

October 15, 2013

The Holland Township Committee met on the above date at the Holland Township Municipal Building, 61 Church Road, Milford, N.J. at 7:00 p.m.

Present at this meeting were: Mayor Daniel Bush, Deputy Mayor Anthony Roselle, Committeemen Kenneth Vogel, Thomas Scheibener and Ray Krov. Also present was Attorney Richard Cushing.

There being a quorum this meeting was called to order by Mayor Bush at 7:09 p.m. Mr. Bush asked that all electronic equipment be turned off or silenced.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Bush invited the audience to join the Committee in reciting the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT

Clerk Miller announced publicly at the commencement of this meeting the following statement: Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act Law by the Township Clerk on December 20, 2012 by:

1. Posting such notice on the bulletin board at the municipal building and the Holland Township website.
2. Mailing the same to the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Express-Times.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Vogel moved and Mr. Scheibener seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2013 Regular Meeting and the October 1, 2013 Regular Meeting and Executive Session

Voice Vote	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Ray Krov	x			
Anthony Roselle, Deputy Mayor	x			
Thomas Scheibener	x			
Kenneth Vogel	x			
Dan Bush, Mayor	x			

APPROVAL OF BILLS AS SUBMITTED

Mr. Vogel moved and Mr. Scheibener seconded the motion to approve the bills as follows excluding check number 14460 which will be dealt with in a separate motion:

Check Number	Vendor	Description	Payment	Total Check
ESCROW FUNDS				
5699	247 - ELIZABETH C. McKENZIE	Huntington Knolls B24	481.25	481.25
5700	264 - MORROW & MORROW, LLP	Milford Borough B17 L	29.00	29.00
	TOTAL			510.25
CLEARING ACCOUNT				
14455	ADT SECURITY SERVICES	ANNUAL ALARM SERVICE	500.00	500.00
14456	ALFONS MAYER	Mileage	30.25	30.25
14457	ALLIED OIL, LLC	Gasoline	721.16	721.16
14458	ANCHOR RUBBER STAMP & PRINTING	Stamp for Evidence Room	48.00	48.00
14459	AQUA NEW JERSEY	Water-Hydrants	319.84	
		Water-Hydrants	3,089.76	3,409.60
14460	BRANNAGH MASONRY, LLC	BID ON PATIO AT RRCC OPEN BALANCE	34,300.00	34,300.00
14461	BRIDGE STREET SERVICE CENTER	Vehicle Maintenance 15-14	289.49	
		Vehicle Maintenance	870.46	1,159.95
14462	CERTIFIED CHEMICAL COMPANY	Oven Cleaner for snack hut	153.56	153.56
14463	CHERRY VALLEY TRACTOR SALES	Flail Mower Parts	708.50	708.50
14464	CLEMENS UNIFORM	Mat Service	80.00	80.00
14465	COOPER ALARM SYSTEMS, INC.	Camera for RRCC	9,500.00	9,500.00
14466	COOPER ALARM SYSTEMS, INC.	Monitoring agreement	288.00	288.00
14467	CUSTOM UPHOLSTERY & WINDOW TREATMENT	Shades for Police	325.88	325.88
14468	DAVIS BUSINESS MACHINES, INC.	Copy Machine	227.42	227.42
14469	DINGMAN'S DAIRY	Ice Cream from Snack Hut	463.77	463.77
14470	EILEEN BROWN	Refund for tires	13.00	13.00
14471	ELIZABETH C. McKENZIE	P.B. review BOE ROD grant application	437.50	437.50
14472	EUGENIA FRANZO	Zumba September 2013	418.00	418.00
14473	EVA VELEZ	Yoga - September 2013	495.00	495.00
14474	FASTENAL	Nuts & Bolts	9.11	9.11
14475	FLEMINGTON DEPARTMENT STORE	Jeff Modica 2013 Shoe Allowance	239.95	239.95
14476	HOLLAND TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SENIORS	Recycling Work	180.00	180.00
14477	HOLLAND TOWNSHIP FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY	Donation	7,500.00	7,500.00

