



**VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

**MARCH 28, 2022**

**7:00 PM REGULAR SESSION (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. STATEMENT:** Adequate Notice of this Reorganization Meeting was provided to the public and the press on January 14, 2022 and January 18, 2022 and was posted at the Municipal Building in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.10:4-7.

**3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**4. ROLL CALL**

**5. MAYOR COMMENTS**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS (For Current Agenda Items Only, Limited to 3 Minutes Per Person)**

**7. REVIEW OF BILLS LIST**

**8. MINUTES**

February 28, 2022 – Regular Meeting

**9. RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution #22-77:** Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Vernon in Support of Adult-Use Cannabis Retailer License for Castle of Greens

**Resolution #22-78:** Resolution Concerning the Vernon Township Municipal Utilities Authority

**Resolution #22-79:** Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under the Title VII of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964"

**10. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Resolution #22-80:** Resolution of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Award of it Consulting Support Services to Integrated Microsystems Inc. Through the Competitive Contracting Process

**Resolution #22-81:** Transfer Resolution – Balance Transfers

**Resolution #22-83:** Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Vernon Opposing a Proposal by the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Sierra Club to Change the Designation of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to the Delaware River National Park and Lenape Preserve Until a Formal Plan is Presented for Public Review and Comment.

## **11. INTRODUCTION OF THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

**Resolution #22-82:** Introduction of the 2022 Municipal Budget

## **12. INTRODUCTION/1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance #22-07:** Calendar Year 2022 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

**Ordinance #22-08:** Bond Ordinance Providing for the Acquisition of a New Fire Truck by the Township of Vernon, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$655,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$424,047 Bonds or Notes of the Township for Financing Such Appropriation

## **13. PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to 5 Minutes on Any Topic)**

## **14. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

## **15. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS**

## **16. ADJOURNMENT**

Range of Checking Accts: First to Last      Range of Check Dates: 03/11/22 to 03/23/22  
Report Type: All Checks      Report Format: Condensed      Check Type: Computer: Y Manual: Y Dir Deposit: Y

Check #	Check Date	Vendor	Amount Paid	Reconciled/Void	Ref Num	Contract
PO #		Description				
10-001		GENERAL/CENTRAL CHECKING				
57352	03/11/22	AFP10005 AFP 104 CORP OCEAN PLACE RESOR			340	
		22-00386 NJ Div of Highway Traffic Saft	429.84			
57353	03/11/22	AMAZO005 AMAZON.COM LLC			340	
		22-00020 SC Supplies	55.99			
		22-00029 Rec Program Supplies	60.36			
		22-00105 FLEET	11.18			
			<u>127.53</u>			
57354	03/11/22	AMERI135 AMERICAN ROCK SALT COMPANY,LLC			340	
		22-00080 ROAD SALT	21,699.46			
57355	03/11/22	ARMST005 TANNER ARMSTRONG			340	
		22-00352 BOOT REIMBURSEMENT	150.00			
57356	03/11/22	ASCAP005 A.S.C.A.P.			340	
		22-00284 Renewal ASCAP Licensing	390.00			
57357	03/11/22	BLUE3005 BLUE 360 MEDIA, LLC			340	
		22-00223 NJ Law Enforcement Handbook	386.75			
57358	03/11/22	BRIDG005 BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS,			340	
		22-00113 FLEET	1,101.48			
57359	03/11/22	BRIMA005 BRIMAR & SON PLUMBING & HEATIN			340	
		22-00192 EMERGENCY	325.00			
57360	03/11/22	CAROL005 CAROL KUBELLE			340	
		22-00346 Snowshoe Event Refund	30.00			
57361	03/11/22	CETIR005 C & E TIRES			340	
		22-00115 FLEET	720.00			
57362	03/11/22	CLUTC005 DOVER BRAKE & CLUTCH			340	
		22-00133 FLEET	2,081.51			
57363	03/11/22	COREL080 CORELOGIC - REFUND DEPT			340	
		22-00395 TAX REFUNDS VARIOUS BL & LOTS	10,283.65			
		22-00396 TAX REFUND BL 484 LOT 58	2,063.38			
			<u>12,347.03</u>			
57364	03/11/22	CRYST005 CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN SPRINGS			340	
		22-00089 WATER COOLER SERVICE	264.55			
57365	03/11/22	CUSTO005 CUSTOM BANDAG INC			340	
		22-00126 FLEET	447.25			
		22-00127 FLEET	1,200.00			
			<u>1,647.25</u>			

