

*Town of West New York
Hudson County, New Jersey*

Minutes of Regular Meeting
(Regular Session)
December 18, 2024

Commissioner Marcos A. Arroyo
Commissioner Victor M. Barrera
Commissioner Marielka A. Diaz
Commissioner Adam W. Parkinson
Mayor Albio Sires
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: *ADELINNY PLAZA, RMC*
TOWN CLERK

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Minutes of a regular stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York, in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, held via Teleconference, on **Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. (No Work Session)**:

Present: Commissioners Arroyo, Barrera, Diaz, Parkinson, and Mayor Sires
Absent: None
Also Present: Town Clerk Adelinnny Plaza, Town Administrator Luis Baez, Deputy Town Administrator Jonathan Castaneda, Angelo Auteri, Esq. (Scarinci Hollenbeck)

Meeting commenced at 6:30 P.M.

Town Clerk Adelinnny Plaza made the following announcement:

As Presiding Officer of this **Regular Meeting** of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York, held on **December 18, 2024 at 6:30 P.M (No Work Session)**, I do hereby publicly announce, and I direct that this announcement shall be placed in the minutes of this meeting, and that the Notice requirements provided for in the “Open Public Meetings Act” have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given by the Board of Commissioners in the **Resolution** dated and adopted on **November 21, 2023**. Said Resolution was transmitted by the Town Clerk to the Jersey Journal and the Bergen Record and publicly posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board, Town Hall, and filed with the Town Clerk. Notice of this meeting by the **December 11th, 2024** Sunshine Notice was transmitted to the aforementioned newspapers, posted on the municipal bulletin board in Town Hall, and on the Town Website.

Copies are available to the public in accordance with the law.

Note: Minutes were taken and transcribed by Town Clerk Adelinnny Plaza and Tyara Conil.

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

It was regularly moved by **Mayor Sires**, seconded by **Commissioner Diaz** that the Minutes of Regular Meeting: **December 4, 2024 (Regular Meeting)** be approved. The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES - Commissioners Arroyo, Barrera, Diaz, Parkinson, and Mayor Sires
NAYS - None
ABSENT - None

Payment of Claims: (Claims are available for public inspection in the Town Clerk’s Office)

It was regularly moved by **Mayor Sires**, seconded by **Commissioner Arroyo** that the Payment of Claims of: **December 18, 2024** be approved. The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES - Commissioners Arroyo, Barrera, Diaz, Parkinson, and Mayor Sires
NAYS - None
ABSENT - None

Note: Commissioner Parkinson abstained on Purchase Orders #46116, #46191 and #45988. Commissioner Barrera abstained on Purchase Orders #46159, #46232, #46133 and #46239.

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Consent Agenda:

It was regularly moved by **Commissioner Arroyo**, seconded by **Mayor Sires** that the following Consent Agenda Items **Nos. R24-343 through R24-377 (excluding #R24-353 Re: Approving Transfers between Budget Appropriations)** be adopted. The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES - Commissioners Arroyo, Barrera, Diaz, Parkinson, and Mayor Sires
NAYS - None
ABSENT - None

RESOLUTION #R24-343

RE: AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT PROPOSAL TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FY25 LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York desire to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$125,000 to help fund construction of a Recreation Center in the Town of West New York;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and
2. Recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Town of West New York and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.
3. That the Mayor, the Municipal Administrator, Deputy Municipal Administrator, and the Town Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any documents necessary and take any additional steps to authorize the submission of this grant.

RESOLUTION #R24-344

RE: AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK TO SEEK FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PAY TO PLAY STATUTES FOR THE RETENTION OF RFP'S FOR VARIOUS SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2025

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. mandates a municipality to comply with Pay to Play requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of West New York ("Town") wish to receive and consider proposals for services as may be needed by the Town, including but not limited to legal/professional services as follows:

Architect of Record Services (2 nd Occasion)	January 7, 2025 at 9:30 am
Architectural Services for Special Projects (2 nd Occasion)	January 7, 2025 at 9:45 am
Banking Services (2 nd Occasion)	January 7, 2025 at 10:00 am
Conflict Counsel – Planning Board (2 nd Occasion)	January 7, 2025 at 10:15 am
Conflict Counsel – Zoning Board (2 nd Occasion)	January 7, 2025 at 10:30 am
Court Interpreter Services (2 nd Occasion)	January 7, 2025 at 10:45 am
Library Board Attorney (2 nd Occasion)	January 7, 2025 at 11:00 am
Parking Garage Special Inspections (2 nd Occasion)	January 7, 2025 at 11:15 am
Property Registration Services (2 nd Occasion)	January 7, 2025 at 11:30 am
Special Counsel (2 nd Occasion)	January 7, 2025 at 11:45 am

