

**MINUTES
BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
7:00 PM PUBLIC MEETING
CLOSED SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
Monday, March 28, 2022**



PUBLIC SESSION:

Mayor Putrino called the meeting to order, asked for a moment of silent prayer and/or reflection and led the flag salute. Mayor Putrino read the Open Public Meeting Law and Mission Statement. The meeting was held by electronic means, in accordance with law. The Mayor read an announcement regarding public comments during remote meetings.

Councilwoman Lisa Sandhusen	Present
Councilwoman Thea Sirocchi-Hurley	Absent
Council President Randi Duffie	Absent
Councilman Ira Grotsky	Present
Councilman Matthew Seymour	Present
Councilwoman Hedy Grant	Present
Mayor Michael Putrino	Present

Also Present: K. Kelly – Borough Attorney; S. Wielkotsz – Auditor; P. Wilkins – Tax Assessor;
C. Demiris – Administrator/Borough Clerk

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Grant made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2022 Closed, and Work Session meetings. Councilwoman Sandhusen seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed.

ADOPT ORDINANCE 2022:08

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD ENTITLED "SALARY," ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE 91:01 AND AMENDED ANNUALLY BY ORDINANCE UP TO AND INCLUDING ORDINANCE 2021:22

Councilwoman Grant made a motion to open the meeting for public comment on this ordinance. Councilwoman Sandhusen seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed.

The record reflects that no member of the public wished to comment on this ordinance.

Councilman Seymour made a motion to close to the public. Councilwoman Grant seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed.

Councilman Grotsky made a motion to approve this ordinance on the second and final reading. Councilwoman Grant seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote. All present in favor, none opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

PROCLAMATION: WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Mayor Putrino said he would present this proclamation to Rebecca Macario, a U14 wrestler who was the first female to medal in the state championship.

APPOINTMENTS: KATHLEEN FLANAGAN – BOARD OF HEALTH

Councilwoman Grant made a motion to approve the appointment of Kathleen Flanagan to the Board of Health. Councilman Seymour seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed.

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 2022:09

**CALENDAR YEAR 2022 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATIONS LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

Auditor Steve Wielkots explained that this ordinance is adopted each year by every municipality in the state. He said it allows the borough to carry forward an appropriation cap bank from year to year. He said this year's appropriations are approximately \$1,000,000 under the appropriation cap and the ordinance allows for it to be carried forward should it be needed in future years.

Mr. Wielkots said the budget introduction represents a \$99 tax increase on the average home. He outlined some of the increases as follows: contractual salary increases - \$138,000; pension contributions - \$163,000; insurance - \$65,000; garbage and trash - \$100,000; and the BCUA - \$40,000. He said the overall department operational budgets are down \$5,200, which means what can be controlled, is being controlled.

Mayor Putrino said the budget committee worked hard to draft a responsible budget, noting that it did not start out as a \$99 increase; it took a lot of work to get it down to that number. He said he recently attended a mayor's meeting and the increases in garbage contracts was a hot topic and something that is affecting all municipalities.

Councilwoman Grant asked how much of the increase is due to the payment of bonds. Mr. Wielkots said debt service increased by \$113,000, noting that this was anticipated as part of the bond sale the prior year.

Councilman Grotsky made a motion to introduce ordinance 2022:09. Councilman Seymour seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote. All present in favor, none opposed.

The ordinance will be advertised, and a public hearing will be held on April 25, 2022.

2022:101 Introduce 2022 Municipal Budget

Councilman Grotsky made a motion to introduce the 2022 municipal budget. Councilwoman Grant seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote. All present in favor, none opposed.

Mayor Putrino said a hearing on the 2022 municipal budget will be held on April 25, 2022.

1. Revaluation – Tax Assessor

Borough Tax Assessor, Patrick Williams, said the borough has been ordered to conduct a full revaluation of all properties. He said the last time this was done was in 2006, with a smaller scale reassessment in 2013. He said a revaluation requires an inspection of all properties with the primary purpose of equitably distributing the tax burden.

He said the county tax board monitors the relationship between sales and assessments and as property values continue to increase the disparity between the assessment and the property value continues to grow as well. He said the county orders the revaluation when the assessments fall below 85% of the value and New Milford is currently at 77%.

Councilwoman Grant asked if the revaluation order is countywide. Mr. Wilkins said only Gloucester County does a countywide revaluation; Bergen County is town by town.

Mr. Wilkins said we received the order in 2021 to complete for 2022 but he requested, and was granted, an extension due to the pandemic. He said it would serve the borough to reset the equity. He said the process is labor intense and requires the services of an appraisal firm. He said he has drafted a request for proposals, which he has forwarded to the Administrator and Borough Attorney for their review.

Councilman Grotsky asked when we would need to start, as the 2022 budget has just been introduced and this was not considered as part of the budget. The Administrator said the revaluation can be financed over five years and the first payment would not be required until one year after the contract is awarded.

Councilwoman Grant asked how long it would take to complete the revaluation. Mr. Wilkins said it can be done within six months but that eight to ten months would be a more reasonable expectation. He said it is important to show we are moving forward and by doing so we would be in a better position to request an extension if necessary.

Mr. Kelly said he has reviewed the RFP and would work with the Administrator and Tax Assessor to finalize it prior to advertising. He said it is important to note that a revaluation does not mean that everyone's property taxes will be increasing.

