. She stated the Master Plan goal is to preserve the existing agriculture, historical and rural character of this township. It is consistent with



certain township characteristics such as lack of services, narrow county roads, lack of stormwater system, lack of sidewalks, good farming soils add to farms and various state and regional goals preserving the further development of the town.

Hearing no further comments, Mr. Russo made a motion seconded by Mr. Panfili to close public comment. All were in favor.

Mr. Dhopte made a motion seconded by Mr. Russo to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Municipal Clerk