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February 16, 2017 Vernon Township Council Meeting Resolutions

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RESOLUTION #17-50

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Director of Recreation and Community Development resigned in 2016; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor to appoint Mishelle Downtain as the Director of Recreation and Community Affairs.

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

1. Mishelle Downtain is the Director of Recreation and Community Affairs retroactive to January 1, 2017.
2. Ms. Downtain's annual salary shall be $45,000 per annum in accordance with Ordinance 15-20.

RESOLUTION #17-54

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE MAPLE GRANGE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, Vernon Township desires to apply for a 2017 Municipal Aid Grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for road improvements to Maple Grange Road.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Vernon Township Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Engineer, and Chief Finance Officer are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2017-Maple Grange Road Improvements-00163 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Vernon Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of Vernon Township and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement.

RESOLUTION #17-55

RESOLUTION FOR CALCULATION FOR RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES

WHEREAS, the prior year tax collection rate is used to calculate the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:4-41c(2) states:

"If tax appeal judgments of the county tax board pursuant to R.S.54:3-21 et seq., or the State tax court pursuant to R.S.54:48-1 et seq., result in tax reductions for the previous fiscal year, the governing body of the municipality may elect to calculate the current year reserve for uncollected taxes by reducing the certified tax levy of the prior year by the amount of the tax levy adjustment resulting from those judgments."; and

WHEREAS, 2016 taxes were reduced by court tax judgments in the amount of $458,075.30;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Vernon, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that the 2016 tax levy be reduced by $458,075.30 in calculating the tax collection rate used for the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes.

RESOLUTION #17-56

TRANSFER RESOLUTION - FUND BALANCE TRANSFER

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 Appropriations (2016 Municipal Budget) in accordance with N.J.S.A 40A-58/59 and hereby approved.

FROM:
Current Budget:

Social Security- OE	$35,000.00
Group Insurance- OE	46,500.00

Total Current Fund Budget Transfers $81,500.00

TO:	
Current Budget:	
PERS- OE	$ 29,000.00
PFRS- OE	52,500.00
Total Current Fund Budget Transfers	$ 81,500.00

RESOLUTION #17-57

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP THEREIN FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

WHEREAS, the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council ("MCCPC") was created in 1974 to conduct a voluntary cooperative pricing system with municipalities, boards of educations, and other public bodies located in the County of Morris and adjoining counties; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the MCCPC is to provide substantial savings on various goods and services to its members through the cooperative public bidding process; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon desires to enter into an Agreement with the MCCPC, which is administered by Randolph Township as Lead Agency, to renew its membership in the MCCPC for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2021.

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

1. Mayor Harry J. Shortway of the Township of Vernon hereby authorize the execution of an Agreement with the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council by the Township of Randolph as Lead Agency dated October 1, 2016 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5). Said agreement is for renewal of membership in the MCCPC for a five (5) year period from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2021.

2. The Township of Vernon Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to submit a copy of this adopted Resolution, along with an executed Agreement, to Randolph Township as Lead Agency of the MCCPC.

3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon final passage according to law.

4. All appropriate Vernon Township officials are authorized and directed to perform all required acts to affect the purpose of this Resolution.

RESOLUTION #17-58

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF THE "2017 DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN *U DRIVE U TEXT UPAY*" GRANT ADMINISTERED BY THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, the Vernon Township Police Department wishes to apply for funding from the National Highway Safety Administration "2017 Distracted Driving Crackdown *U Drive U Text U Pay"* Grant; and

WHEREAS, distracted driving is a dangerous epidemic on America's roadways and in 2014 alone, 3179 people were killed and 431,000 people were injured in distracted driving crashes. Driver inattention is the most insignificant cause of fatal and incapacitating crashes; and

WHEREAS, distracted driving is any activity that diverts a person's attention away from primary task of driving which includes texting, using a cell phone, eating and drinking, reading, grooming, using a GPS or radio among others; and

WHEREAS, Vernon Township will initially incur the cost of the program not to exceed $5,500.00 and then will submit the necessary documentation to the Division of Highway Traffic Safety for total reimbursement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Vernon Township declares its support for the "2017 Distracted Driving Crackdown *U Drive U Text U Pay"* Grant from April 1 through April 21, 2017 to raise awareness about the dangers of distracted driving; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor, CFO and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and sign any and all documents in order to effectuate the receipt of the Grant monies between the Township of Vernon and the Division of Highway Traffic Safety for the *"2017 Distracted Driving Crackdown U Drive U Text U Pay"* Grant.