2. Schedule Updates

Mayor Putrino reported on the following upcoming events:

- April 2nd from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM – NMPD will be host a Car Seat Check Event at the DPW – rain or shine
- April 3rd from 2:00 to 4:00 PM – 100th Anniversary Opening Ceremony at which time the 75th Anniversary time-capsule will be opened and the 100th Anniversary flag will be raised – rain or shine
- April 9th at 10:00 AM – Easter Egg Hunt at Williams Field
- April 23rd at 10:00 AM – Holland Avenue Clean-Up sponsored by the Beautification Committee. Rain Date – 5/1

3. Administrator's Report

- Engineering Report
 - Knights Field – punch list has been provided to contractor. Final seeding and restoration scheduled for April
 - Knights Field Pavilion – Estimated delivery is 6/27 with installation scheduled upon delivery
 - Madison Avenue Sidewalks – Plans resubmitted to the County 2/24/22, still awaiting a response. Anticipated bid date August 2022
 - NJDOT Culvert Project – Design is complete. Request for private owners' signatures is underway
 - Kennedy Field Bench Covers – Construction scheduled for July/August 2022, following spring sports
 - Graphic Boulevard Improvement Project (Chestnut to Birch) – Received comments from NJDOT, revisions underway. Anticipated bid date of April 2022
 - Pacific Street Improvement Project (Reichelt to Faller) – Design complete, waiting for county approval. Anticipated bid date of April 2022
 - Warren Park ADA Improvements – Design scheduled to be completed April 2022
 - Graphic Boulevard Signalization Project – Received \$570,000 DOT Grant. Schedule TBD upon appropriation of funding
- Next Meeting – work session to be held in person, two weeks from tonight, on Monday, 4/11

RESOLUTIONS:

- 2022:102 Closed Session
- 2022:103 Payment of Bills and Vouchers
- 2022:104 Approve Cancellation and Refund of Taxes due to Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption – Block 1509, Lot 9
- 2022:105 Authorize Escrow Refund – Alex and Sons - \$1,777.50
- 2022:106 Authorize Extension of Shared Services Agreement with NMBOE for Geese Clearing Services
- 2022:107 Request Extension to Contract Award Deadline for FY 2020 Madison Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Project

2022:108 Request Extension to Contract Award Deadline for NJDOT Culvert Repairs Project
2022:109 Support 2022 UDrive, UText, UPay Distracted Driving Crackdown
2022:110 Authorize Permanent Appointment – Police Officer Daniel Rugani
2022:111 Appoint Part-Time Assistant to Tax Assessor/Administrative Float – Ruth Cruz
2022:112 Support S-330/A3804 to Restore Energy Tax Receipts to Municipalities
2022:113 Support A3669 Reduce or Suspend State Tax on Highway Fuels

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilwoman Grant made a motion to file Committee Reports with the Borough Clerk to be spread in full upon the minutes. Councilman Seymour seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed.

Councilman Grotsky said he had nothing further to report.

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Councilwoman Sandhusen said she recently attended an EV (electric vehicle) symposium sponsored by the County.

Councilman Seymour offered his congratulations to three travel basketball teams on winning their championship games. He said he is looking forward to the opening of the spring sports season. He said the New Milford Woods Trail Board is scheduled for completion on April 23rd and commended Troop 78 and Scout Garrett Sandhusen on their hard work.

Mayor Putrino commented on the recent success of the NMHS play, The Wedding Singer.

Councilman Seymour said Berkley Street School would be performing Stone Soup on Friday.

Mayor Putrino said Congressman Gottheimer was at the Borough today with an announcement of a bill he is sponsoring to help students and student athletes in relation to the opioid pandemic with funding and training for teachers, doctors and anyone else associated with students.

Mayor Putrino reported that the number of COVID positives continues to decline with 59 in March, following 88 in February and more than 1,000 in January.

Mayor Putrino said the governing body would be going into closed session, following comments from the public and approval of the consent agenda, and will take no further action. He said the meeting will be adjourned upon return to open session.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Councilwoman Grant made a motion to open the meeting for public comment. Councilman Seymour seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed.

The record reflects that no member of the public wished to comment.

Councilwoman Grant made a motion to close to the public. Councilman Seymour seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed.

VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Grotsky made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of resolutions 202:102 through 2022:113. Councilwoman Grant seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed.

Councilwoman Grant made a motion to go into closed session. Councilman Seymour seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed. Time 7:48 PM.

CLOSED SESSION:

1. Legal Advice – SBA Communications

At the conclusion of the closed session, Councilwoman Grant made a motion to return to open session. Councilwoman Sandhusen seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed. Time 8:20 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business before the governing body, Councilwoman Grant made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Grotsky seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed. Time 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Demiris, RMC, CMC, MMC
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

No. 2022:101

Offered by: Grotsky

Seconded by: Grant

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
SANDHUSEN	✓			
SIROCCHI- HURLEY				✓
DUFFIE	✓			✓
GROTSKY	✓			
SEYMOUR	✓			
GRANT	✓			
MAYOR (lie)				

Introduction of 2022 Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations attached hereto constitute the local Budget of the Borough of New Milford, Bergen County, New Jersey for the year 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said Budget Revenue and Appropriation Summary be published in The Record in the issue of April 5, 2022, and that a hearing on the Budget will be held at the Municipal Building on April 25, 2022 at 7 o'clock (P.M.) or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the Borough of New Milford at the meeting held on March 28, 2022.

SEAL

Christine Bernano

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

No. 2022:102

Offered by: Grotsky

Seconded by: Grant

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
SANDHUSEN	✓			
SIROCCHI-HURLEY				✓
DUFFIE				✓
GROTSKY	✓			
SEYMOUR	✓			
GRANT	✓			
MAYOR (lie)				

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to discuss:

1. Legal Advice – SBA Communications

WHEREAS, minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the public be excluded from this meeting.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the Borough of New Milford at the meeting held on March 28, 2022.

SEAL

Christine Neri

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

No. 2022:103

Offered by: Grotsky

Seconded by: Grant

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
SANDHUSEN	✓			
SIROCCHI-HURLEY				✓
DUFFIE				✓
GROTSKY	✓			
SEYMOUR	✓			
GRANT	✓			
MAYOR (lie)				

WHEREAS, the claims and accounts listed in the attached, have been authorized by the CFO, and found correct.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the payment of these claims, and that warrants be drawn therefore when funds are available in the aggregate amount of \$1,049,122.67.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the Borough of New Milford at the meeting held on March 28, 2022.