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10-001		GENERAL/CENTRAL CHECKING	Continued		
57366	03/11/22	DAMST005 JANE DAMSTRA			340
		22-00022 SC Program Supplies	35.14		
57367	03/11/22	DAVID010 DAVID WEBER OIL CO, INC			340
		22-00131 FLEET	3,199.25		
57368	03/11/22	DELTA005 DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF NJ			340
		22-00389 MARCH 2022	14,301.58		
57369	03/11/22	D0000005 WILLIAM J MARION, D.O.			340
		22-00122 DPW CDL 2022 Physicals	150.00		
57370	03/11/22	ELAV0005 ELAVON, INC			340
		21-01705 November Credit Card Fees	123.83		
		22-00205 December Credit Card Fees	64.39		
			<u>188.22</u>		
57371	03/11/22	FASTE005 FASTENAL COMPANY			340
		22-00134 FLEET	547.37		
		22-00135 FLEET	394.53		
			<u>941.90</u>		
57372	03/11/22	FEDER015 FEDERAL EXPRESS			340
		22-00186 Express Postage	208.70		
57373	03/11/22	GAETA005 GAETA RECYCLING CO., INC			340
		22-00087 CONTAINER SERVICE	1,579.00		
57374	03/11/22	GIANA005 MARCY GIANATTASIO			340
		22-00383 Zoom Webinar 2/25/22-3/24/22	58.63		
57375	03/11/22	GLENW030 GLENWOOD/POCHUCK AMB. CORP.			340
		22-00358 Reimbursement January 2022	11,870.26		
57376	03/11/22	GODAD005 GODADDY.COM, LLC			340
		22-00413 Township Website Hosting	2,098.80		
57377	03/11/22	HAROL005 HAROLD E PELLOW AND ASSOC, INC			340
		22-00381 Engineering Services	7,774.06		
57378	03/11/22	HENDE010 HENDERSON PRODUCTS, INC			340
		22-00143 FLEET	1,637.84		
57379	03/11/22	HHAUT005 H & H AUTO PARTS OF VERNON			340
		22-00141 FLEET	213.38		
57380	03/11/22	HIGHL025 HIGHLAND LAKES VOLUNTEER FIRE			340
		22-00401 Fire Dept Reimbursements	2,896.70		
57381	03/11/22	INTEG010 INTEGRATED MICRO SYSTEMS, INC			340
		22-00361 Technology Services	500.00		

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10-001		GENERAL/CENTRAL CHECKING	Continued		
57381		INTEGRATED MICRO SYSTEMS, INC	Continued		
22-00409		Technology Services 2-28-21	550.00		
			<u>1,050.00</u>		
57382	03/11/22	JCALD005 J. CALDWELL & ASSOCIATES LLC			340
22-00065		2022 Blanket PO LUB Planner	390.00		
22-00404		Municipal Planner Services	195.00		
			<u>585.00</u>		
57383	03/11/22	JCPL0005 JCP&L		03/11/22 VOID	0
57384	03/11/22	JCPL0005 JCP&L			340
22-00362		Electric Muni Facil Jan 2021	4,517.84		
57385	03/11/22	KARLL005 KARL LUDWIG			340
22-00397			3,037.02		
57386	03/11/22	KMLTE005 KML TECHNOLOGY, INC			340
22-00304		2022 Service Agreement	4,950.00		
57387	03/11/22	LAWSO010 LAWSON PRODUCTS			340
22-00146		FLEET	334.70		
57388	03/11/22	LINK0005 CENTURY LINK			340
22-00379		Municipal Phone Service Jan 22	834.81		
57389	03/11/22	MCAFE005 MC AFEE FIRE DEPT.			340
22-00380		Reimburse Monthly Exp Jan 2022	986.03		
57390	03/11/22	MCAFE010 MC AFEE HARDWARE CO., INC.			340
22-00094		DPW	30.28		
22-00096		B&G	127.88		
22-00147		FLEET	63.98		
			<u>222.14</u>		
57391	03/11/22	MCICO005 MCI COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, I			340
22-00416		Long Distance Services Feb 22	831.41		
57392	03/11/22	NIELS005 NIELSON FORD INC			340
22-00153		FLEET	77.73		
57393	03/11/22	NORTH015 NORTH EAST PARTS GROUP LLC			340
22-00154		FLEET	250.27		
57394	03/11/22	NORTH050 NORTHEAST COMMUNICATIONS INC			340
22-00246		OEM Maintenance	395.00		
57395	03/11/22	OPDYK005 OPDYKE'S SALES & SERVICE			340
22-00156		FLEET	734.34		
57396	03/11/22	OPRAN005 OPRANDY'S FIRE & SAFETY INC			340
22-00045		Oxygen Tank Refill and Repair	191.50		

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57397	03/11/22	OPTIM005 Optimum			340
		22-00411 DPW & Sr Ctr Cable Services	45.85		
57398	03/11/22	POCHU010 POCHUCK VALLEY FIRE DEPT.			340
		22-00344 Reimburse Monthly Expenses	13,216.62		
57399	03/11/22	RESID010 RESIDUALS MANAGEMENT SERVICES,			340
		22-00286 GREASE TRAP SENIOR CENTER	183.20		
57400	03/11/22	ROUTE005 ROUTE 23 AUTO MALL LLC			340
		22-00160 FLEET	51.78		
		22-00161 FLEET	1,974.01		
			<u>2,025.79</u>		
57401	03/11/22	RSPHI005 R.S.PHILLIPS STEEL, LLC			340
		22-00162 FLEET	113.48		
57402	03/11/22	SCHEN010 SCHENCK PRICE SMITH & KING LLP			340
		22-00071 Tax Appeal Legal Serices	2,833.95		
57403	03/11/22	SHAWC005 SHAW CONTRACT FLOORING SRVCS			340
		21-01090 MG Football Turf Replacement	454,421.10		
57404	03/11/22	SHIIN005 SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP			340
		22-00307 Microsfot Exchange License	64.00		
57405	03/11/22	SPECI005 SPECIALTY AUTOMOTIVE EQUIP.			340
		22-00297 ANNUAL LIFT INSPECTIONS	750.00		
57406	03/11/22	STATE125 STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND			340
		22-00402 Insurance Deductible	1,525.52		
57407	03/11/22	SUSSE020 SUSSEX CO ASSOC POLICE CHIEF			340
		22-00197 2022 Membership & Training	700.00		
57408	03/11/22	SUSSE045 SUSSEX CO DETECTIVE'S ASSOC			340
		22-00349 2022 Membership Dues	175.00		
57409	03/11/22	SUSSE095 SUSSEX COUNTY M.U.A.			340
		22-00083 GLASS DISPOSAL	154.60		
		22-00084 PLASTIC DISPOSAL	46.80		
			<u>201.40</u>		
57410	03/11/22	TARA0005 THE ANIMAL RIGHTS ALLIANCE, INC			340
		22-00055 Animal Shelter- Spay/Neuter	340.00		
57411	03/11/22	TCTAA015 TCTA ASSN OF SUSSEX/WARREN			340
		22-00355 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES	60.00		
57412	03/11/22	TEES0005 ROOSTER TEES			340
		22-00348 Dispatch Uniforms- New Employ	100.00		