RESOLUTION #17-59

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO REALTY APPRAISAL CO., FOR THE REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR ASSESSMENT PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Resolution No.: 16-273, approved on December 12, 2016, authorized Vernon Township to use the Competitive Contracting Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 et seq., to award a contract for the revaluation of real property for assessment purposes; and

WHEREAS, Vernon Township issued a Request for Proposals ("RFP") seeking a vendor that is expected to complete a revaluation of real property for tax year 2018 in order to comply with an order issued on by the Division of Taxation in the New Jersey Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the responses to the RFP were opened in public and reviewed by Vernon Township officials in accordance with law, who recommend that the contract be awarded to Realty Appraisal Co., for an amount of $809,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township will adopt a special emergency bond ordinance to effectuate payment for this contract and at that time the Chief Financial Officer will certify that funds are available to pay for the Contract.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, and STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that:

1. Realty Appraisal, Co., is hereby awarded the contract to perform a full revaluation of real property for assessment purposes, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1. et seq.

2. The contract is awarded at a cost of up to $809,000.00 contingent upon the adoption of a special emergency bond ordinance and subject to the 2017, 2018 and/or 2019 budget.

3. The language of the RFP, followed by the language of the bid response provided by Realty Appraisal Co., constitutes the binding language of the base contract.

4. Subject to any modifications as may be deemed necessary or appropriate by the Township Attorney, the Mayor, or the Business Administration, the base contract may be modified provided that any subsequent agreement do not materially alter what was specified in the RFP.

RESOLUTION #17-60

APPOINTMENT TO THE VERNON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITY AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Vernon Township Municipal Utilities Authority ("VTMUA") is a duly established utilities authority pursuant to the Municipal and County Utilities Authorities Law, N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the VTMUA has multiple vacancies in its membership that need to be filled.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, and STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the following individual is hereby appointed as a member of the Vernon Township Municipal Utility Authority, effective 2/16/2017, for an unexpired term specified as follows:

JOHN C. PERRY **Seat V**
Expiring 2/01/2021

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Township Clerk shall send a certified copy of this resolution to the following:

a. Vernon Township Municipal Utilities Authority

RESOLUTION #17-61

RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON FOR THE 2016-17 LICENSING TERM

WHEREAS, the following corporations applied for the renewal of their Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for the period from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, namely:

LICENSE NO.	APPLICANT	TRADENAME
1922-36-011-001	Stone Hill Recreation Corp.	Minerals Spa-The Spa at Great Gorge

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, said applications comply with the State Laws regulating the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon that the applications for renewal of existing alcoholic beverage licenses from the above mentioned corporations be approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue said licenses to the applicants for the period from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

RESOLUTION #17-62

AUTHORIZING THE VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL TO APPROVE A PERSON-TO-PERSON AND PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE #1922-33-007-012

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a person-to-person and place-to-place transfer of a Plenary Retail Consumption License #1922-33-007-012, for the purpose of changing the name of licensee wherein the sale, service and storage of alcoholic beverages are authorized; and for the purpose of transferring the licensed premises from “inactive, pocket” status to “active” status at the location set forth below; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Vernon does hereby approve, effective as of December 22, 2016, person-to person and place-to-place transfer of the Plenary Retail Consumption License #1922-33-007-012, located at 200 Route 94, Vernon Township, New Jersey to transfer from Mountain Creek Beverages Corp. to Appalachian Liquors Corp., as delineated in the application form.