SEAL

Cristina Ramirez

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD**Bill list****MARCH 28, 2022**

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Check #</u>
JP MORGAN CHASE	-700000.00	WIRE APRIL 1, 2022 2020 BOND	PAYMENT	23769
JP MORGAN CHASE	700000.00	WIRE APRIL 1, 2022 2020 BOND	PAYMENT	23769
JP MORGAN CHASE	-84293.75	WIRE APRIL 1, 2022 2020 BOND	INTEREST ON	23769
JP MORGAN CHASE	0.00	WIRE APRIL 1, 2022 2020 BOND	INTEREST ON	23769
JP MORGAN CHASE	84293.75	WIRE APRIL 1, 2022 2020 BOND	INTEREST ON	23769
AMAUROS POLANCO	2119.00	BL.1509 LOT 9 EXEMPT VET 1ST QTR	TAX	23770
DARLENE MINKO	15.95	REIMB,. LIGHTS	CELEBRATION	23771
BERGEN CTY MUN. COURT ADM	40.00	2022 MEMBERSHIP DUES-SUSAN STUCKE	MUNICIPAL	23772
DENISE M. AMOROSO	187.15	REIMB. CALCULATOR PAPER, SUPPLIES	COLLECTION	23773
WB MASON CO., INC.	157.00	INV.,22791671 228019846,CM0696930	COLLECTION	23774
HASMIG MEKJIAN	550.00	MARCH 2022 TAI CHI INSTRUCTION	SENIOR	23775
SENIORS TECH ACADEMY	100.00	MARCH 2022 TECH INSTRUCTION FOR	SENIOR	23776
SALONEY CHANDRA	220.00	MARCH 2022 WEEKLY CLASSES IN ZUMBA	SENIOR	23777
SHERI MC KAY	275.00	MARCH 2022 WEEKLY EXERCISE CLASSES	SENIOR	23778
HOWARD N. KATZ	110.00	MARCH 2022 WEEKLY YOGA CLASSES	SENIOR	23779
CIRCLE D LIGHTS	1500.00	INV.158091 STINGER FLASH	DDEF FUND	23780
JEFFREY COMPESTI	312.25	REIMB. CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	POLICE	23781
ATLANTIC TOMORROWS OFFICE	343.00	INV.250069 ANNUAL SHREDDER MAINT.	POLICE	23782
INTERSTATE BATTERIES OF NJ	363.74	INV. 710053488, 710053489	VEHICLE	23783
THOMSON REUTERS WEST	286.18	INV.845936588 FEBRUARY 2022	POLICE	23784
WATCH GUARD, INC.	810.00	INV.ACCINV0035059 V300 CAMERA	ACCRED	23785
P & A AUTO PARTS	289.99	INV.230206,230536,230860,230870,23	VEHICLE	23786
P & A AUTO PARTS	88.26	INV.233351, CR 233319, 233825	VEHICLE	23787
VINCENT CAHILL	100.00	MEAL MONEY 2/18/22-3/8/22	PUBLIC	23788
STEPHEN DEMAURO	480.00	REIMB. NJWEA CLASSES 3/7-3/10/22	PUBLIC	23789
S. ROTONDI & SONS, INC.	5439.50	INV.401668, 31671,401602	GARBAGE &	23790
BENJAMIN BROS. INC.	286.46	INV.34880,348952,348954,349272,349	PUBLIC	23791
P & G AUTO, INC.	424.28	INV.253581	VEHICLE	23792
P & G AUTO, INC.	1080.42	INV.001-248358,001-249058	VEHICLE	23793
GRAINGER	36.36	INV.9241724906 STORAGE BINS	POLICE	23794
GRAINGER	198.36	INV.9238621180	PUBLIC	23795
ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC.	105.82	INV.2025103 FEBRUARY MARKOUTS	PUBLIC	23796
PALMERS ACE HARDWARE	999.71	12 INVOICES	PUBLIC	23797
BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES	33667.50	INV.1328 JANUARY 2022 WASTE	GARBAGE &	23798
HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SUPPLY	1000.89	INV.61787,61788,61876,61878,61888	PUBLIC	23799
GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER	600.00	INV28899 TIRE FOR VEHICLE #88	VEHICLE	23800
STONE INDUSTRIES, INC.	639.18	INV.139644,139301 BLACK TOP	PUBLIC	23801
TRAFFIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT,	918.00	INV.223247 BOLTS & NUTS FOR	PUBLIC	23802
HACKENSACK AUTO SPRING	2744.00	INV.17129 REAR SPRINGS FOR TRUCK	PUBLIC	23803
ALL AMERICAN SEWER SERVICE	575.00	INV.S74892 REPAIR BATHROOM FIRE	PUBLIC	23804
I-M CLEANING, INC.	4992.00	INV.8614 MARCH CLEANING SERVICE	PUBLIC	23805
JO STATES ENGINEERING CORP.	150.00	MARCH 2022 INV.6548 ATTEND 3/8/22	ZONING	23806
STEPHEN SINISI	770.00	MARCH 20222 SR WEIGHT TRAINING	SENIOR	23807
WB MASON CO., INC.	56.97	INV.228090615 CUST.2365727	POLICE	23808
NEW MILFORD DELI	281.00	2/21/22 PATROL LUNCH MEETING	POLICE	23809
HARD ROCK HOTEL & CASINO, AC	318.00	CONF.#46KPP6S6/NVXTH CHERYLE	COLLECTION	23810
WIDMER TIME RECORDER	116.26	INV.240499 EMD1 TIME CARDS 000-099	MUNICIPAL	23811

