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**December 9, 2019 Vernon Township Council Meeting Resolutions**

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**RESOLUTION #19-223**

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND DELTA DENTAL PLAN CARE PLAN FOR TOWNSHIP OF VERNON EMPLOYEES**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Vernon ("Township") has a desire to offer the Delta Dental Premier Plus PPO Dental Plan to its employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township desires to execute the contract between the Township and Delta Dental; and

**WHEREAS**, Delta Dental had submitted a contract, detailing all of the benefits, conditions and costs for the Premier Plus PPO for the period effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 the New Jersey Local Pay-to-Play Law and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1) (a) (1) of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, the Township may amend said Agreement without public bidding provided all reporting requirements have been met; and

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

1. The Mayor of the Township of Vernon is hereby authorized to sign contract for the Delta Dental Premier Plus PPO plan effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage in accordance with law.

**RESOLUTION #19-224**

**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE  
FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY 2021 - JUNE 2025**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

**WHEREAS**, The Township Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Sussex;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Vernon Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2021 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$ 16,540.00
Cash Match	\$ 4,135.00
In-Kind	\$ 12,405.00

2. The Township Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

**RESOLUTION #19-225**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION  
OF APPROPRIATION RESERVE BALANCES**

**WHEREAS**, certain 2018 Appropriation Reserve Balances remain that are no longer needed; and

**WHEREAS**, a STORM RECOVERY RESERVE TRUST FUND was established by Resolution #07-68 and approved by the Division of Local Government Services on April 17, 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances from appropriation reserves and fund the Snow Removal Trust Fund,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Township of Vernon that the following unexpended balances of the Appropriations Reserves be cancelled:

8-01-26-29-20 – (2018) ROAD REPAIRS & MAINT. O/E	\$ 30,000.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 30,000.00</u>

**RESOLUTION #19-226**

**TEMPORARY BUDGET – DEBT SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.40A:4-19 provides authority for appropriating in a temporary resolution the permanent debt service requirements for the coming fiscal year, and

**WHEREAS**, the date of this resolution is subsequent to that date, and

**WHEREAS**, principal and interest will be due on various dates from January 1, 2020 to January 31, 2020, inclusive, on bonds and notes issued and outstanding,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Township of Vernon, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, that the following appropriations be made to cover the period from January 1, 2020 to January 31, 2020 inclusive:

Payment of Bonds	\$1,851,850.00
Interest on Bonds	240,184.38
Principal on Road Assessment	<u>33,150.00</u>
Total	<u>\$2,125,184.38</u>

**RESOLUTION #19-227**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND  
RELEASE BETWEEN VERNON TOWNSHIP AND EMPLOYEE #854**

**WHEREAS**, J.E. (“employee”) is employed by Vernon Township (“Township”) as a non-union Animal Control Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township and Employee have agreed to a Settlement Agreement and Release to fully and finally resolve all matters related to the employment relationship between them; and

**WHEREAS**, the Settlement Agreement and Release was executed by employee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township wishes to ratify and execute the Settlement Agreement and Release;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

1. The Township approves the Settlement Agreement and Release between the Township and Employee; and
2. The Mayor And Clerk are authorized to execute the Settlement Agreement and Release between the Township and Employee related this matter, and to perform such other ministerial tasks as needed to effectuate the provisions of this resolution on behalf of the Township

### **RESOLUTION #19-228**

#### **RESOLUTION ENABLING AGENT AND CONTRACTING FOR ONLINE POWER PURCHASE**

**WHEREAS** the NJ Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, permits public entities – as per P.L.2001, c.30 – to utilize Division-approved online purchasing agents to secure energy supply contracts through an online bidding/reverse auction process; and

**WHEREAS** the services of said approved agents are exempt from public bidding, as per P.L.2001, c.30; and

**WHEREAS** the governing body of the Township of Vernon desires to utilize Premiere Marketing, LLC dba Transparent Energy (“TE”) – a BPU certified and DCA approved provider of online energy procurement services – to secure natural gas and electricity supply contracts; and

**WHEREAS** the NJDCA and NJBPU advise that contracts for power supply should be awarded shortly after an online auction is conducted in order to ensure the lowest possible rates;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the governing body of the Township of Vernon authorizes TE to investigate market conditions and, when directed by approved Township of Vernon officer(s), conduct online auctions for the purpose of securing natural gas and electricity supply contracts for its utility accounts.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the governing body of the Township of Vernon authorizes Mayor Shortway or his designee to award and sign power supply contracts on the day that the auctions close, provided that the natural gas and electricity rates procured are at least 7% and 12% lower – respectively – than those provided by the local utility company.

### **RESOLUTION #19-229**

#### **AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF A REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONTRACT WITH ASSOCIATED APPRAISAL GROUP, INC. FOR TAX APPRAISAL SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Vernon has a need for tax appraisal services through Associated Appraisal Services Group Inc. 6 Commerce Drive Suite 303, Cranford, N.J. 07016 as a required disclosure contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Sean Canning, Q.P.A., has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500.00; and,

**WHEREAS**, the anticipated term of this contract is for the year of 2019-2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Associated Appraisal Services Group Inc., in the aggregate is expected to provide more than the pay to play threshold of \$17,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Associated Appraisal Services Group Inc., has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification and a Personal Contribution Disclosure form which certifies that Associated Appraisal Services Group Inc. has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the *Township of Vernon* in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Associated Appraisal Services Group Inc. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies that funds NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00 are available as follows;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Business Administrator to enter into a contract with Associated Appraisal Services Group Inc., not to exceed \$20,000.00 for the 2019-2020 budget year for contractor, tax appraisal services; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and Personal Contribution Disclosure form, Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

**RESOLUTION #19-230**

**APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP CLERK**

**RESOLUTION #19-231**

**APPOINTING REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS**

**RESOLUTION #19-232**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION  
OF APPROPRIATION RESERVE BALANCES**

**WHEREAS**, certain 2018 Appropriation Reserve Balances remain that are no longer needed; and

**WHEREAS**, an ACCUMULATED ABSENCES TRUST was established by Resolution #02-44 and approved by the Division of Local Government Services on April 05, 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances from appropriation reserves and fund the Accumulated Absences Trust Fund,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Township of Vernon that the following

unexpended balances of the Appropriations Reserves be cancelled:

Administration- S&W	\$ 5,000.00
Finance – S&W	\$ 10,000.00
Building Department – S&W	\$ 5,000.00
Road Repairs & Maint. – S&W	\$ 15,000.00
Police Department- S&W	<u>\$ 25,000.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 60,000.00</u>