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14478	HOLLAND TWP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY	Donation	17,500.00	17,500.00
14479	IN THE SWIM	pool supplies	750.57	750.57
14480	J C CLEANERS	Dry-cleaning September 2013	134.38	
		Dry-cleaning - September	140.86	275.24
14481	JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT	Electricity	438.09	438.09
14482	JESSICA NEGLIA	Constant Contact	35.00	35.00
14483	John Kraynanski	Decorations for Outside building	11.78	11.78
14484	KEITH GROOGAN	Karate September 2013	112.50	112.50
14485	MAILFINANCE	Mail Machine Rental	114.30	114.30
14486	MARIA ELENA JENNETTE KOZAK	Zoning OPRA request repro	18.04	18.04
14487	MASER CONSULTING PA	Engineering	392.50	
		Engineering	4,890.00	5,282.50
14488	EDWARD HORSFALL	Computer	1,975.00	1,975.00
14489	MELANIE WOROB	Zumba - September 2013	344.00	344.00
14490	MILFORD SEWER UTILITY	Bond-Sewer	51,719.98	51,719.98
14491	MILFORD-HOLLAND RESCUE SQUAD, INC.	Donation	17,382.96	17,382.96
14492	MONINGHOFF APPLIANCE & SUPPLY CORP.	Bulbs & Drop Cloths	77.08	
		Hardware store supplies	181.04	
		Paint Supplies for RRCC	91.62	349.74
14493	MUSCONETCONG WATERSHED ASSOCIATION	Musconetcong Cleanup	500.00	500.00
14494	NET VENTURES CORP.	Net Ventures	1,125.00	1,125.00
14495	NJ DEPT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES	Monthly Dog License Report to the S	24.00	24.00
14496	NJ State League of Municipalities	New Jersey Municipalities Renewal	16.00	16.00
14497	OFFICE BUSINESS SYSTEMS HOLDING, IN	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	673.00	673.00
14498	ORIENTAL TRADING COMPANY	Oktoberfest Items	107.65	107.65
14499	PETER J. DAVIS	Mileage for Perk Test	13.75	13.75
14500	PILATES BY CORRINE, LLC	Pilates Classes	299.20	299.20
14501	QUEST ENVIRONMENTAL & ENGINEERING S	ADDITIONAL SITE REVIEW B 6 L 1.34	2,250.00	2,250.00
14502	RARITAN VALLEY DISPOSAL #865	30 Yard Garbage Dumpster	510.00	510.00
14503	RENTAL CENTER U.S.A.	Community Day Rentals	1,336.50	1,336.50
14504	RICOH USA Inc.	Copy Machine Police/OEM	883.26	883.26
14505	RUTH KINNEY	Mileage	13.09	13.09
14506	SARAH PARKER-GIVENS	Yoga - September 2013	440.00	440.00
14507	SEAN P. GUTSICK	Livescan	55.89	
		Police Web Hosting	131.28	187.17
14508	SERVICE ELECTRIC CABLE TV, INC.	Cable	59.95	59.95
14509	TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY	Quarterly Marriage Licenses	200.00	200.00
14510	VERIZON	Telephone	29.06	
		Telephone	1,508.90	1,537.96
14511	VERIZON WIRELESS	Cell Phones & Air Cards	38.01	
		Cell Phones & Air Cards	519.53	557.54
14512	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEW JERSEY, INC.	Holland School Recycling	363.45	363.45
14513	WEHRUING'S LUMBER/HOME CENTER INC.	2013 Jackets	291.96	291.96
14514	WELLINGTON BATTERY COMPANY, LLC	AA Batteries	24.00	24.00
				<u>168,931.83</u>

CURRENT FUND	BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION RESERVES	64,789.01	
GRANT FUND	BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION RESERVES	1,048.01	
GENERAL CAPITAL	FUNDS BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION RESERVES	51,321.77	
SEWER FUND	BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION RESERVES	51,749.04	
ANIMAL CONTROL	BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION RESERVES	24.00	
ESCROW	ESCROW FUNDS	510.25	
TOTAL CHECKS ISSUED			<u>169,442.08</u>
Other disbursements			-
WIRES	Postage	500.00	
	NJ State Health Benefits	22,703.46	
			<u>23,203.46</u>
			<u>192,645.54</u>

Voice Vote	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Ray Krov	X			
Anthony Roselle, Deputy Mayor	X			
Thomas Scheibener	X			
Kenneth Vogel	X			
Dan Bush, Mayor	X			