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HACKENSACK OCCUPATIONAL	2650.00	3 NEW HIRE PHYSICALSACCT.2069776	POLICE	23812
NORTHWEST BERGEN CENTRAL	9058.98	INV.4182022-51 2022 ANNUAL HANDOFF	POLICE	23813
HASMIG MEKJIAN	220.00	MARCH 2022 SENIOR EXCERCISE 12	RECREATION	23814
CLOSEOUT BATS.COM	269.40	INV.22-110762 SOFTBALL BATS	RECREATION	23815
INGER	133.21	INV.9245737581 FIELD SUPPLIES	RECREATION	23816
TEAM SNAP, INC.	1599.00	INV.52617 PLAYER MANAGEMENT	RECREATION	23817
STEPHEN BUCKLEY	1260.00	REC BASKETBALL OFFICIAL	RECREATION	23818
THOMAS A. GORMAN	1165.00	REC BASKETBALL OFFICIAL	RECREATION	23819
FRANK FERNANDEZ-CALIENES	420.00	REC BASKETBALL OFFICIAL	RECREATION	23820
ANTHONY R. JONES	530.00	REC BASKETBALL OFFICIAL	RECREATION	23821
MICHAEL CRISCUOLO	630.00	REC BASKETBALL OFFICIAL	RECREATION	23822
COLLIERS ENGINEERING &	720.00	INV.728582 (JAN) & 735401 (FEB)	ENGINEERING	23823
DELGADO INTERPRETING	810.00	INV.36952,36982,36977,36996 COURT	MUNICIPAL	23824
CLEARY GIACOBBE ALFIERI	200.00	INV. 105147 & 105148 FEB.& MARCH	ZONING	23825
MEDICAL INSURANCE EMPLOYEE	50000.00	MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT	INSURANCE	23826
MEDICAL INSURANCE EMPLOYEE	765.75	MARCH, APRIL, MAY 2022 MEDICAL -	INSURANCE	23827
GANN LAW BOOKS	488.00	INV.D660796 CUST.03118 GANN LAW	ZONING	23828
GANN LAW BOOKS	102.00	INV.D660665 CUST.15981 2022	MUNICIPAL	23829
RICOH USA INC.	185.00	INV.11567140322 APRIL, 2022	MUNICIPAL	23830
ATLANTIC TOMORROWS OFFICE	52.45	INV.253016 ITEM #415010 STAPLES	MUNICIPAL	23831
SUEZ WATER NEW JERSEY	14859.06	MARCH, 2022 HYDRANT CHARGES	O/E WATER	23832
VERIZON	109.99	FIOS 3/3-4/2/22	O/E	23833
VERIZON	155.64	FIOS 3/2-4/2/22	O/E	23834
VERIZON	144.99	FIOS 2/4-3/4/22	O/E	23835
NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP	65.50	AD# 5100301 ACCT.406111 ENGINEER	ZONING	23836
CRAIG T. VONDEROSTEN	105.00	REC BASKETBALL OFFICAL	RECREATION	23837
VERIZON WIRELESS	1619.61	CELL CHARGES 2/3-23/22 ACCT	O/E	23838
VERIZON WIRELESS	558.90	CELL CHARGE 2/2-3/1/22	O/E	23839
FLAGSHIP DENTAL PLANS	87.78	INV.138806 APRIL 2022 DENTAL	INSURANCE	23840
DELTA DENTAL OF NJ. INC.	9193.02	MARCH, 2022 DENTAL PREMIUM	INSURANCE	23841
NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP	100.70	FEB. 2022 LEGAL AD #5136009	MUNICIPAL	23842
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	3000.00	POSTAGE REPLENISHMENT	MUNICIPAL	23843
OPTIMUM	120.93	MARCH, 2022 OPTIMUM CHARGES	MUNICIPAL	23844
OPTIMUM	126.12	MARCH, 2022 OPTIMUM CHARGES	PUBLIC	23844
OPTIMUM	149.89	MARCH, 2022 OPTIMUM CHARGES	RECREATION	23844
OPTIMUM	0.00	MARCH, 2022 OPTIMUM CHARGES	O/E	23844
OPTIMUM	104.85	MARCH, 2022 OPTIMUM CHARGES	O/E	23844
BMI	391.00	2022 ANNUAL FEE - ACCT#2392432-SR	MUNICIPAL	23845
BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES	385779.05	INV. 1380 FIRST QTR WASTE WATER	SEWER	23846
KEISA PARRISH	275.00	MARCH 2022 WEEKLY VIRTUAL	SENIOR	23847
WB MASON CO., INC.	203.95	INV.227644960 ACCT.C2365727	MUNICIPAL	23848
STEPHEN HALPIN	980.00	REC BASKETBALL OFFICIAL	RECREATION	23849
CROWN TROPHY	578.18	INV.RE-53864 REC BASKETBALL	RECREATION	23850
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS	233.64	3/16-4/15/22	O/E	23851
ARISTA:TROPHIES & AWARDS	59.50	INV.18435 ADA PLASTIC SIGN-WOMEN'S	POLICE	23852
RACHLES/MICHELE'S OIL	2306.45	INV.359012 (DIESEL) & 359240	O/E GAS &	23853
RACHLES/MICHELE'S OIL	5033.79	INV.358325 GAS	O/E GAS &	23854
AMERICANWEAR INDUSTRIAL	208.25	INV.888733 DEC. 2021 12/6/21	PUBLIC	23855
NORTHEAST TALENT SOLUTIONS	4006.66	INV.2158,2167,2176 2/27-3/13/22	RECYCLING	23856
& A AUTO PARTS	5996.52	FEB (45 INVOICES & 3 CR) & MARCH	PUBLIC	23857
ALMERS ACE HARDWARE	32.01	INV.714294	RECREATION	23858
ATLANTIC TOMORROWS OFFICE	195.07	MARCH, 2022 COPIER CHARGES	MUNICIPAL	23859
ATLANTIC TOMORROWS OFFICE	39.93	MARCH, 2022 COPIER CHARGES	COLLECTION	23859
ATLANTIC TOMORROWS OFFICE	0.42	MARCH, 2022 COPIER CHARGES	ASSESSMENT	23859
ATLANTIC TOMORROWS OFFICE	86.91	MARCH, 2022 COPIER CHARGES	CODE	23859