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57413	03/11/22	TELEP005 WARWICK VALLEY TELEPHONE			340
		22-00343 Municipal Phone Service Jan 22	3,422.02		
		22-00405 Phone Serv Police Lines(997)	731.71		
			<u>4,153.73</u>		
57414	03/11/22	TILCO005 TILCON NEW YORK, INC			340
		22-00168 ASPHALT	133.95		
57415	03/11/22	TLOLL005 TLO, LLC (TransUnion Risk)			340
		22-00041 Police- DB People Search	75.00		
57416	03/11/22	TRANS005 BOB BALDWIN'S TRANSPORTATION			340
		22-00387 Motor Fuel Purchases Feb 2022	23,392.78		
57417	03/11/22	TRIMB005 Trimboli & Prusinowski, LLC			340
		22-00069 Labor Legal Services 2022	3,055.50		
57418	03/11/22	UNIVE005 UNIVERSAL COMPUTING SERVICES I			340
		22-00321 2022/MUNICIPAL COURT	317.30		
57419	03/11/22	VAN00005 O'TOOLE SCRIVO FERNANDEZ WEINE			340
		22-00070 Township Legal Services	5,000.00		
		22-00331 Legal Service Litigat. Jan 22	8,872.50		
			<u>13,872.50</u>		
57420	03/11/22	VERIZ005 VERIZON			340
		22-00418 Phone Service February 2022	120.41		
57421	03/11/22	VERIZ010 VERIZON WIRELESS			340
		22-00388 Municipal CellPhone Serv Jan21	1,056.46		
57422	03/11/22	VERIZ015 VERIZON WIRELESS			340
		22-00044 MDT Airtime Charges	543.33		
57423	03/11/22	VERNO120 VERNON TWP BOARD OF EDUCATION			340
		22-00314 Current Expense March	1,752,698.88		
57424	03/11/22	VERNO225 VERNON VETERINARY ASSOCIATES,			340
		22-00053 Animal Shelter- Vet Services	172.07		
		22-00224 U/V Wood's Lamp	200.00		
			<u>372.07</u>		
57425	03/11/22	VISIO005 VISION SERVICE PLAN			340
		22-00390 FEBRUARY 2022	2,058.62		
57426	03/11/22	VOELK005 CHARLES VOELKER			340
		22-00408 ZOOM Subscription Bds & Comm	58.63		
57427	03/11/22	VULCA005 VULCAN MATERIALS COMPANY DBA V			340
		22-00225 ROAD GRITS	13,218.55		

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10-001		GENERAL/CENTRAL CHECKING	Continued		
57428	03/11/22	WAYNE010 WAYNE TILE CO		340	
	21-01336	Dispatch Floor Install	2,953.59		
57429	03/11/22	WBMA005 W B MASON CO INC		340	
	22-00318	2022/Municipal Court office	121.10		
	22-00342	supplies for finance	90.15		
			<u>211.25</u>		
57430	03/11/22	WTHTE005 WTH TECHNOLOGY, INC		340	
	22-00406	Think GIS Annual Consulting	670.50		
Checking Account Totals		<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Amount Void</u>
	Checks:	78	1	2,403,570.61	0.00
	Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
	Total:	<u>78</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2,403,570.61</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Report Totals		<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Amount Void</u>
	Checks:	78	1	2,403,570.61	0.00
	Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
	Total:	<u>78</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2,403,570.61</u>	<u>0.00</u>



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Totals by Year-Fund					
Fund Description	Fund	Budget Total	Revenue Total	G/L Total	Total
CURRENT FUND	1-01	13,287.76	0.00	0.00	13,287.76
CURRENT FUND	2-01	1,929,808.71	0.00	0.00	1,929,808.71
CAPITAL FUND	C-04	460,444.14	0.00	0.00	460,444.14
RECREATION TRUST	T-16	30.00	0.00	0.00	30.00
Total of All Funds:		<u>2,403,570.61</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,403,570.61</u>

