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RESOLUTION #14-110

RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE IN VERNON TOWNSHIP FOR THE 2014-2015 LICENSING TERM

WHEREAS, all licenses to dispose alcoholic beverages must be renewed and reissued annually; and

WHEREAS, the following license required a Special Ruling by the State Division of Alcoholic Beverages, as the license is currently inactive, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 prior to its renewal; and

WHEREAS, the State Division of Alcoholic Beverages has issued said special ruling for the 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 license terms; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-1 et. seq., the Vernon Township Police Department has made the necessary inspections and reported same to the Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the licensee have complied with all of the regulations as set forth by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission of the State of New Jersey;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon that the following licenses shall be reissued for the 2014-2015 licensing period effective as of July 1, 2014.

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION

Mountain Creek Beverages Corp.	1922-33-007-013

RESOLUTION #14-111

CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS on June 12, 2013, awarded Siems, Joseph a 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel the taxes for 2014 in the amount of $2,781.27, Re: Block 269.03, Lot 70, Location: 19 Evergreen Trl.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Treasurer and Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #14-112

CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS on January 28, 2014, awarded Heslin, Edward T. a 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel the taxes for 2014 in the amount of $4,099.41, Re: Block 83, Lot 3.07, Location: 55 Lounsberry Hollow Rd.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Treasurer and Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #14-113

CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS on July 8, 2013, awarded Duffy, Kevin J. a 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel the taxes for 2014 in the amount of $1,991.32, Re: Block 124.07, Lot 12, Location: 4 Grandview Rd.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Treasurer and Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #14-114

CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS on July 31, 2013, awarded Domilski, Joseph a 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel the taxes for 2014 in the amount of $5,941.34, Re: Block 41, Lot 4.08, Location: 15 Meadowbrook Way.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Treasurer and Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #14-115

CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS on August 29, 2011, awarded Govier, Gareth D a 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel 50% of the taxes for 2014 in the amount of $3,750.60, Re: Block 31.02, Lot 9, Location: 10 Carol Dr. as Govier, Gareth D is a co-owner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Treasurer and Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #14-116

CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS on September 1, 2009, awarded Smith, Todd R. a 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel the taxes for 2014 in the amount of $2,907.26, Re: Block 199.07, Lot 8 QL C0003, Location: 3 Pevero Pl, Unit 3.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Treasurer and Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #14-117

REFUND FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS on June 12, 2013 awarded Siems, Joseph a 100% permanent and total disabled Veteran; and

WHEREAS, the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon that the Tax Collector is authorized to refund the payment made in the amount of $360.87 to Siems, Joseph Re: Block 269.03, Lot 70, Location: 19 Evergreen Trl.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Treasurer and Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #14-118

REFUND FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS on January 28, 2014, awarded Heslin, Edward T. a 100% permanent and total disabled Veteran; and

WHEREAS, the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon that the Tax Collector is authorized to refund the payment made in the amount of $1,489.28 to Heslin, Edward T. Re: Block 83, Lot 3.07, Location: 55 Lounsberry Hollow Rd.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Treasurer and Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #14-119

REFUND FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS on July 8, 2013, awarded Duffy, Kevin J. a 100% permanent and total disabled Veteran; and

WHEREAS, the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon that the Tax Collector is authorized to refund the payment made in the amount of $123.11 to Duffy, Kevin, J. Re: 124.07, Lot 12 Location: 4 Grandview Rd.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Treasurer and Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #14-120

REFUND FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS on July 31, 2013 awarded Domilski, Joseph a 100% permanent and total disabled Veteran; and

WHEREAS, the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon that the Tax Collector is authorized to refund the payment made in the amount of $1,615.99 to Domilski, Joseph, Re: Block 41, Lot 4.08, Location: 15 Meadowbrook Way.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Treasurer and Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #14-121

REFUND FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS on September 1, 2009, awarded Smith, Todd R. a 100% permanent and total disabled Veteran; and

WHEREAS, the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon that the Tax Collector is authorized to refund the payment made in the amount of $628.92 to Smith, Todd R. Re: Block 199.07, Lot 8 C0003, Location: 3 Pevero Pl., Unit 3.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Treasurer and Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION # 14-122

TAX EXEMPTION FOR TOWNSHIP OWNED PROPERTY

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.54:4.3.3 allows property acquired by Municipal Government to become tax exempt; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has acquired Block 200.10, Lot 26, 552 Grandview Dr. on March 4, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon is claiming effective for the second, third and fourth quarter taxes, tax exempt.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel the 2014 taxes in the amount of $732.63 as deemed necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Township Auditor.