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ATLANTIC TOMORROWS OFFICE	110.49	MARCH, 2022 COPIER CHARGES	POLICE	23859
ATLANTIC TOMORROWS OFFICE	42.82	MARCH, 2022 COPIER CHARGES	PUBLIC	23859
ATLANTIC TOMORROWS OFFICE	0.00	MARCH, 2022 COPIER CHARGES	MUNICIPAL	23859
ATLANTIC TOMORROWS OFFICE	19.13	MARCH, 2022 COPIER CHARGES	MUNICIPAL	23859
J & A AUTO PARTS	109.77	INV.15041-231610, 15041-233309	VEHICLE	23860
P & G AUTO, INC.	65.29	INV.001-253580	VEHICLE	23861
STONE INDUSTRIES, INC.	217.30	INV.140324 WINTER SHEET ASPHALT	PUBLIC	23862
NORTHEAST GAS SERVICES	90.00	INV.38258 FEBRUARY TANK RENTAL	VEHICLE	23863
DAVID WEBER OIL COMPANY	629.20	INV.503268 DRUM OF OIL	VEHICLE	23864
KEITH WESTER	122.52	REIMB. FOR WINTER WONDERLAND DECOR	POLICE	23865
NEW JERSEY STATE ASSOCIATION	241.70	INV. IN-12083 2022 REACCREDITATION	POLICE	23866
NEW JERSEY STATE ASSOCIATION	1425.30	INV.IN-12083 2022 REACCREDITATION	ACCRED	23867
PAYROLL	5979.86	MARCH 16-22 2022 PAYROLL	RECEIVABLE:	23868
PAYROLL	2760.42	MARCH 16-22 2022 PAYROLL	GENERAL	23868
PAYROLL	3625.00	MARCH 16-22 2022 PAYROLL	MAYOR &	23868
PAYROLL	1875.00	MARCH 16-22 2022 PAYROLL	MAYOR AND	23868
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PAYROLL	11860.45	MARCH 16-31 2022 BORO SHARE	SOCIAL SOCIAL	23869
PAYROLL	5559.49	MARCH 16-31 2022 BORO SHARE OF	SOCIAL	23870

Total fund: 01 Current

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Total Bill List:

993707.07

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<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Check #</u>
KEY-TECH	2120.00	INV.54632 BLVD. ROAD IMPROVEMENT	2021	2431
NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP	103.40	AD#5084455 ACCT.410677 MADISON	2022	2432
COLLIERS ENGINEERING &	5241.25	INV.735475 NMB011 BLVD. FLORAL,	2020	2433
COLLIERS ENGINEERING &	517.50	INV.735397 NMB014 NJDOT BLVD.	2021	2434
COLLIERS ENGINEERING &	850.00	INV.735486 CONSTRUCTION	2021	2435
COLLIERS ENGINEERING &	2910.00	INV.735418 NMB0020 PACIFIC ST.	2021	2436
COLLIERS ENGINEERING &	1460.00	INV. 735452 NMB0023 KNIGHTS FIELD	2020	2437
COLLIERS ENGINEERING &	2160.00	INV.735438 NMB0021 GRAPHIC BLVD.	2019	2438
COLLIERS ENGINEERING &	533.25	INV. 735434 NMB003 MADISON AVE	2020	2439
COLLIERS ENGINEERING &	14995.00	INV.735433,728611,721601,717703	2022	2440
DIANE GRIMALDI	354.60	REIMB.FRAMES FOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS	2021	2441
COLLIERS ENGINEERING &	937.50	INV.721652 NMB015 - KENNEDY FIELD	2021	2442

Total fund: 04 CAPITAL 32182.50

Total Bill List: 32182.50

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MARCH 28, 2022

Combined ANIMAL CONTROL 13

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Check #</u>
CAROL CARBERRY	200.00	2022 RABIES CLINIC	RES'V FOR	1181
NICOLE BAILEY	100.00	2022 RABIES CLINIC	RES'V FOR	1182
BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD	184.57	JOAN LEPAGE REIMB.FOR RABIES	RES'V FOR	1183
Total fund: 2930 RES'V FOR ANIMAL CTRL EXPENSE				484.57
Total Bill List:				484.57

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MARCH 28, 2022

Combined BUILDING DEV TRUST 14

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Check #</u>
ALEX & SONS	1777.50	REFUND ESCROW-270 RIDGE/294	RESERVE FOR	2153
COLLIERS ENGINEERING &	320.00	INV.735399 ESCROW-514 GROVE	RESERVE FOR	2154
COLLIERS ENGINEERING &	420.00	INV.735448 ESCROW-478 LUHMANN DR -	RESERVE FOR	2155
COLLIERS ENGINEERING &	160.00	INV.735439 ESCROW-592 FERMERY	RESERVE FOR	2156
COLLIERS ENGINEERING &	160.00	INV.735411 ESCROW-380 ROSLYN LLC	RESERVE FOR	2157
CLEARY GIACOBBE ALFIERI	98.00	INV.1050549 2/22 ESCROW-198	RESERVE FOR	2158
50 STATES ENGINEERING	225.00	INV.6543 ESCROW-367	RESERVE FOR	2159
50 STATES ENGINEERING	75.00	INV.6549 NMES123 -367	RESERVE FOR	2160
COLLIERS ENGINEERING &	90.00	INV.735394 NMG016 286 RIDGE ST -	RESERVE FOR	2161
Total fund: 2940 RESERVE FOR BUILDING/DEV ESCRO				3325.50
Total Bill List:	3325.50			