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Taxable Wages	Current	Qtr To Date	Year To Date
Federal Income	344,568.25	1,722,380.44	1,722,380.44
FICA - Social Security	378,539.40		
FICA - Medicare	378,539.40	1,896,100.68	1,896,100.68
State Income	399,072.38	2,002,870.98	2,002,870.98
State Unemployment	387,336.09	1,969,700.04	1,969,700.04
State FLI / DIS	390,902.13	1,973,266.08	1,973,266.08
Amount Your Account Will Be Debited:			156,632.73

	Employer Share	Employee Share	Total	ADS
<b>Federal Taxes</b>				
Federal Income Tax		42,282.60	42,282.60	*
Social Security 6.200% / 6.200%	23,469.48	23,469.48	46,938.96	*
Medicare 1.450% / 1.450%	5,488.77	5,488.77	10,977.54	*
<b>Total Federal Taxes</b>	<b>28,958.25</b>	<b>71,240.85</b>	<b>100,199.10</b>	
<b>NJ State Taxes</b>				
NJ State Income Tax		16,313.74	16,313.74	*
NJ Unemployment / 0.425%		1,646.20	1,646.20	*
NJ Family Leave / 0.140%		547.28	547.28	*
<b>Total NJ State Taxes</b>		<b>18,507.22</b>	<b>18,507.22</b>	
<b>Public Employees Retirement System</b>				
PERS Pension		11,689.82	11,689.82	*
PERS Back Deduction		595.16	595.16	*
PERS Pension Loan		3,345.14	3,345.14	*
PERS Pension Arrears		57.20	57.20	*
PERS Contributory Insurance		786.11	786.11	*
<b>Total PERS Pension</b>		<b>16,473.43</b>	<b>16,473.43</b>	
<b>Police And Firemans Retirement System</b>				
P&F Pension		15,949.09	15,949.09	*
P&F Pension Loan		5,279.80	5,279.80	*
P&F Pension Arrears		203.49	203.49	*
<b>Total P&amp;F Pension</b>		<b>21,432.38</b>	<b>21,432.38</b>	
<b>DCRP Contribution</b>				
DCRP Contribution	202.32	274.75	477.07	
<b>Total DCRP Contribution</b>	<b>202.32</b>	<b>274.75</b>	<b>477.07</b>	
<b>Agency / Deductions</b>				
C/I Shortage		20.60	20.60	*
Child Support		1,795.54	1,795.54	
Aflac Post Tax		117.98	117.98	
Trans Wo		510.00	510.00	
POL/FIRE		81.84	81.84	
Dues AFSCME D		471.66	471.66	
Dues UAW		332.80	332.80	
Valic 457		3,979.00	3,979.00	
Lincoln 457		1,483.33	1,483.33	
Dues PBA		825.00	825.00	
AFLAC Pre Tax		450.03	450.03	
FSA Dependent Care		208.34	208.34	
Medical Pre Tax		19,501.35	19,501.35	
Medical 1.5% Of Salary		148.26	148.26	

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	Employer Share	Employee Share	Total	ADS
Agency / Deductions Continued				
FSA Medical		225.00	225.00	
Total Agency / Deductions		30,150.73	30,150.73	
Net Pay				
Net Checks		14,071.92	14,071.92	
Net Deposits Checking		217,981.45	217,981.45	
Net Deposits Savings		1,542.63	1,542.63	
Partial Checking		4,795.00	4,795.00	
Partial Savings 1		1,250.00	1,250.00	
Partial Savings 2		270.00	270.00	
Total Net Pay		239,911.00	239,911.00	
Grand Totals				
Taxes, Pension, Agency, & Net Pay	29,160.57	397,990.36	427,150.93	
Payroll Funding				
Workers Compensation		627.44		
Gross Payroll		397,362.92		
Total Payroll Funding	29,160.57	397,990.36	427,150.93	
Gross Earnings				
Regular		331,830.14	331,830.14	
Overtime		12,228.67	12,228.67	
Retro		142.08	142.08	
Adjustment		194.88	194.88	
Rec Sec		45.00	45.00	
Sgnt Pay		275.82	275.82	
Sgnt Overtime		16.32	16.32	
Benefit		1,735.50	1,735.50	
Longevity		5,788.71	5,788.71	
Clothing		24,600.00	24,600.00	
Meals		200.00	200.00	
On Call		350.00	350.00	
Double Time		254.63	254.63	
Dispatch Lunch		581.73	581.73	
Outside		14,236.45	14,236.45	
Wed Pay		150.00	150.00	
Vernon Disability		2,760.62	2,760.62	
Health Care Stipend		1,718.20	1,718.20	
Stipend		104.17	104.17	
Cell Phone		150.00	150.00	
Total Gross Earnings		397,362.92	397,362.92	
Taxable / Non Taxable / Other				
Group Life		1,709.46	1,709.46	
Total Txbl/Non Taxable/Other		1,709.46	1,709.46	
Deductions Summary				
Total Taxes	28,958.25	89,748.07	118,706.32	
Total Pension		37,905.81	37,905.81	
Total DCRP	202.32	274.75	477.07	
Total Agency		30,150.73	30,150.73	
Total Deductions	29,160.57	158,079.36	187,239.93	

**Township of Vernon**

**Resolution #22-77**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON IN  
SUPPORT OF AN ADULT-USE CANNABIS RETAILER LICENSE  
FOR CASTLE OF GREENS**