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RESOLUTION #14-123

AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR VERNON DPW BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT

WHEREAS, there is a need for repair/replacement of the Roof of the DPW Building within the Vernon Township Municipal Complex; and

WHEREAS, the Township has issued specifications and contract documents soliciting formal bids for the necessary work; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon opened one bid for the proposed roof replacement on May 8, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2014**,** an extension of time was granted by the Contractor to award the contract above and beyond the original (60) sixty day time period listed in the original contract specifications; and

WHEREAS, the one responsive bid was received and reviewed by the Township Engineer Cory Stoner for the specified bid requirements; and

WHEREAS, after review, the lowest bidder did fully meet the bid requirements and it is recommended to award the contract to Zitone Construction and Supply Co., Inc., P.O. Box 1829, 261 Clove Road, Montague, New Jersey, 07827 in the amount of $260,000.00

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has certified funds available for this purpose in Accounts: 3095302, Ord. #13-17, $147,247.50 and 3095717, Ord. #14-12, $112,752.50.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Vernon Township Council, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey to award the bid to Zitone Construction and Supply Co., Inc. for Replacement of the Roof of the DPW Building within the Vernon Township Municipal Complex, Vernon Township, New Jersey.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately according to law.

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RESOLUTION #14-124

SUPPORTING AN INITIATIVE TO ALLOW POLICE OFFICERS AND EMTS TO CARRY AND ADMINISTER THE LIFE SAVING HEROIN ANTIDOTE NARCAN (NALOXALONE HYDROCHOLRIDE)

WHEREAS, the Vernon Township Police Department has seen an increase in calls due to the rise of the use of heroin; and

WHEREAS, in April 2014, Governor Chris Christie announced the formation of a pilot program in Ocean and Monmouth Counties that will train and equip police officers to administer the antidote Narcan to persons suffering from an overdose of heroin or prescription narcotics; and

WHEREAS, Governor Christie describes the Narcan program as a vital, life-saving element of the State's approach to our drug problem, which also includes vigorous awareness, enforcement and anti-addiction efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General's Office and the Department of Heath and the Department of Human Services have conducted reviews and made revisions to the model pilot program; and

WHEREAS, the Narcan pilot program includes the following elements:

a. Each local law enforcement agency must utilize a Standard Operating Procedure for the use of Narcan;

b. Each agency must designate a Narcan Program Coordinator who will be responsible for training all police personnel at their agency and ensuring Narcan kits are properly deployed;

c. A County Coordinator is designated in each participating county to oversee the training and distribution of Narcan kits to the municipal Program Coordinators after all personnel are trained;

d. Training is accomplished through a "Train the Trainers" model whereby a designated officer participates in training sessions, then takes that training back to his or her home policing agency and trains follow officers; and

e. Each municipal officer's name and training certification is supplied to the County Coordinator prior to issuance of the Narcan kits. Narcan kits are prescribed for each officer, once that officer has been certified after training.

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon fully supports the initiatives and goals of this pilot program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Vernon that the Council supports the implementation of a pilot program similar to that in Ocean and Monmouth County which has already begun to be implemented in Sussex County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Vernon support the action taken by the Sussex County Prosecutor Francis A. Koch and his office as well as the Vernon Township Police Department in extending this pilot program to Sussex County and Vernon Township.

RESOLUTION #14-125

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF MORRIS COUNTY CO-OP CONTRACT #15C TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2015 FORD F-150 4x4 EXTENDED CAB X1E FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has a need to purchase one (1) 2015 Ford F-150 4x4 Extended Cab X1E truck to be used by the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, Vernon Township desires to use the Morris County Cooperative Council which has publicly received bids for said equipment through Contract #15C Item #6D; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works recommends the Township Council award the contract for one (1) 2015 Ford F-150 4x4 Extended Cab X1E truck using the vendor Beyer Ford, 170 Ridgedale Ave., Morristown, NJ 07962; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for the purchase one (1) 2015 Ford F-150 4x4 Extended Cab X1E truck will be $22,825.00 and the Chief Financial Officer, of the Township of Vernon, has certified these funds are available per Ordinance #14-12.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, that the vendor, Beyer Ford, be utilized to purchase one (1) 2015 Ford F-150 4x4 Extended Cab X1E truck through the Morris County Co-Op; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex and the State of New Jersey, the Mayor is authorized to execute a contract with Beyer Ford, 170 Ridgedale Ave., Morristown, NJ 07962

RESOLUTION #14-126

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR GPS SYSTEM FOR TOWNSHIP VEHICLES

WHEREAS, there exists a need for GPS monitoring and tracking of Township vehicles, and

WHEREAS, formal quotes were solicited and received by the Vernon Township Business Administrator's office; and

WHEREAS, after the review of quotes and clearly defining the needs for the Township, the Business Administrator's office hereby recommends that the contract be awarded to Verizon Telematics, 6363 Greenwich Drive, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92122 under New Networkfleet's Federal Supply Schedule No. GS-07F-5559R; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to NJAC 5:30-5.5(b), has certified these funds are available per Ordinance #14-07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey, the Mayor is authorized to execute a contract with Verizon Telematics, 6363 Greenwich Drive, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92122, not to exceed $15,000.00

RESOLUTION #14-127

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF A QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT

WHEREAS, a Qualified Purchasing Agent will allow the Township's bid threshold to be $36,000 and the quote threshold to be $5,400 and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A:40A: 11-9, appointees must possess a valid Qualified Purchasing Agent Certification (QPA) issued by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Ruess holds the mandated certification needed by the state law to perform the duties of Qualified Purchasing Agent.