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MARCH 28, 2022

Combined TRUST FUND 12

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Check #</u>
SPEAK SOBRIETY LLC	1500.00	STUDENT ASSEMBLY PROGRAM 4/27	RESERVE FOR	1104
Total fund: 2802 RESERVE FOR DRUG & ALCOLHOL AL				1500.00
Total Bill List:		1500.00		

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MARCH 28, 2022

Combined RECREATION COMM TRUST 18

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Check #</u>
FRIENDS OF NEW MILFORD	8450.00	SPRING TRAVEL SOCCER OFFICIALS	RES'V FOR	1952
KATRIN AKALAN	150.00	SPRING TRAVEL SOCCER REFUND JACOB	RES'V FOR	1953
Total fund: 2930 RES'V RECREATION COMM EXPENSES				8600.00
Total Bill List:				8600.00

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MARCH 28, 2022

Combined TRUST FUND 12

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Check #</u>
CELEBRATION FIREWORKS,	7500.00	DEPOSIT -7/2/22 CENTENNIAL	CENTENNIAL	1272
RILEIGHS OUTDOOR DECOR	1823.03	INV.2571 STREET LAMP BANNERS FOR	CENTENNIAL	1273
Total fund: 2700 SPECIAL DEPOSITS				9323.03
Total Bill List:		9323.03		

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

No. 2022:104

Offered by: Grotsky

Seconded by: Grant

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
SANDHUSEN	✓			
SIROCCHI-HURLEY				✓
DUFFIE				✓
GROTSKY	✓			
SEYMOUR	✓			
GRANT	✓			
MAYOR (tie)				

WHEREAS, a Total Property Tax Exemption for a Disabled Veteran has been granted by the Tax Assessor on March 14, 2022 to Amauris Polanco residing at 431 Elizabeth Street, also known as Block 1509 Lot 9; and

WHEREAS, 1st quarter 2022 property taxes have been levied and paid by Amauris Polanco against said property; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of New Milford that taxes levied against Block 1509 Lot 9 from January 1, 2022 in the amount of \$2,119.00 be cancelled and refunded to Amauris Polanco, 431 Elizabeth Street, New Milford, NJ and 2nd, 3rd and 4th Quarters 2022 taxes be cancelled.

TOTAL TAXES TO BE REFUNDED

\$ 2,119.00

1st Quarter 2022 Taxes Jan.1-March 31, 2022

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the Borough of New Milford at the meeting held on March 28, 2022.

SEAL

Christine Derramas

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

No. 2022:105

Offered by: Grotsky

Seconded by: Grant

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
SANDHUSEN	/			
SIROCCHI-HURLEY				/
DUFFIE				/
GROTSKY	/			
SEYMOUR	/			
GRANT	/			
MAYOR (Ile)				

WHEREAS, Alex and Sons, 249 Greve Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646 made application for renovations at the addresses below; and

WHEREAS, Alex and Son have remaining escrow balances for the following permits:

#1307-99	270 Ridge Street	\$324.50
#1910-47	294 Luhmann Drive	\$623.00
#2010-54	313 Luhmann Drive	\$830.00

WHEREAS, Alex and Sons, completed construction at the above addresses, have been issued Certificates of Occupancy and is now due a refund for the remaining escrow balances in the total amount of \$1,777.50.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Building Department return \$1,777.50 to Alex and Sons, 249 Greve Drive, New Milford NJ 07646.

Escrow Account #14-2940

\$1,777.50

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SEAL

Cynthia Derrico

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

No. 2022:106

Offered by:..Grotsky.....

Seconded by:..Grant.....

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
SANDHUSEN	✓			
SIROCCHI-HURLEY				✓
DUFFIE				✓
GROTSKY	✓			
SEYMOUR	✓			
GRANT	✓			
MAYOR (lie)				

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of New Milford ("the Borough") have entered into a Shared Services Agreement on behalf of the New Milford Recreation Commission with the New Milford Board of Education ("the Board") for geese clearing services pursuant to the provisions of the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, according to the terms of the agreement it may be extended by agreement of the parties for up to four (4) additional years upon mutual agreement of the parties; and

WHEREAS, said renewal shall be in writing and approved by each party by formal resolution before becoming effective.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby approve the fourth and final one-year extension of the Shared Services Agreement for Geese Clearing Services through April 30, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the New Milford Recreation Director and the New Milford Board of Education.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the Borough of New Milford at the meeting held on March 28, 2022.

SEAL

Cristina DeMusa

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

No. 2022:107

Offered by: Grotsky

Seconded by: Grant

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
SANDHUSEN	/			
SIROCCHI-HURLEY				/
DUFFIE				/
GROTSKY	/			
SEYMOUR	/			
GRANT	/			
MAYOR (tie)				

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN EXTENSION TO THE CONSTRUCTION
CONTRACT AWARD DEADLINE FOR THE FY 2020 MADISON AVENUE SIDEWALK
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of New Milford ("the Borough") applied for Local Aid Grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for Fiscal Year 2020 for a project known as "Madison Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Project"; and

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2019, the Borough received an FY 2020 Municipal Aid grant award letter in the amount of \$117,000.00 for the Madison Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, the coordination with County and relocation of a crosswalk within project limits may hinder the Borough's ability to meet the current award deadline of April 21, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Borough anticipates awarding the construction contract for this project in the Fall of 2022; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough Council of the Borough of New Milford, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey does hereby request the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) grant a time extension for the award of a construction contract from April 21, 2022, to October 21, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Upon the adoption hereof, the Borough of New Milford shall forward three (3) certified copied of this resolution to the New Jersey Department of Transportation Local Aid District 2.