**WHEREAS**, adult-use cannabis is authorized in the State of New Jersey (“State”) pursuant to the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act (the “Act”) and N.J.A.C. 17:30 *et seq.*, (collectively, “New Jersey Cannabis Laws”), which legalized the adult use of marijuana by adults 21 years of age or older and established a comprehensive regulatory and licensing scheme for commercial adult-use cannabis operations, use, and possession; and

**WHEREAS** the State of New Jersey recognizes the need for additional cannabis licenses, both in medical and adult-use programs, both of which are collectively regulated by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission (“CRC”); and

**WHEREAS** on September 13, 2021, the Township Council of Vernon Township (the “Township”) adopted Ordinance 21-25 (the “Ordinance”) which authorized a maximum of three Cannabis Retailers within the Township; and

**WHEREAS** the Township recognizes that while the ultimate decision to approve new cannabis licensees is guided by the standards identified by the New Jersey Cannabis Laws and vested to the discretion of the CRC; and

**WHEREAS** the New Jersey Cannabis Laws recognize the necessity of ensuring that any potential licensee/permittee has the support of the local community, as evidenced by a resolution adopted by said municipality’s governing body indicating that the intended location is appropriately located or otherwise suitable for activities related to the operations of the proposed cannabis business; and

**WHEREAS** the New Jersey Cannabis Laws also require, in addition to the resolution identifying support of the local community, a letter from the Township’s governing body entrusted with zoning or land use that the proposed cannabis business location will conform to municipal zoning requirements allowing for activities related to the operations of the proposed cannabis business to be conducted at the location, and any variances granted as necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, Castle of Greens has indicated a desire to operate as a cannabis retailer, as that term is defined by the New Jersey Cannabis Laws, at the property identified as 218 Route 94, Vernon, NJ 07461, Block 385, Lots 12 and 13 on the official tax map of the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, Castle of Greens has requested proof of local support in accordance with the New Jersey Cannabis Laws and the CRC’s Notice of Application Acceptance for Personal Use Cannabis Licenses; and

**WHEREAS**, issuance of a license to Castle of Greens would not exceed the limitation on licenses set forth in the Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Council recognize ample benefits to the Township and its residents associated with permitting a cannabis retailer site to be located within its border, including, but not limited to, job creation and use of local vendors for operational needs as well as anticipated dedicated tax revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution may be used by Castle of Greens as proof of local support required by the New Jersey Cannabis Laws and the CRC's Notice of Application Acceptance for Personal Use Cannabis Licenses.

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

1. The Township Council believes that the Township of Vernon will benefit from the location of an adult-use cannabis retailer within the Township's boundaries, subject to compliance with the Ordinance.
2. Cannabis Retailing is a conditional use in all commercial and retail zones within the Township and subject to the limitations set forth in accordance with the Ordinance.
3. Castle of Greens has submitted information regarding its business plan, including, but not limited to, its proposed location at the property identified as 218 Route 94, Vernon, NJ 07461, Block 385, Lots 12 and 13 on the official tax map of the Township and its intended use and operation of said property as a cannabis retailer, as that term is defined by New Jersey Cannabis Laws, subject to licensure by the CRC.
4. This Resolution should be viewed by the State as support by the Township of Castle of Greens' application, and an indication that the proposed location is appropriately located or otherwise suitable for the activities related to cannabis retailing as will be conducted at the proposed facility.
5. The zoning official, or his/her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to issue a letter and/or affidavit, as appropriate, identifying that the subject property will conform to local zoning requirements allowing for activities related to the operation of a cannabis retailer, as outlined in the Ordinance, and subject to the understanding and agreement with Castle of Greens that it will comply with any and all conditions required by the Ordinance.
6. This Resolution may be used by Castle of Greens as proof of local support required by the New Jersey Cannabis Laws and the CRC's Notice of Application Acceptance for Personal Use Cannabis Licenses.
7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above resolution is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Council of the Township of Vernon at their Meeting held on March 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.in the Vernon Municipal Center.

### VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

NAME	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Buccieri, N						
Furrey, M						
Lynch, B						
Shortway, H						
Rizzuto, P						

**Township of Vernon**

**Resolution #22-78**

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE VERNON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

**WHEREAS**, the Vernon Township Municipal Utilities Authority (“VTMUA”) has learned of inconsistencies concerning its billing practices over a period of time; and

**WHEREAS**, the VTMUA has learned that approximately 700 residential units may have been involved; and

**WHEREAS**, the VTMUA has notified the Mayor and Township Council of this possible issue; and

**WHEREAS**, any billing inconsistencies are of concern to the Mayor and the Township Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the VTMUA has informed the Mayor and Township Council that it intends to further investigate any billing inconsistencies;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Vernon hereby request that the VTMUA complete its investigation in a timely manner and report its findings to the Mayor and Township Council.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the above resolution is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Council of the Township of Vernon at their Meeting held on March 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vernon Municipal Center.

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Marcy Gianattasio, RMC, CMR  
Municipal Clerk

**VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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**TOWNSHIP OF VERNON**

**RESOLUTION 22-79**

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S  
"Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment  
Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the *Township Council* of the *Township of Vernon*, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE MEETING HELD ON *March 28, 2022*.

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that this is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Council of the Township of Vernon at their Meeting held on March 28, 2022 7:00 pm in the Vernon Municipal Center.