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Special Construction Code Litigation Counsel (2 nd Occasion)	January 7, 2025 at 12:00 pm
Special Counsel for Foreclosure Matters (2 nd Occasion)	January 7, 2025 at 12:15 pm
Special Project Planner (2 nd Occasion)	January 7, 2025 at 12:30 pm
Tenant Advocacy Attorney (2 nd Occasion)	January 7, 2025 at 12:45 pm

WHEREAS, the Town has previously committed itself to utilizing a Fair and Open Process for the solicitation and review of proposals and qualifications for legal/professional services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of West New York, County of Hudson, and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The aforesaid recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length;
2. The Town Clerk is authorized and directed to publish and advertise a Request for Proposals for the various legal/professional services as may be needed by the Town, for each separate board or entity requiring separate legal/professional services, including but not limited to the services referenced above.
3. Such Request for Proposals (s) shall be published and advertised in accordance with a Fair and Open Process at least ten (10) days in advance, of the opening of the responses to the Requests for Proposals received such opening to take place on or before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council, on or before which time all Statements of Proposals must be submitted by interested parties, for consideration by the Review Committee herein established; and
4. The Procurement Committee, and Town Attorney all in an advisory capacity, will review all Statements of Proposals and to make recommendations to the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York prior to its next regularly scheduled meeting.

RESOLUTION #R24-345

RE: CONCERNING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION AND GENERAL LIABILITY FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2024

WHEREAS the Town of West New York has claims for bills to be paid under workers compensation and general liability; and

WHEREAS the Town of West New York is self-insured and participates with other communities in the Public Entity Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS the PE JIF, and Claims Administrator and the Town Administrator have reviewed all claims and recommend payment, and

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for payment of these claims in account 21-75012 for Workers Compensation claims and account 21-75022 for General Liability claims, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners must approve payment of these claims; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of West New York do hereby approve of the payment of the following claims:

Workers Compensation:	\$ 224,248.94
General Liability:	\$ 73,975.78

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RESOLUTION #R24-346

RE: TO INCREASE THE BID THRESHOLD FOR THE AWARDING OF CONTRACTS PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 ET. SEQ.

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(a), the threshold at which contracts as defined pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. (“LPCL”), may be subject to competitive bidding if they are in excess of the amount designated by the Governor of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(c); and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(c) additionally authorizes the Governor of the State of New Jersey to adjust the bid threshold for the awarding of contracts pursuant to the LPCL with a designated Qualified Purchasing Agent (“QPA”), originally set at \$25,000.00 by statute, in an amount proportional to the index rate as defined by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2, every five (5) years from the effective date of P.L. 1999, c.440; and

WHEREAS, by prior order issued by the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the bid threshold for the awarding of contracts pursuant to the LPCL in municipalities with a designated QPA was increased from \$40,000.00 to \$44,000.00, effective as of July 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, by prior Resolution, the Mayor and the Board of Commissioner appointed Jonathan M. DeJoseph as the Town’s Temporary Qualified Purchasing Agent and authorized him, in his role as QPA, to negotiate and award contracts that fall below the bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2023 Chapter 30, allows the QPA within a municipality in this State to award contracts either directly through a fair and open or an enhanced disclosure method as appropriate when such contracts exceed the limits established by P.L. 2004, c 19, s. 3, but do not exceed the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(a), and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York seek to implement the increased bid threshold within the Town of West New York as established by the LPCL as of July 1, 2020, which was enacted for the purpose of increasing efficiency and adjusting to economic changes in both purchasing and business dynamics.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York do hereby authorize the bid threshold for awarding contracts to be increased to \$44,000.00 and confirm that Veronica Zubiaga, as the QPA for the Town, is authorized to exercise the contracting powers pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 including the preparation, signature and execution of such documents as needed to effectuate the purposes to award contracts as set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, the Municipal Administrator, and the Town Clerk are hereby authorized to take any steps necessary to effectuate the increase to the bid threshold and to further effectuate the purposes as set forth in this Resolution.