ATTEST and AFFIX SEAL

Christine Demiris
Christine Demiris
Borough Clerk

The Hon. Michael J. Putrino
The Hon. Michael J. Putrino
Mayor

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the Borough of New Milford at the meeting held on March 28, 2022.

SEAL

Christine Demiris

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

No. 2022:108

Offered by: Grotsky

Seconded by: Grant

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
SANDHUSEN	/			
SIROCCHI-HURLEY				/
DUFFIE				/
GROTSKY	/			
SEYMOUR	/			
GRANT	/			
MAYOR (Ile)				

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN EXTENSION TO THE CONSTRUCTION
CONTRACT AWARD DEADLINE FOR THE NJDOT CULVERT REPAIRS
PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of New Milford ("the Borough") applied for Local Aid Grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for Fiscal Year 2020 for a project known as "NJDOT Culvert Repairs Project"; and

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2020, the Borough received an FY 2020 Local Aid Infrastructure grant award letter in the amount of \$225,000.00 for the NJDOT Culvert Repairs Project; and

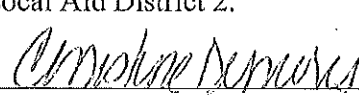
WHEREAS, the design documents are currently undergoing NJDEP review for Boundary determination, wetlands and flood Hazard Area permitting which may hinder the Borough's ability to meet the current award deadline of June 8, 2022; and

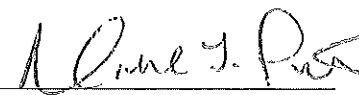
WHEREAS, the Borough anticipates awarding the construction contract for this project in the Fall of 2022; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough Council of the Borough of New Milford, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey does hereby request the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) grant a time extension for the award of a construction contract from June 8, 2022 to December 8, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Upon the adoption hereof, the Borough of New Milford shall forward three (3) certified copied of this resolution to the New Jersey Department of Transportation Local Aid District 2.


ATTEST and AFFIX SEAL


Christine Demiris
Borough Clerk


The Hon. Michael J. Putrino
Mayor

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the Borough of New Milford at the meeting held on March 28, 2022.

SEAL



BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

No. 2022:109

Offered by: Grotsky

Seconded by: Grant

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
SANDHUSEN	✓			
SIROCCHI-HURLEY				✓
DUFFIE				✓
GROTSKY	✓			
SEYMOUR	✓			
GRANT	✓			
MAYOR (lie)				

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING 2022 UDRIVE. UTEXT. UPAY.
DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN**

WHEREAS, distracted driving is a serious, life-threatening practice that is preventable; and

WHEREAS, distracted driving can result in injuries and deaths to all road users (motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists); and

WHEREAS, distracted driving occurs when drivers divert their attention away from the task of driving to focus on another activity instead; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 alone distracted driving-related crashes resulted in 3,142 deaths and 400,000 injuries on our nation's roads; and

WHEREAS, in New Jersey distracted driving was listed as a contributing circumstance in 49-percent of all motor vehicle crashes in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide *Distracted Driving 2022 Crackdown* from April 1 - 30, 2022 in an effort to raise awareness and decrease driver distraction through a combination of enforcement and education; and

WHEREAS, the national slogan for the campaign is UDrive. UText. UPay; and

WHEREAS, a reduction in distracted driving in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Borough of New Milford declares it's support for the *Distracted Driving 2022 Crackdown* both locally and nationally from April 1 - 30, 2022 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the Borough of New Milford at the meeting held on March 28, 2022.

SEAL

Cristina Demusca

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

No. 2022:110

Offered by: Grotsky

Seconded by: Grant

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
SANDHUSEN	/			
SIROCCHI- HURLEY				/
DUFFIE				/
GROTSKY	/			
SEYMOUR	/			
GRANT	/			
MAYOR (lie)				

WHEREAS, Police Officer Daniel Rugani will successfully complete his probationary period as of March 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Chief Brian Clancy has requested that his status become permanent as of April 1, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of New Milford hereby appoint permanently, Officer Daniel Rugani as Police Officer Patrolman 2 effective April 1, 2022 at a salary of \$53,887.00.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the Borough of New Milford at the meeting held on March 28, 2022.

SEAL

Cynthia R. ...

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION No. 2022:111

Offered by: Grotsky Seconded by: Grant

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
SANDHUSEN	✓			
SIROCCHI-HURLEY				✓
DUFFIE				✓
GROTSKY	✓			
SEYMOUR	✓			
GRANT	✓			
MAYOR (lie)				

WHEREAS, a vacancy has occurred in the Tax Assessor's office for the part-time position of Assistant to the Tax Assessor; and

WHEREAS, the Administrator/Borough Clerk recommended a candidate who had recently interviewed for another position to the Tax Assessor and the Tax Assessor met with the individual and recommends Ruth Cruz for the position; and

WHEREAS, the Administrator has identified the additional need for general administrative support throughout the administrative offices of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Administrator and the Tax Assessor have agreed that the general administrative responsibilities can be adequately addressed by the part-time Assistant to the Tax Assessor; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Cruz has agreed to accept this part-time position, five days per week, at a salary of \$23 per hour, not to exceed 25 hours per week, with entitlement to the benefits afforded to the part-time members of RWDSU, Local 108.

WHEREAS, New Milford Personnel Policies and Procedures provides for a position to be filled without advertisement if the requirement is waived by the Mayor and Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of New Milford hereby waive the advertising requirement and approve the appointment, of Ruth Cruz as the part-time Assistant to the Tax Assessor/Administrative Float for the Borough of New Milford, effective April 8, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded, with a letter of employment, to Ruth Cruz.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution passed by the Council of the Borough of New Milford at the meeting held on March 28, 2022.