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Marcy Gianattasio, RMC, CMR  
Municipal Clerk

**VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO P.L. 2017, C.183 OF COMPLIANCE  
WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S  
"Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in  
Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"**

**GROUP AFFIDAVIT FORM FOR MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES  
NO PHOTO COPIES OF SIGNATURES**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
COUNTY OF *Sussex*

We, members of the governing body of the *Township of Vernon* being duly sworn according to law, upon our oath depose and say:

1. We are duly elected members of the *Township Council* of the *Township of Vernon* in the county of *Sussex*;
2. Pursuant to P.L. 2017, c.183, we have familiarized ourselves with the contents of the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012);
3. We are familiar with the local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history;
4. We certify that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance.

(L.S.)	(L.S.)
(L.S.)	(L.S.)
(L.S.)	(L.S.)
(L.S.)	(L.S.)
(L.S.)	(L.S.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public of New Jersey

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

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The Municipal Clerk (or Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders as the case may be) shall set forth the reason for the absence of signature of any members of the governing body.

**IMPORTANT:** This certificate must be executed before a municipality or county can submit its approved budget to the Division of Local Government Services. The executed certificate and the adopted resolution must be kept on file and available for inspection.

**TOWNSHIP OF VERNON**

**Resolution #22-80**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF IT CONSULTING SUPPORT SERVICES TO INTEGRATED MICROSYSTEMS INC. THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS**

**WHEREAS**, the Township has authorized the competitive contract procurement for IT Consulting Support Services through Resolution #22-40 on January 10, 2022; and

**WHEREAS** the Township received and opened in a public manner competitive contract responses on March 2, 2022 at 9:00A.M.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township established a rating committee, rating the proposals upon the standards of Price and Other Factors, those factors being Technical, Managerial and Cost, in accord with N.J.A.C.5:34-4; and

**WHEREAS** the Township received two (2) proposals to wit:

<b>NAME OF BIDDER</b>	<b>Integrated Microsystems Inc.</b>	<b>Maestro Technologies Inc.</b>
<b>ADDRESS</b>	74 Lee Ave.	1 W State St, Floor 2
<b>CITY, STATE, ZIP</b>	Haledon, New Jersey, 07508	Trenton, New Jersey, 08608
<b>CONTACT</b>		
<b>TELEPHONE</b>	2012949779	9084588601
<b>EMAIL</b>	<a href="mailto:sue@imicrosys.com">sue@imicrosys.com</a>	<a href="mailto:irene@maestro.com">irene@maestro.com</a>
<b>Year 1</b>	\$2,000.00/mo	\$5,586.00/mo (\$63.00/hour after hours)
<b>Year 2</b>	\$2,000.00/mo	\$5,586.00/mo (\$63.00/hour after hours)
<b>Year 3</b>	\$2,400.00/mo	\$5,586.00/mo (\$63.00/hour after hours)
<b>Year 4</b>	\$2,400.00/mo	\$5,586.00/mo (\$63.00/hour after hours)
<b>Year 5</b>	\$2,600.00/mo	\$5,586.00/mo (\$63.00/hour after hours)

; and

**WHEREAS**, the report produced by the committee, recommended Integrated Microsystems Inc. LLC 74 Lee Ave. Haledon, New Jersey, 07508, and was made available to the public and governing body at least 48 hours prior to the meeting of the governing body in accord with N.J.S.A 40A:11-4.1 and N.J.A.C 5:34-4; and

**WHEREAS** Integrated Microsystems Inc. LLC 74 Lee Ave. Haledon, New Jersey, 07508, has provided a proposal deemed responsive and responsible under the New Jersey Local Publics Contract Law (N.J.S.A.40A:11-1 et. Seq.,) as well as most advantageous based upon Price and Other Factors (N.J.A.C. 5:34-4); and

**WHEREAS** it is the recommendation that the Township enter into an agreement for services under competitive contract with Integrated Microsystems Inc. LLC 74 Lee Ave. Haledon, New Jersey, 07508, for a period of five (5), with the option to extend as per the term of contracts for competitive contracting at N.J.S.A 40A:11-4.1 et. Seq. under the terms and tenets as set forth in the competitive contract procurement; and

**WHEREAS** the Chief Financial Officer certifies funding is available as follows:

2022 Account 2-01-20-140-20	\$24,000.00
2023 Account 3-01-20-140-20	\$24,000.00
2024 Account 4-01-20-140-20	\$28,800.00
2025 Account 5-01-20-140-20	\$28,800.00
2026 Account 6-01-20-140-20	\$31,200.00

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

1. That the Mayor is authorized to execute a five (5) contract for services with Integrated Microsystems Inc. LLC 74 Lee Ave. Haledon, New Jersey, 07508, under the precepts of competitive contract IT consulting services.

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that this is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Council of the Township of Vernon at their Meeting held on March 28, 2022 7:00 pm in the Vernon Municipal Center.

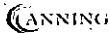
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 Marcy Gianattasio, RMC, CMR  
 Municipal Clerk

**VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

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Furrey, M						
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# THE CANNING GROUP LLC

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45 S. Park Pl 183  
Morristown, N.J. 07960

March 9, 2022

Mr. Charles Voelker, Business Administrator  
21 Church St.  
Vernon, N.J.