RESOLUTION #R24-347

RE: ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND PROCEDURE FOR THE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS, CLAIMANT’S SIGNATURE FOR PAYMENT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:5-16, N.J.A.C. 5:30-9A.6 AND N.J.A.C. 5:31-4.1

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2016 the State of NJ legislature adopted PL 2016, Ch 29 which would allow local units to 1) utilize standard electronic funds transfer technologies and 2) greater flexibility on when to require a vendor certification prior to paying claims; and

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:5-16 requires that the governing body of any local unit shall not pay out of its monies unless

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(a) the person claiming or receiving payment first presents a detailed bill of items or demand, specifying particularly how the bill or demand is made up (the Invoice), with the certification of the party claiming payment that the bill or demand is correct (the Claimant Certification).

(b) the payment carries a written or electronic certification of some officer or duly designated employee of the local unit having knowledge of the facts that the goods have been received by, or the services rendered to, the local unit (certification of the user department).

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-9A.6(c), N.J.A.C. 5:31-4.1, and Local Finance Notice 2018-13 gives local units discretion to not require claimant certification by enacting a standard policy by resolution for vendors or claimants who do not provide such certification as part of its normal course of business; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board adopted the rules and regulations that the local units must adhere to in order to enact the provisions of the law; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-9A.6 allows that municipalities may by resolution set forth the circumstances when they will or will not require a vendor (claimant) signature on a purchase order; and

WHEREAS, Subsection (a) of N.J.A.C. 5:30-9A.6 as well as 5:31-4.1 clarify that the certification may be executed by a vendor or claimant by signature stamp, facsimile signature, or by electronic signature in addition to a “wet” signature; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the following circumstances be applied with respect to this act

Vendor Signature Required (stamp, fax electronic or wet is acceptable)	Vendor Signature not Required
Employee Reimbursements	Vendors who are paid through EFT technologies
For services provided exclusively and entirely by an individual or professional service	Vendors who do not provide certifications part of the normal course of business and/or Purchase orders \$6,600.00 or less.
Refund of municipal revenue	Debt Service
Retiree reimbursements	Non-Municipal Taxes
Individual /sole proprietor or single member LLC	Utilities regulated by tariff
Any situation deemed necessary by the CFO or his designee	Professional Development expenses

WHEREAS, in lieu of a vendor signature, all foregoing circumstances shall be signed/approved by the Municipal Administrator and/or the Assistant Municipal Administrator or their designee under separate cover on the Purchase Order.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on the 18th day of December, 2024, by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that the above vendor claimant circumstances recommended by the Chief Financial Officer be enacted effective immediately.

RESOLUTION #R24-348
RE: AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX LIEN REDEMPTIONS AND TAX LIEN PREMIUMS

WHEREAS, the investors named below have previously purchased Tax Sale Certificates from the Town of West New York; and

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WHEREAS, the Tax Collector for the said Tax Sale Certificates has received the full amount for redemption pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-60; and

WHEREAS, the Certificates have now been redeemed and the investor is entitled to a refund of said redemption amounts and premium amounts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-33 and N.J.S.A 54:5-33; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that the below listed redemption and premium amounts be paid to the investors in the following amounts, and the Department of Revenue and Finance is hereby authorized to issue said refunds:

LIEN HOLDER				TAX	REDEMPTION	PREMIUM
BOC 12-18-2024	BLK	LOT	QUAL	CERTIFICATE		
BALA PARTNERS LLC	80	31		23-0286	\$ 12,024.78	\$ 3,100.00
BROWN STONE CONSTRUCTION LLC	160	10	T09	23-0526	\$ 6,245.53	\$ -
PRO CAP8 FBO FIRSTRUST BANK	16	22		23-0056	\$ 1,869.29	\$ -
PRO CAP8 FBO FIRSTRUST BANK	16	25		23-0057	\$ 3,854.24	\$ -
PRO CAP 8 FBO FIRSTRUST BANK	20	34		23-0090	\$ 2,568.49	\$ -
PRO CAP 8 FBO FIRSTRUST BANK	54	18		23-0216	\$ 9,625.86	\$ -
PRO CAP 8 FBO FIRSTRUST BANK	168.01	7.08	C7095	22-0275	\$ 361.89	\$ -
PRO CAP 8 FBO FIRSTRUST BANK	129	8		23-0427	\$ 2,924.43	\$ -
PRO CAP 8 FBO FIRSTRUST BANK	168.01	1	C0510	23-0582	\$ 374.33	\$ -
WSFS AS CUST LVTLOPS / FIRSTRUST	20	26		23-0088	\$ 11,033.47	\$ 100.00
WSFS CUST TOWER DBXIII	62	1	C0017	23-0237	\$ 1,685.54	\$ -
WSFS CUST TOWER DBXIII	168.01	1	C0446	23-0576	\$ 4,687.01	\$ 100.00
SUBTOTAL:					\$ 57,254.86	\$ 3,300.00
TOTAL:						\$ 60,554.86