SEAL

Cristine Derrum

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

No. 2022:112

Offered by: Grotsky

Seconded by: Grant

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
SANDHUSEN	✓			
SIROCCHI-HURLEY				✓
DUFFIE				✓
GROTSKY	✓			
SEYMOUR	✓			
GRANT	✓			
MAYOR (Ile)				

**RESOLUTION URGING THE SWIFT PASSAGE OF S-330/A3804, WHICH
SHALL RESTORE THE ENERGY TAX RECEIPTS TO MUNICIPALITIES**

WHEREAS, taxes on gas and electric utilities were originally collected by the host municipalities to be used for local purposes and to compensate the public for the use of their rights of way; and

WHEREAS, when the State made itself the collection agent for these taxes, it promised to dedicate the proceeds to municipal property tax relief; since, just as municipalities collect property taxes for the benefit of school districts, counties, and other entities, the State is supposed to collect Energy Taxes for the benefit of municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, for years, though, State budget makers have diverted funding from Energy Taxes to fund State programs; and instead of being spent on local programs and services and used to offset property taxes, the money has been spent as successive Legislatures and Administrations have seen fit; and

WHEREAS, the diversion of dedicated energy tax receipts to the State's General Fund further jeopardizes this critical property tax relief funding in future years; and

WHEREAS, by reducing Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Act (CMPTRA), which is also comprised of revenues that should be returned to municipalities, State Budget makers have been able to continue collecting Energy Taxes, while keeping additional revenue that should have been returned to provide property tax relief; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative impact of years of underfunding has left many municipalities with serious needs and burdensome property taxes; and

WHEREAS, local elected officials are in the best position to decide the best use of these resources, which were always intended to fund local programs and services; and

WHEREAS, Senator Singleton and Senate President Scutari have introduced legislation (S-330) that will restore, over a five-year period, Energy Tax Receipts to municipalities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of New Milford in the County of Bergen urges the Legislature to swiftly pass this legislation and Governor Murphy sign the legislation prior to passage of the FY2023 State budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution is forwarded to Senate President Scutari, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Governor Murphy, and the League of Municipalities.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the Borough of New Milford at the meeting held on March 28, 2022.

SEAL

Cristine Demaris

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

No. 2022:113

Offered by: Grotsky

Seconded by: Grant

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
SANDHUSEN	/			
SIROCCHI-HURLEY				/
DUFFIE				/
GROTSKY	/			
SEYMOUR	/			
GRANT	/			
MAYOR (lie)				

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A3669 TO REDUCE OR SUSPEND STATE TAX
ON HIGHWAY FUELS**

WHEREAS, Assembly bill 3669 would provide for a three-month reduction or suspension of tax on highway fuels based on average retail price of unleaded regular gasoline; and

WHEREAS, "Highway fuel" means gasoline, blended fuel that contains gasoline or is intended for use as gasoline, liquefied petroleum gas and diesel fuel, blended fuel that contains diesel fuel or is intended for use as diesel fuel, and kerosene, other than aviation grade kerosene; and

WHEREAS, this bill provides for temporary reduction or suspension of the State tax on highway fuels based on the average retail price of unleaded regular gasoline during the three-month period of June 2022 through August 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of New Milford hereby support A3669 and urge the Legislature to enact this legislation to provide relief to New Jersey motorists consuming highway fuels during height of the state's vacation and tourism season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the bill sponsors; District 38 Legislators; Governor Murphy; the Bergen County Freeholders; and all municipalities in the County of Bergen.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the Borough of New Milford at the meeting held on March 28, 2022.

SEAL

Cristine Demaris

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT
Councilwoman Hedy Grant

Virtual Public Meeting of the Mayor & Council
March 28, 2022

PLANNING BOARD (March 15, March 22) - canceled

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (March 17)

- *The soffits on the building were repaired and/or replaced by the DPW and old gutters were replaced. The outside doors have been painted; the lights in the south hallway are being replaced and the ceiling repaired and painted.
- *The large meeting room is again being used for meetings.
- *The outside book lockers will be installed on March 21. This will allow patrons to pick up library books even when the library is closed.
- *The annual grant from the Bergen County Commissioners to BCCLS was increased from \$150,000 to \$175,000 this year. The New Milford Public Library will receive \$2,822,58.
- *The Library registered for the 2022 Arts Amble, which will be held from June 10 to June 12.
- *The Friends of the Library sent out its newsletter. For a donation of \$50, you will receive a free T-shirt. T-shirts are also available for purchase.
- *In-person children's programs have resumed.
- *There will be a History Lecture tentatively scheduled in May.
- *The Library received a lovely letter from Marcia Chen thanking us for assisting her to achieve her Gold Award.
- *The Board approved a new 4-year contract for the Library employees.
- *The Board approved a bronze plaque for the Sculpture Garden.

NEW MILORD VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS (March 21)

- *As a quorum was not present, a meeting was not held.
- *Discussed the upcoming events for the 100th Anniversary celebration.

THE RENT LEVELING BOARD (meets quarterly; next meeting is April 7.)

Other Activities

- *March 8 - I was re-elected chair of the Bergen County Planning Board for the 3rd time in a row.
- *March 12 - I volunteered at the New Milford Free Rabies Clinic. Rabies Clinic.
- *March 15 - I attended the memorial for the 71 lives New Milford lost to Covid.
- *March 16 - I participated in a panel discussion entitled "African American Legacy in the Cultural Landscape. Restoring cultural & historical integrity of New Jersey's forgotten African burial sites and spaces."
- *March - I spoke to each of Ms. Cortese's three Social Studies classes at Gibbs School about the pre-1883 African American Burying Ground I discovered on the property of Gibbs.
- On March 17 - I attended an NJLM webinar entitled "The Open Public Meetings Act: Tricky Issues and Slippery Slopes."
- *I call BINGO almost every month at the Senior Center.