**Re: Competitive Contract # 2-2022 IT Consulting**

Dear Mr. Voelker,


In examining the contract options for the IT Consultant position for the Township, it has been my proposal for the Township to engage in the Competitive Contract procurement method. We have used this successfully in the past, the procurement at hand is more complicated and requires greater examination than a straight base bid. The danger in a base bid is that we are required to go with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Such a bidder could conceivably comply with the requirements, but the service and software are not at an optimum level (e.g., Lotus software versus Microsoft Excel) and our needs are not met.

The position is a consultant position and not a professional service. Therefore, it is inappropriate to use a professional services exemption. The advantage of the competitive contract process is that it will allow for a far more stable contract environment, combined with the ability for end user input, weighting the award upon other factors, in addition to cost, as allowable under law. In the instance of IT Consulting services, the Township can procure a vendor for up to five (5) years as allowable by law at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1.

It is important to note that the contract of up to a five (5) year can allow us great flexibility. The contract may be awarded for a one (1), or two (2) year initial contract and allow for extensions of yearly up until the five (5) year limit has been reached.

The raters have conducted their ratings and have found in favor of Integrated Microsystems Inc. The summary report (attached) has been placed on the bidnet public portal in accord with the New Jersey legal requirement of at least 48 hours public notice prior to award. If there are any questions as to how the competitive contracting process is different from a bid, please let me know. Thank you.

Respectfully

  
Sean P. Canning, MPA, QPA  
Purchasing agent

<b>BID RESULTS</b>	
<b>BID #</b>	<b>CC# 2-2022</b>
<b>BID DATE/ TIME</b>	<b>3/2/2022 9:00a.m.</b>
<b>NUMBER OF BIDDERS</b>	<b>2</b>

**ORGANIZATION:**  
**Vernon Twp**



	<b>Integrated Microsystems Inc.</b>	<b>Maestro Technologies Inc.</b>
<b>NAME OF BIDDER</b>	Integrated Microsystems Inc.	Maestro Technologies Inc.
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<b>TELEPHONE</b>	2012949779	9084588601
<b>EMAIL</b>	sue@imicrosys.com	irene@maestro.com
<b>INSURANCE REQUIRED FROM VENDOR - DATE RECEIVED</b>	X	X
<b>BID GUARANTEE</b>		
<b>CONSENT OF SURETY</b>		
<b>BIDDERS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA</b>		
<b>OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE</b>	X	X
<b>LIST OF SUBCONTRACTORS</b>		
<b>IRAN CERT</b>	X	X
<b>PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION</b>		
<b>PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION DATE</b>		
<b>NON COLLUSION</b>		
<b>EXHIBIT A/B</b>	advisory	advisory
<b>AA302 /CEIR</b>	X	X
<b>AA201/ DATE</b>		
<b>AA 202/ DATE(S)</b>		
<b>NEW JERSEY BRC</b>	X	X
<b>EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS</b>	X	X
<b>DEBARRED FORM</b>		
<b>PERFORMANCE BOND</b>		
<b>LABOR AND MATERIAL BOND</b>		
<b>WARRANTY BOND</b>		
<b>ADA</b>	X	X
<b>EQUIPMENT CERT</b>		
<b>PAY TO PLAY ADVISORY</b>	X	X
<b>NAME OF BIDDER</b>		
<b>Year 1</b>	\$2,000.00/mo	\$5,586.00/mo (\$63.00/hour after hours)
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**TOWNSHIP OF VERNON**

**RESOLUTION #22-81**

**TRANSFER RESOLUTION- BALANCE TRANSFERS**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Vernon Municipal Budget requires certain modifications to cover potential expenses that may occur in excess of the original budget;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon that the following Transfer of Appropriation Reserves (2021 Municipal Budget) in accordance with N.J.S.A 40A-58/59 are hereby approved.

<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>TRANSFER OUT</b>	<b>TRANSFER IN</b>
<b>FROM CURRENT FUND:</b>		
CLERK – S&W	5,500.00	
<b>TO: CURRENT FUND</b>		
FINANCE – S&W		3,500.00
COLLECTION OF TAXES – S&W		1,500.00
ASSESSMENT OF TAXES – S&W		500.00
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	<b>5,500.00</b>	<b>5,500.00</b>

**CERTIFICATION**

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Marcy Gianattasio, RMC, CMR  
Municipal Clerk

**VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Buccieri, N						
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**Township of Vernon**