RESOLUTION #R24-349
RE: AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

WHEREAS, taxes with respect to the following properties have been inadvertently overpaid to the Town of West New York (“Town”) in the amounts hereafter stated; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to make appropriate refunds for such overpayments.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York, County of Hudson, and State of New Jersey that the following refunds be issued by the Department of Revenue and Finance with respect to the designated property and the Collector of Taxes be and is hereby authorized to adjust the records accordingly and to include the reimbursement of any applicable interest as a result of these overpayments:

NAME	BLOCK/LOT	AMOUNT	YEAR
RAFAEL GIRON	104 /30	\$5,577.62	2024

406A 50th Street, West New York, NJ 07093

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RESOLUTION #R24-350

**RE: AMENDING CONTRACT WITH THE LAW OFFICE OF DAWN K. SCALA FOR
ALTERNATE PROSECUTOR SERVICES FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, by prior Resolution #R23-403, the Town of West New York authorized a contract with the Law Office of Dawn K. Scala, located at 9002 Columbia Avenue, North Bergen, NJ 07047 for the provision of alternate prosecutor services for the period between January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, for a total annual contract amount not to exceed \$50,000.00; and

WHEREAS, due to unforeseen circumstances and additional costs, the Town seeks to amend the contract with the Law Office of Dawn K. Scala, to authorize an increase in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the provision of alternate prosecutor services, for the period between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024 for an amended total contract amount not to exceed \$65,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York do hereby authorize the amendment of the contract with the Law Office of Dawn K. Scala to authorize an increase in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the provision of alternate prosecutor services for the period between January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, for an amended total annual contract amount not to exceed \$65,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Business Administrator are hereby authorized to execute and deliver this contract on behalf of the Town, and the Municipal Clerk or Deputy Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the execution of this contract amendment and to affix the corporate seal of the Town thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer certifies that the funds necessary for this contract are available for this contract from account 201-21-714-020-99.

RESOLUTION #R24-351

RE: CANCELLING GRANT RECEIVABLES AND APPROPRIATED RESERVES

WHEREAS, certain grant receivable balances remain on the Current Fund Balance Sheet; and

WHEREAS, unexpended appropriated grant reserve balances associated with these receivables remain on the Current Fund Balance Sheet; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the Town has collected all funds eligible to be received from these grant programs; and

WHEREAS, it has been further determined that the programs associated with these grants have been completed; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said grant receivable and appropriated grant reserve balances from the Current Fund Balance Sheet.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Town of West New York that the following grant balances is cancelled of record:

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Account #	Grant Description	Grant Receivable Balance	Grants Appropriated Reserves Balance
02-117-03-212-023	2023 Farmers Market Equipment & Supply Funding	\$ 372.00	-
02-117-03-315-021	Alcohol Education Rehabilitation Grant	\$7,835.00	
02-213-40-315-021	Alcohol Education Rehabilitation Grant		\$7,835.00
02-117-03-501-024	2023 NJ SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM	\$ 44,304.47	
02-213-40-501-024	2023 NJ SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM		\$ 44,304.47
02-117-03-565-018	Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant	\$ 8,000.00	-
02-117-03-565-020	FY19 Bulletproof Vest Partnership	\$ 7,985.47	-

RESOLUTION #R24-352

RE: AUTHORIZING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF VINCENT BUONO AS A PART-TIME MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK (January 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025)

WHEREAS, by prior Resolution, the Town of West New York (the “Town”) appointed Vincent Buono to serve as a Part-Time Municipal Tax Collector pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-142, with a term which expires on December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners seek to authorize the reappointment of Vincent Buono as a Part-Time Municipal Tax Collector pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-142, for a six (6) month term, commencing as of January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Vincent Buono is qualified and eligible for reappointment to serve as a Part-Time Municipal Tax Collector between January 1, 2025 and June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Commissioners seek to authorize this appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York, hereby authorize the reappointment of Vincent Buono to serve as Part-Time Municipal Tax Collector for the Town of West New York for a six (6) month term between January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025.