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL BILL

Mr. Vogel moved and Mr. Scheibener seconded the motion to approve payment of check number 14460 payable to Brannagh Masonry, upon approval of Architect Michael Margulies:

Check

Total

Number	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check
		CLEARING ACCOUNT		
14460	BRANNAGH MASONRY, LLC	BID ON PATIO AT RRCC OPEN BALANCE	34,300.00	34,300.00

Voice Vote	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Ray Krov	x			
Anthony Roselle, Deputy Mayor	x			
Thomas Scheibener	x			
Kenneth Vogel	x			
Dan Bush, Mayor	x			

REMINDER

There will be 1 more Special Elections to fill the seat of Senator Frank Lautenberg:

- The Special US Senate General Election will be held tomorrow Wednesday October 16 from 6 a.m.-8 p.m. This election and the Regular General Election on November 5th will be held at the **Riegel Ridge Community Center.**

PRESENTATION-Hunterdon County Planning Board Director Sue Dziemara was present. Mayor Bush presented a map of the Bethany Ridge property and explained that the purchase was financed primarily by grants. (A \$600,000 grant from the County of Hunterdon and a \$240,000 grant from the Hunterdon Land Trust. The Township has applied for an additional \$40,000 grant through the Open Space allocation.)

Mayor Bush thanked Hunterdon County Freeholder Rob Walton and the Hunterdon County Planning Board for helping secure the grants, the Hunterdon County Freeholders and Kate Buttolph of the Hunterdon Land Trust for their generous donations.

OLD BUSINESS FROM TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

-ORDINANCE 2013-11-Public Hearing/Final Adoption-Dealing with financing of road improvements

Mr. Vogel moved and Mr. Krov seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-11 on Final Reading.

ORDINANCE 2013-11

BOND ORDINANCE, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2007-22, ORDINANCE 2009-20, AND ORDINANCE 2010-21 TO PROVIDE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC ROADS OF THE TOWNSHIP, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HOLLAND, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,170,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$889,507.82 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

WHEREAS, this Township Committee previously adopted a bond ordinance, being Ordinance No. 2007-22 which was entitled “Bond Ordinance Providing For A Capital Improvement To Crabapple Hill Road, By And In The Township Of Holland, In The County Of Hunterdon, New Jersey, Appropriating \$875,000 Therefor, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$825,000 Bonds Or Notes Of The Township To Finance Part Of The Cost Thereof,” and said Ordinance No. 2007-22 is still in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, this Township Committee previously adopted a bond ordinance, being Ordinance No. 2009-20 which was entitled “Bond Ordinance, Amending Ordinance 2007-22, To Provide For Capital Improvements to Various Public Roads of the Township by and in the Township of Holland, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, Appropriating \$1,100,000 Therefor, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,045,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof,” and said Ordinance No. 2009-20 is still in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, this Township Committee previously adopted a bond ordinance, being Ordinance No. 2010-21 which was entitled “Bond Ordinance, Amending Ordinance 2007-22, To Provide For Capital Improvements to Various Public Roads of the Township by and in the Township of Holland, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, Appropriating \$1,100,000 Therefor, and Authorizing the Issuance

of \$1,045,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof,” and said Ordinance No. 2010-21 is still in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, this Township Committee determined a need to alter its program for improvement of public roads of the Township, to include capital improvement to all or portions of the following public roads of the Township: Adamic Hill Road, Alfalfa Hill Road, Church Road, and Crabapple Hill Road, and there is a need to provide financing for such program of capital improvement and so to amend Ordinance No. 2007-22, Ordinance No. 2009-20 and Ordinance 2010-21 and restate them in a new bond ordinance which provides for such financing;

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Holland, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring, and as an amendment and restatement of Ordinance No. 2007-22, Ordinance No. 2009-20 and Ordinance No. 2010-21) as follows:

Section 1:

The improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Holland, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$1,170,000, including the sum of \$125,000 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law [N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq.]. The down payment is now available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets, and the sum of \$155,492.18 from the General Capital Fund Balance

Section 2:

In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$889,507.82 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding \$889,507.82 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3:

(a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is pavement and other improvements to various existing public roads of the Township [including Adamic Hill Road, Alfalfa Hill Road, Church Road, and Crabapple Hill Road], including all costs necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

Section 4:

All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date, or as otherwise authorized by the Local Bond Law. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. Chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5:

The capital budget of the Township of Holland is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by

the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section 6:

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

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

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this ordinance, is 5 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$889,507.82, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$75,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

Section 7:

Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 8:

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

Section 9

This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Statement from the Chief Financial Officer

The above Amending Ordinance was discussed at the meeting with the Township Auditor. The need for this amending ordinance is the result of certain change order required at the time the work was completed. It was expected that additional funding would be received from the Delaware River Joint Bridge, however the funds were not available from the Authority thereby requiring this additional amendment to the Ordinance.

Mayor Bush opened the Public Hearing and asked if there were any comments from the public. There being no comments from the public, the hearing was ordered closed

Roll Call Vote	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Ray Krov	x			
Anthony Roselle, Deputy Mayor	x			
Thomas Scheibener	x			
Kenneth Vogel	x			
Dan Bush, Mayor	x			

LIAISON REPORTS

-Krov-

Foreclosures-After discussion:

Mr. Vogel moved and Mr. Scheibener seconded the motion to do the following:

- Authorize the Assessor to determine the Fair Market value of each of the properties on the In Rem Tax List,
- Authorize the Assessor to send letters to the adjoining property owners for the following properties: (B3/ L75), (B3/ L76), (B3 L77), (B15/L20) and (B25/L113)-asking if they would be interested in purchasing the properties that adjoining their property,
- Donating (B6/L66) to the County of Hunterdon,
- Authorizing Committeeman Ray Krov to contact Pam Phier at the State to ask if they are interested in purchasing (B22/L65), (B22/L90), (B24/L8) and (B24/L9), which are adjacent to state owned properties.
- Authorize Attorney Cushing to draft an Ordinance for Introduction at the November 6, 2013 meeting dealing with the sale and donation of these properties.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Ray Krov	x			
Anthony Roselle, Deputy Mayor	x			
Thomas Scheibener	x			
Kenneth Vogel	x			
Dan Bush, Mayor	x			

-Scheibener-no report

-Vogel-

- Handbook comments should be returned (put on Nov 5 Handbook)
- Energy savings for entire township-Roger R. Locandro of Stockton, NJ 08559, the consensus was Mr. Vogel should contact Mr. Locandro and suggest that he contact the Environmental Commission to do a presentation before it comes to the Twp Committee.

-Roselle-

- Cooper quote received today for outdoor security system for Bethany Ridge-\$2,400, consensus was it should be ordered and purchased by purchase order
- Detective Sean Gutsick (OEM Deputy Coordinator) submitted a grant application through FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program-Energy Allocation Initiative and was notified the Township has been awarded \$112,000 for a generator for the Riegel Ridge Community Center.
- Gridley Circle Sewer Improvement project is moving along-met with home owners-possibly in June and generator will be moved to DPW

-Bush

- Quote for DPW truck-replacing the F550-this will be discussed at the November 6, 2013 meeting
- Completion of copper gutters on the patio side of the Riegel Ridge Community Center - consensus was do it for quoted price \$1,800 which will be paid out of patio grant

NEW BUSINESS FROM TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

-RESOLUTION- Insertion of any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget-additional funds received from FEMA

Mr. Vogel moved and Mr. Roselle seconded the motion to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

Insertion of any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Holland has received cash in the amount of \$29,981.50 and has previously requested a Chapter 159 in the amount of \$21,627.29 resulting in a balance of \$8,354.21 unappropriated from the State of New Jersey, Law and Public Safety for FEMA SHELTER Grant and wishes to amend the 2013 Budget to include as revenue the said additional amount,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Holland, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an additional item of revenue in the budget of the year 2013 in the sum of \$ 8,354.21

Which is now available as revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:
 Special Item of General Revenue Anticipated
 With Prior Written Consent of the Director of the
 Division of Local Government Services:
 State and Federal Revenues Off-set with
 Appropriations:
 State of New Jersey – Law and Public Safety
 FEMA Shelter Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sum of \$ 8,354.21
 Be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriation
 (a) Operations Excluded from CAPS
 State and Federal Programs Off-set by
 Revenues:
 State of New Jersey – Law and Public Safety
 FEMA Shelter Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