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

1. Jennifer Ruess is thereby appointed as the QPA for the Township of Vernon, New Jersey commencing July 1, 2014 at a stipend of $400 per month.
2. The Mayor is authorized to establish an agreement outlining the duties and working arrangements with the QPA.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

RESOLUTION #14-128

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON AND THE VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 141, LOT 12.01 AND 13

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has a need for a additional building space; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has a desire to sell the property commonly known as 294 Route 94 (former Special Services Building) in the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, shown on the municipal tax map as lot 12.01 and 13, block 141; and

WHEREAS, after the review of the Contract, the Township Attorney hereby recommends that the contract be executed; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to NJAC 5:30-5.5(b), shall certify amounts chargeable to this contract at the time when such services are ordered or otherwise called for; and

WHEREAS, the purchase price of the contract shall not exceed $1.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey, the Mayor, Clerk and CFO are authorized to execute a contract with the Vernon Township Board of Education for the purchase of 294 Route 94 (former Special Services Building) in the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex shown on the municipal tax map as lot 12.01 and 13, block 141 for an amount not to exceed $1.00.

RESOLUTION #14-129

OPPOSING EXPANSION OF FEDERAL CONTROL UNDER CLEAN WATER ACT

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps.) have released a 371 page draft regulation for Definition of Waters of the U.S. under the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, both agencies are seeking a rule change to give the federal government more authority by expanding the definition of "navigable waters" in the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, the rule change proposed by the EPA and the Corps would subject almost all physical areas with a connection to downstream navigable waters, including features such as ditches, natural or man-made ponds, and flood plains, to the jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rule change, if adopted, will cause significant harm to local farmers, stall the development of businesses, take control of land use for sustainable food production out of our local providers' hands, and negatively impact County-owned and maintained infrastructure such as roadside ditches and flood control channels; and

WHEREAS, the cost to our farms, municipalities and taxpayers will pose yet another undue economic burden; and

WHEREAS, it is impractical for the federal government to regulate every ditch, pond and rain puddle that may have some tenuous connection, miles away, to a body of water currently defined as "navigable",

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Vernon hereby strongly opposes the EPA and Corps expansion of the Clean Water Act, as proposed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that three (3) copies of this Resolution be forwarded to "Water Docket, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20460, Attention: Docket ID NO EPA-HQ-OW-2011-0880; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Chris Christie - Governor of the State of New Jersey; the Honorable Robert Menendez - U.S Senator; the Honorable Corey Booker - U.S. Senator; the Honorable E. Scott Garrett U.S. Representative, 5th Congressional District; the Honorable Steven Oroho, State Senator, 24th Legislative District; the Honorable Alison McHose Assembly Representative, 24th Legislative District; the Honorable Parker Space - Assembly Representative, 24th Legislative District; the New Jersey League of Municipalities and the 24 municipalities of Sussex County.

RESOLUTION #14-130

RESOLUTION REQUESTING FEDERAL AND/OR STATE GRANT FUNDING TO ADDRESS THE SINGLE LANE UNDERPASS ROADWAY ON CANISTEAR ROAD

WHEREAS, the residents of the Township of Vernon and neighboring municipalities often travel on Canistear Road which is located in West Milford Township; and

WHEREAS, the road becomes a single lane underpass under a train trestle which is owned by the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway; and

WHEREAS, residents of the Township of Vernon and neighboring municipalities express concerns and complaints regarding the potential safety concerns as to this one-lane road underpass; and

WHEREAS, inasmuch as this effects residents in Vernon and neighboring communities who traverse this roadway on a daily basis, the Township Council believe that the Federal Government should review this matter in that it involves a train trestle owned by the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that the governing body hereby urges its legislators and representatives to evaluate the present condition of the Canistear Road train trestle owned by the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway for safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Vernon requests that its legislators seek the appropriate grant funding as well as Federal and/or State funding to consider and address the single lane underpass roadway for expansion and safety upgrades.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this request is made in the interest of the residents of Vernon Township and surrounding communities in Sussex, Passaic and Morris Counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Chris Christie - Governor of the State of New Jersey; the Honorable Robert Menendez - U.S Senator; the Honorable Corey Booker - U.S. Senator; the Honorable E. Scott Garrett U.S. Representative, 5th Congressional District; the Honorable Steven Oroho, State Senator, 24th Legislative District; the Honorable Alison McHose Assembly Representative, 24th Legislative District; the Honorable Parker Space - Assembly Representative, 24th Legislative District as well as to the representatives of Hardyston, West Milford and Jefferson Township for their support and endorsement.