RESOLUTION #R24-354

RE: TO AMEND RESOLUTION #R24-329 AUTHORIZING AUCTION OF SURPLUS VEHICLES, TRUCKS, MOTORCYCLES AND EQUIPMENT BY CASPERT MANAGEMENT CO. INC. FOR THE TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK (2024)

WHEREAS, by prior Resolution #R24-333, the Town of West New York (the “Town”) authorized a contract with Caspert Management Co., Inc., located at 11 Oxford Road, North Caldwell, NJ 07006, for the provision of auctioneering services for surplus vehicles, trucks, motorcycles and equipment as required by the Town for the period between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025, for a commission fee in the amount of 6.5% of the total gross sales per scheduled materials goods auction, and for a fee in the amount of \$1,000.00 per occurrence for a Real Property Auction; and

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WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners seek to amend Resolution #R24-329 authorizing the auction of surplus vehicles, trucks, motorcycles, and equipment pursuant to the Town's contract with Caspert Management Co., Inc. for auctioneering services as required by the Town for the 2025 contract period; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36, the Town can sell vehicles and personal items, by auction, when they are no longer needed for a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Town seeks to sell the surplus vehicles, trucks, and motorcycles identified in the attached list, as they are no longer needed by the Town to serve a public purpose, by auction pursuant to the Town's contract with Caspert Management Co., Inc. for auctioneering services for the period between January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York do hereby authorize the sale of the surplus vehicles, trucks and motorcycles in the attached list, that are no longer needed to serve a public purpose for the Town of West New York by auction pursuant to the Town's contract with Caspert Management Co., Inc. for auctioneering services for the period between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the list of surplus vehicles, trucks, and motorcycles to be sold at auction by Caspert Management Co., Inc. is included as an attachment hereto and the Town reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted during the auction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the vehicles, trucks, motorcycles and property sold at auction, shall be sold "as is" without express or implied warranties, with the successful bidder required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement with the Town.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of the Auction by Caspert Management Co., Inc. shall also be published in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36.

RESOLUTION #R24-355
RE: AWARDING CONTRACT WITH SCARINCI HOLLENBECK, LLC FOR
CORPORATION COUNSEL SERVICES FOR 2025

WHEREAS, the Town of West New York ("Town") solicited proposals under a fair and open process for a contract for corporation counsel services for the period ending December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town received one (1) proposal submitted by Scarinci Hollenbeck, LLC, located at 150 Clove Road, 9th Floor, Little Falls, New Jersey, for the provision of the required corporation counsel services, pursuant to the rates and amounts set forth in the proposal, for a total contract amount of \$575,000.00 for the period between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted by Scarinci Hollenbeck, LLC for the provision of the required corporation counsel services was evaluated and determined to be legally sufficient and the services will be provided to the Town in a cost-effective and professional manner; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer recommends contract for corporation counsel services for the Town of West New York be awarded to Scarinci Hollenbeck, LLC, at 150 Clove Road, 9th Floor, Little Falls, New Jersey, in accordance with the rates and amounts set forth in the proposal, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$575,000.00, for the contract period beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York do hereby award a contract to Scarinci Hollenbeck, LLC for the provision of corporation counsel services to the Town of West New York, for the period commencing January 1, 2025 until December 31, 2025, for a total amount not to exceed \$575,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Municipal Administrator are authorized to execute a contract with Scarinci Hollenbeck LLC for the provision of corporation counsel services to the Town of West New York, for the period ending December 31, 2025 and to take any further steps necessary to effectuate the purposes as set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer certifies that the funds necessary for payment of this Contract are available from account 01-201-21-714-020-99.

RESOLUTION #R24-356
RE: AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW
JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS' DIVISION OF LOCAL
GOVERNMENT FOR GRANT FUNDING FOR PARKING GARAGE PROJECT IN THE
TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York seek to apply for a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, for funding in the amount of \$3,000,000 to construct a parking garage within the Town of West New York; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the grant is to provide residents of the Town of West New York with improved parking access, reduce traffic congestion, and support local economic development by enhancing access to businesses and community facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of West New York is committed to addressing the critical need for additional parking infrastructure to improve the quality of life for residents, support sustainable urban development, and encourage local economic growth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Town of West New York is hereby authorized to submit a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, for funding to construct a new parking garage; and
2. The Town acknowledges and accepts that the Department may offer an award amount different from the requested \$3,000,000 and, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, the Town of West New York does further authorize the execution of said agreement, and upon execution, authorizes the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth therein; and
3. The Mayor, Municipal Administrator, Deputy Municipal Administrator, or other designated officials are hereby authorized to execute the application, grant agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection with the application and subsequent award; and
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately, and a certified copy shall be forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services.