Voice Vote	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Ray Krov	x			
Anthony Roselle, Deputy Mayor	x			
Thomas Scheibener	x			
Kenneth Vogel	x			
Dan Bush, Mayor	x			

-RESOLUTION-Supporting participation in the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program
 Mr. Roselle move and Mr. Scheibener seconded the motion to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

Supporting Participation in the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Holland strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments as steps to building a sustainable community that will thrive well into the new century; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Holland hereby acknowledges that the residents of Holland Township desire a stable, sustainable future for themselves and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Holland wishes to support a model of government which benefits our residents now and far into the future by exploring and adopting sustainable, economically-sound, local government practices; and

WHEREAS, by endorsing a sustainable path the Township of Holland is pledging to educate itself and community members further about sustainable activities and to develop initiatives supporting sustainable local government practices; and

WHEREAS, as elected representatives of the Township of Holland we have a significant responsibility to provide leadership which will seek community-based sustainable solutions to strengthen our community

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Holland in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that to focus attention and effort within the Township of Holland on matters of sustainability, the Holland Township Committee wishes to pursue local initiatives and actions that will lead to Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we do hereby authorize Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator to serve as Holland Township’s agent for the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification process and authorize the him to complete the Municipal Registration on behalf the Township of Holland.

Voice Vote	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Ray Krov	x			
Anthony Roselle, Deputy Mayor	x			
Thomas Scheibener	x			
Kenneth Vogel	x			
Dan Bush, Mayor	x			

-DRAFT RESOLUTION- Direct Install

Mr. Vogel moved and Mr. Roselle seconded the motion to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

Authorizing Direct Install to Submit the Grant Applications

WHEREAS, The Holland Township Committee requires that all divisions, departments or other units of the Township submit any application for grant funding to the Governing Body for initial review and approval before final submission said grant application, and

WHEREAS, the Holland Township Green Team desires to obtain a grant from the NJ Clean Energy Incentive Program through Direct Install, and

WHEREAS, the Holland Township Committee has reviewed the grant application herewith attached and fully supports its submission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Holland Township Committee does hereby authorize Direct Install to submit the grant applications for the attached projects intended to perform energy efficiency upgrades, thereby saving energy and lowering utility bills.

Voice Vote	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Ray Krov	x			
Anthony Roselle, Deputy Mayor	x			
Thomas Scheibener	x			
Kenneth Vogel	x			
Dan Bush, Mayor	x			

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NEW BUSINESS REGARDING BETHANY RIDGE

Press Release-The consensus was Clerk Miller should publish the following press release:

TOWNSHIP OF HOLLAND, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY. Mayor Dan Bush announced the purchase of the 158-acre Bethany Ridge tract formerly owned by the Diocese of Metuchen. The site, located just to the east of the Township's Riegel Ridge Recreational Center, was purchased for \$1.2 million dollars. The County of Hunterdon has committed \$600,000 to the purchase price and the Township is optimistic that its partner, Hunterdon Land Trust, will secure a grant from the County for over \$200,000 toward the purchase. The Victoria Foundation, a private entity that provides help with the acquisition of public land, is also considering a contribution. The Township has already received a \$40,000 grant from the Hunterdon County Open Space Fund to help with the purchase.

Consisting of two tracts, one with a house and about 40 acres, and a second with 117 undeveloped acres, Bethany Ridge is one of the prime properties in western Hunterdon County. The land has gentle to moderate slopes in the westerly section and steeply sloping and heavily wooded areas in the east. The property is bisected by two tributaries of the Hakihokake Creek. It has about 48 acres in tilled fields.

Much of the property to its east and south is already open space. To the southeast is the Oak Hill Golf Course and directly to the east are several parcels owned by the County of Hunterdon.

Located on the property is a circa 1929, eight bedroom residence built by the Riegel Paper Company as an executive retreat. It is an extremely handsome, natural stone home of approximately 7,000 square feet. The interior was artfully constructed with raised paneled molding, painted plaster walls and ceilings, a large masonry fireplace, decorative box beam ceilings and distressed oak flooring with cup head nails. A three-car garage was converted by the Diocese into a chapel. The house is in good condition, having been well cared for by the Diocese and there are two cottages adjacent to the house.