**Resolution #22-83**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON  
OPPOSING A PROPOSAL BY THE NEW JERSEY AND PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTERS OF  
THE SIERRA CLUB TO CHANGE THE DESIGNATION OF THE DELAWARE WATER GAP  
NATIONAL RECREATION AREA TO THE DELAWARE RIVER NATIONAL PARK AND  
LENAPE PRESERVE UNTIL A FORMAL PLAN IS PRESENTED FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND  
COMMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area ("DEWA") was established September 1, 1965, one of 10 National Recreation Areas of the National Park Service, currently encompassing nearly 70,000 acres in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and is a protected area in the United States established by an Act of Congress to preserve enhanced recreational opportunities in places with significant natural and scenic resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the DEWA offers recreational opportunities such as hiking, walking, bicycling, fishing, hunting, swimming, camping, canoeing, boating, cross country skiing, bird watching, horseback riding, sightseeing, and special events; cultural resources, infrastructural facilities, national resources, and rare, threatened and endangered species of plants, fish, mammals, reptiles and amphibians; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Vernon has several state and federal parks that run through its boundaries or that are in close proximity including but not limited to the Wawayanda State Park, High Point State Park, Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge, and the DEWA. The Township of Vernon's residents and many visitors enjoy these recreational opportunities as well as cultural and natural resources of this open space and local businesses benefit from the tourism brought to the Township of Vernon; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Vernon is aware of a proposal by the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Sierra Club seeking to change the designation of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to the Delaware River National Park and Lenape Preserve; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal by the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Sierra Club offers no insight or plan for the change in designation; namely the environmental, economic and agricultural impact to the DEWA and to the residents and local businesses of the Township of Vernon; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal by the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Sierra Club offers no information on possible changes to the public lands that run through or abut the Township of Vernon as well as acquisition of private property; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal by the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Sierra Club offers no information on the plan to facilitate this change; the implementation of fee collection and location of collection stations; and how funding will be provided for this National Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal by the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Sierra Club offers no explanation on the location, size and parameters of the “Preserve” area, the activities allowed and disallowed; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Vernon hereby opposes any change in designation of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area at this juncture.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Vernon firmly opposes the proposal of the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Sierra Club, or any other organization, seeking to change the designation of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to the Delaware River National Park and Lenape Preserve unless and until a formal plan is presented offering information on the environmental, economic and agricultural impact of this proposed change; sources of funding; the fee structure and the plan for the implementation of fees and collection station locations; a map of the area depicting the location of the Lenape Preserve; the plans for any acquisition of additional private or public lands; and the impact this proposal will have on the residents of the Township of Vernon and Sussex County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Vernon requests that copies of this resolution be sent to President Joe Biden; Governor Phil Murphy; U.S. Senator Robert Menendez; U.S. Senator Cory Booker; Congressman Josh Gottheimer; Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill; Congressman David Norcross; Congressman Jefferson Van Drew; Congressman Christopher Smith; Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr; Congressman Tom Malinowski; Congressman Albio Sires; Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr.; Congressman Donald Payne, Jr.; Congressman Bonnie Watson Coleman; New Jersey Senator Steven V. Oroho; New Jersey Assemblyman F. Parker Space; New Jersey Assemblyman Harold Wirths; NJ Senator Michael Doherty; Assemblyman John DeMaio; Assemblyman Eric Petersen; Congresswoman Susan Wild (PA); Congressman Matt Cartwright (PA); U.S. Senator Patrick Toomey; U.S. Senator Bob Casey; New Jersey Sierra Club, Chapter Chair Rich Isaac; Vice Chair John Kashwick; Pennsylvania Sierra Club; Sussex County Board of County Commissioners; all municipalities of Sussex County; State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection; National Park Service, Charles Sams, Director; National Park Service Northeast Region, Gay Vietzke, Regional Director; Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Sula Jacobs, Superintendent; Delaware River Basin Commission; Partnership for the Delaware Estuary; and the National Lands Trust.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

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Marcy Gianattasio, RMC, CMR  
Municipal Clerk



**VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

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**TOWNSHIP OF VERNON**

**ORDINANCE #22-07**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2022**

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS  
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK  
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Vernon in the County of Sussex finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2022 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the governing body hereby determines that a 1% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$179,763.05 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS** the governing body hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the governing body of the Township of Vernon, in the County of Sussex, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2022 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Vernon shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$629,170.68, and that the CY 2022 municipal budget for the Township of Vernon be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

**TOWNSHIP OF VERNON**

**ORDINANCE #22-08**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW FIRE TRUCK BY THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$655,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$424,047 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY** (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), **AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized as a general improvement to be made or acquired by The Township of Vernon, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey. For the said improvement or purpose stated in said Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$655,000, said sum being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor and including the sum of \$230,953 as the down payment for said improvement or purpose required by law and now available therefor by virtue of provision in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Township for down payment or for capital improvement purposes.

Section 2. For the financing of said improvement or purpose and to meet the part of said \$655,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of said down payment, negotiable bonds of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$424,047 pursuant to the Local Bond Law of New Jersey. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvement or purpose, negotiable notes of the

Township in a principal amount not exceeding \$424,047 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and purpose for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued is the acquisition by purchase of new and additional firefighting equipment for the preservation of life and property in the Township, consisting of one (1) pumper truck for use by the Pochuck Valley Fire Department of the Township, including all equipment, appurtenances, accessories and attachments necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Township Clerk and hereby approved.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said purpose is \$424,047.

(c) The estimated cost of said purpose is \$655,000, the excess thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor being the amount of the said \$230,953 down payment for said purpose.

Section 4. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The said purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense and is a property or improvement which the Township may lawfully acquire or make as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of said purpose within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is ten (10) years.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by said Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk and a complete executed duplicate 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, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in said Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$424,047, and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$65,000 for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations and other items of expense listed in and permitted under section 40A:2-20 of said Local Bond Law may be included as part of the cost of said improvement and is included in the foregoing estimate thereof.

Section 5. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer, acting chief financial officer or treasurer of the Township (the "Chief Financial Officer") provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. §40A:2-8. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale at not less than par and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the

dates of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body of the Township at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, interest rate and maturities of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 6. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of said obligations and interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 7. The capital budget or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget or temporary capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, are on file with the Township Clerk and are available for public inspection.

Section 8. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by said Local Bond Law.