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RESOLUTION #R24-357

RE: AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS' DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR GRANT FUNDING TO RECONSTRUCT PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING IN THE TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York seek to apply for a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, for funding in the amount of \$300,000 to support the Public Safety Building Reconstruction Project within the Town of West New York; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the grant is to provide residents of the Town of West New York with a modernized and efficient Public Safety Building, improving the delivery of critical emergency services and enhancing safety for residents and first responders; and

WHEREAS, the Town of West New York is committed to addressing the critical need for upgrading and reconstructing aging public safety infrastructure to meet current safety standards, enhance operational efficiency, and better serve the needs of the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, as follows:

5. The Town of West New York is hereby authorized to submit a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, for funding to support the reconstruction of the Public Safety Building to address critical infrastructure needs and improve public safety services; and
6. The Town acknowledges and accepts that the Department may offer an award amount different from the requested \$300,000 and, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, the Town of West New York does further authorize the execution of said agreement, and upon execution, authorizes the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth therein; and
7. The Mayor, Municipal Administrator, Deputy Municipal Administrator, or other designated officials are hereby authorized to execute the application, grant agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection with the application and subsequent award; and
8. This resolution shall take effect immediately, and a certified copy shall be forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services.

RESOLUTION #R24-358

RE: AWARDING CONTRACT TO BRUNO AND FERRARO FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES FOR 2025

WHEREAS, the Town of West New York ("Town") solicited proposals using a fair and open process via a Request for Proposals ("RFP") to procure a contract for public defender services for 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town received a proposal from the law firm of Bruno and Ferraro, located at Route 17 North, Suite 211, Rutherford, New Jersey 07070, for the provision of the required public defender services, for the contract period beginning January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town evaluated the proposal submitted by Bruno and Ferraro and determined it is legally sufficient and that public defender services will be provided in a professional and cost-effective manner; and

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Consent Agenda (Cont.):
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WHEREAS, the Town of West New York seeks to award a contract for public defender services to Bruno and Ferraro pursuant to the rates set forth in the proposal, for the period commencing on January 1, 2025 and expiring on December 31, 2025, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York do hereby authorize the award of a contract to Bruno and Ferraro for the provision of public defender services, for the contract term commencing on January 1, 2025 and expiring on December 31, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town shall pay for the provision of public defender services pursuant to the rates and amounts set forth in the proposal, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Business Administrator is hereby authorized to execute and deliver this contract on behalf of the Town, and the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the execution of this contract and to affix the corporate seal of the Town thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of the Contract award shall be published and maintained in the Office of the Town Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer certifies that the necessary funds are available for this contract from account 01-201-33-835-020-99.

RESOLUTION #R24-359
RE: AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR REDEVELOPMENT COUNSEL SERVICES
TO MCMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC FOR 2025

WHEREAS, the Town of West New York (“Town”) sought proposals using a fair and open process, via a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for the procurement of a contract for the provision of redevelopment counsel services for the 2025 contract period; and

WHEREAS, the Town received a proposal from McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, located at 75 Livingston Avenue, #201, Roseland, NJ 07068, for the provision of the required redevelopment counsel services for the period between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town evaluated the proposal submitted by McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC and determined it is legally sufficient and the firm will provide the services required by the Town in a professional and cost-effective manner for the 2025 period; and

WHEREAS, the Town seeks to award a contract for the provision of redevelopment counsel services to McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, at the rates set forth in the proposal, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, for the period between January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York do hereby authorize the award of a contract to McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, located at 75 Livingston Avenue, #201, Roseland, NJ 07068, for the provision of redevelopment counsel services for the period between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025, pursuant to the rates set forth in the proposal, for a total annual contract amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Business Administrator is hereby authorized to execute and deliver this contract on behalf of the Town, and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the execution of this contract and to affix the corporate seal of the Town thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of the Contract award shall be published and maintained in the Office of the Town Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer certifies that the necessary funds are available for this payment from account 01-201-21-714-020-99.