Mayor Bush expressed considerable excitement over the purchase: "This property is a great acquisition for the Township. With the property being connected to the sewer line and having almost 50 acres of farm fields, it would have been a prime target for developers. Now, it can be used for the many recreational needs of Holland Township residents."

Deputy Mayor Tony Roselle, a prime mover in the acquisition, said: "The Diocese was great to work with. The Bishop had a clear-eyed view of how to work out a deal that was beneficial to both parties. After tough negotiations, the Diocese lived up to every promise it made, and then some."

Ken Vogel, a committeeman who believes in fiscal responsibility and maintains a cautious approach to acquiring property, said he supported this project, was pleased with the acquisition and the fact that outside agencies would be making substantial contributions to the Township's return on investments.

Committeeman Tom Scheibener, who was part of the negotiating team, emphasized the value of this tract from a recreational standpoint. He said: "We are beginning work on a Master Plan for this property. We see a lot of potential to fill in the recreational gaps. For example, this property would be a great site for additional soccer fields. Right now, there is a real shortage in that area and this

property, located adjacent to Riegel Ridge and all of its facilities, will create a fantastic opportunity for the Township to provide recreational opportunities for the Township for the next 50 years or more."

Committeeman Ray Krov, a business administrator for a large school system, pointed out that the Township expects to close on another 13 acres owned by the Diocese adjacent to the Bethany Ridge tract. He said: "What I like about this deal is we got a great price per acre, we got a lovely house thrown in, and now we are getting 13 more acres from the Diocese at no additional cost. The Diocese has been a great partner."

Mayor Bush also expressed appreciation to the Diocese for all of its cooperation, fair dealings and help. He also thanked the Township partners in the deal: the County of Hunterdon and Hunterdon Land Trust. "The Freeholders really came to bat for us. Freeholder Director Walton was a big proponent of this project from the beginning and provided invaluable help. The Township taxpayers should be very grateful to Freeholder Director Walton and the other Freeholders for their selfless support."

Mayor Bush went onto say that he could not say enough good things about the Hunterdon Land Trust. He explained that Hunterdon Land Trust is a local organization that helps raise funds for and provides technical advice to municipalities about acquiring open space. He said: "HLT's Kate Buttolph was there for us from the beginning. She worked tirelessly to guide us and help us through the process." Mayor Bush continued: "I just hope that the County and Hunterdon Land Trust can work out the additional contribution the Township is looking for. The more money we can get from our partners, the more open space and recreational land we can acquire for the public."

When asked what the Township would do with the lovely stone executive mansion on the site, Mayor Bush said: "We don't know yet. The answer to that question will depend on public input and the recreational study being headed up by Committeemen Scheibener and Roselle. It could be sold as a lovely private residence or it could have a public use; we'll have to see."

BUSINESS FROM TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

No report

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC

After hearing public comment, Mayor Bush closed the public hearing

EXECUTIVE SESSION

-RESOLUTION- to enter into Executive Session-

Mr. Krov moved and Mr. Scheibener seconded the motion to adopt the following Resolution at 8:20 pm noting action will not be taken when the Township Committee returns to Open Session.

RESOLUTION

Entering into Executive Session

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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Holland, that the public shall be excluded from discussion of the following matter(s):

- Advice of Attorney:
Personnel
- Possible Litigation:
LORCO
- Contract negotiations:
Property maintenance/Bethany Ridge
Lease for hunting/Bethany Ridge
Housing and Community Development Services matter

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Minutes will be kept on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office, and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes shall be made public. This Resolution will take effect immediately.

Voice Vote	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Ray Krov	x			
Anthony Roselle, Deputy Mayor	x			
Thomas Scheibener	x			
Kenneth Vogel	x			

The Committee returned to open session at 8:44pm

ADJOURN

Mr. Roselle moved and Mr. Scheibener seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Voice Vote	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Ray Krov	x			
Anthony Roselle, Deputy Mayor	x			
Thomas Scheibener	x			
Kenneth Vogel	x			
Dan Bush, Mayor	x			

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by,

Catherine M. Miller, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Daniel T. Bush, Mayor
Anthony Roselle, Deputy Mayor