RESOLUTION #R24-360
RE: AWARDING CONTRACT FOR RENT CONTROL BOARD COUNSEL TO
FLORIO KENNY RAVAL, LLP FOR 2024

WHEREAS, the Town of West New York (“Town”) solicited proposals using a fair and open process, via a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for a contract for the provision of Rent Control Board Counsel Services for 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town received a proposal for the provision of Rent Control Board Counsel Services for the 2025 period from Florio Kenny Raval, LLP for the period between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town evaluated the proposal submitted by Florio Kenny Raval, LLP, located at 125 Chubb Ave Suite 310 - N, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071, and determined it is legally sufficient and that Florio Kenny Raval, LLP, will provide the required rent control board counsel services required in a cost-effective and professional manner, between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town seeks to award the contract for Rent Control Board Counsel Services for 2025 to Florio Kenny Raval, LLP, pursuant to the rates and amounts set forth in the proposal, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, for the period beginning January 1, 2025 and expiring December 31, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York do hereby authorize the award of a contract with Florio Kenny Raval LLP, located at 125 Chubb Avenue, Suite 310-N in Lyndhurst, New Jersey 07071, for the provision of Rent Control Board Counsel Services for the period commencing as of January 1, 2025 and ending on December 31, 2025, pursuant to the rates and amounts set forth in the proposal, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Business Administrator is hereby authorized to execute and deliver this contract on behalf of the Town, and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the execution of this contract and to affix the corporate seal of the Town thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk shall publish notice of this Contract award as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer certifies that the funds necessary for this contract from account 01-201-21-714-020-99.

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Consent Agenda (Cont.):

RESOLUTION #R24-361

**RE: AWARDING CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL BOND COUNSEL SERVICES TO
DECOTIIS FITZPATRICK, COLE & GIBLIN, LLP FOR 2025**

WHEREAS, the Town of West New York (“Town”) solicited proposals using a fair and open process, via a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for the provision of bond counsel services for 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town received proposals in response to the RFP for bond counsel services for the period between January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town has evaluated the proposals and determined that the proposal submitted by DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP is legally sufficient and that the firm will provide the required bond counsel services in a cost-effective and professional manner as needed by the Town for the 2025 contract term; and

WHEREAS, the Town of West New York seeks to award the contract for the provision of bond counsel services to DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP, for the period beginning January 1, 2025 until December 31, 2025, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York do hereby authorize the award of a contract to DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP, 61 South Paramus Road, Suite 250, Paramus, NJ 07652, for the provision of bond counsel services for the one-year period commencing January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, for a total annual contract amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Business Administrator are hereby authorized to execute and deliver this contract on behalf of the Town, and the Municipal Clerk or Deputy Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the execution of this contract and to affix the corporate seal of the Town thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer certifies that the funds necessary for this contract are available for this contract from account 201-21-714-020-99.

RESOLUTION #R24-362

**RE: TO AWARD CONTRACT TO FLORIO KENNY RAVAL, LLP FOR SPECIAL
COUNSEL SERVICES FOR 2025**

WHEREAS, the Town of West New York (“Town”) solicited proposals using a fair and open process, via a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for the procurement of a contract for Special Counsel Services for 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town evaluated the proposals and determined that Florio Kenny Raval LLP will provide the special counsel services required by the Town in a professional and cost-effective manner for the period ending December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the required special counsel services shall be provided to the Town pursuant to the rates and amounts set forth the proposal, for a total annual contract amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, for the period between January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York do hereby authorize the award of a contract with the following firm for the provision of special counsel services as required by the Town of West New York, for the period commencing January 1, 2025 until December 31, 2025 to:

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Florio Kenny Raval, LLP
125 Chubb Avenue, Suite 310-N
Lyndhurst, NJ 07071

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the services shall be provided pursuant to the rates and amounts as set forth in the proposal, for the period between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Business Administrator is hereby authorized to execute and deliver this contract on behalf of the Town, and the Municipal Clerk or Deputy Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the execution of these contracts and to affix the corporate seal of the Town thereto.

RESOLUTION #R24-363
RE: AWARDING JOINT CONTRACT FOR RISK MANAGER – HEALTH
INSURANCE SERVICES WITH ALAMO INSURANCE GROUP, INC. AND BROWN &
BROWN METRO, LLC FOR 2025

WHEREAS, the Town of West New York (“Town”) sought proposals through a fair and open process, via a Request for Proposals (“RFP”), to procure a risk manager for health insurance services for 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town received a joint proposal for these services from Brown & Brown Metro, LLC, and Alamo Insurance Group, Inc., and the proposal was determined to be legally sufficient and that Alamo Insurance Group, Inc with offices located at 55 Flanagan Way, Secaucus, New Jersey, 07094, and Brown & Brown Metro with offices located at 56 Livingston Avenue, Roseland, New Jersey 07068, can jointly provide the risk manager services in a cost-effective and professional manner as needed by the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Alamo Insurance Group, Inc and Brown & Brown Metro propose a total fee of \$20,000.00 per month, with \$10,000.00 for Alamo Insurance Group, Inc and \$10,000.00 for Brown & Brown Metro.

WHEREAS, the joint proposal submitted by Alamo Insurance Group, Inc and Brown & Brown Metro provides that the required services will be provided to the Town for a total contract amount not to exceed \$240,000.00, for the period between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York hereby authorize the award of a contract for co-risk manager for health insurance services to the Alamo Insurance Group Inc. and Brown & Brown Metro, for the contract period commencing on January 1, 2025 and ending on December 31, 2025, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$240,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Alamo Insurance Group Inc. and Brown & Brown Metro shall be paid for services provided, a total fee of \$20,000.00 per month, with \$10,000.00 for Alamo Insurance Group, Inc and \$10,000.00 for Brown & Brown Metro with a total contract amount not to exceed \$240,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Business Administrator is hereby authorized to execute and deliver this contract on behalf of the Town, and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the execution of this contract and to affix the corporate seal of the Town thereto.

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Consent Agenda (Cont.):
Resolution (Cont.):

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of the Contract award shall be published and maintained in the Office of the Town Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer certifies that the necessary funds are available for this contract from account 01-201-21-748-020-99.

RESOLUTION #R24-364
RE: AWARDING CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL HEARING OFFICER SERVICES TO
FLORIO KENNY RAVAL, LLP FOR 2025

WHEREAS, the Town of West New York (“Town”) solicited proposals through a fair and open process via a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for a contract for Special Hearing Officer services for the period ending December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town of West New York received a proposal from Florio Kenny Raval, LLP, located at 125 Chubb Avenue, Suite 310-N, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071, for the provision of the required Special Hearing Officer services pursuant to the rates and amounts set forth in the proposal, for the period between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025, for a total contract in the amount of \$10,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town evaluated the proposal submitted by Florio Kenny Raval, LLP and determined it to be legally sufficient and that the services will be provided to the Town in a professional and cost-effective manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey do hereby authorize a contract with Florio Kenny Raval, LLP, located at 125 Chubb Avenue, Suite 310-N, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071, for the provision of Special Hearing Officer services, pursuant to the rates and amounts set forth in the proposal, for a total contract amount not to exceed of \$10,000.00, for the period commencing January 1, 2025 and ending on December 31, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Business Administrator is hereby authorized to execute and deliver this contract on behalf of the Town, and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the execution of this contract and to affix the corporate seal of the Town thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of the Contract award shall be published and maintained in the Office of the Town Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer certifies that the necessary funds are available for this payment from account 01-201-20-714-020-99.

RESOLUTION #R24-365
RE: AWARDING CONTRACT TO FLORIO KENNY RAVAL, LLP FOR TAX APPEAL
COUNSEL SERVICES FOR 2025

WHEREAS, the Town West New York (“Town”) solicited proposals using a fair and open process, via a Request for Proposals (“RFP”), for a contract for tax appeal counsel services; and

WHEREAS, the Town received proposals for the provision of Tax Appeal Counsel services for the Town of West New York for the period between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025; and

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Consent Agenda (Cont.):
Resolution (Cont.):

WHEREAS, the Town evaluated the proposals and determined that the proposal submitted by Florio Kenny Raval, LLP, is legally sufficient and that the required services will be provided by that firm in a cost-effective and professional manner; and

WHEREAS, the Town of West New York seeks to award a contract for tax appeal counsel services to the law firm of Florio Kenny Raval, LLP, located at 125 Chubb Ave, Suite 310 - N, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071, for the period commencing on January 1, 2025 and expiring on December 31, 2025, pursuant to the rates and amounts set forth in the proposal, for a total contract in the amount of \$40,000.00.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, do hereby authorize the award of a contract for tax appeal counsel services to Florio Kenny Raval, LLP, for the period commencing January 1, 2025 until December 31, 2025, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Municipal Administrator is hereby authorized to execute and deliver this contract on behalf of the Town, and the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the execution of this contract and to affix the corporate seal of the Town thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of the Contract award shall be published and maintained in the Office of the Town Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer certifies that the funds necessary for this contract are available from account 01-201-21-714-020-99.

RESOLUTION #R24-366
RE: AWARDING CONTRACT FOR TAX APPRAISER SERVICES TO HALLMARK
REAL ESTATE SERVICES, INC. FOR 2025

WHEREAS, the Town of West New York (the "Town") solicited proposals using a fair and open process, via a Request for Proposals ("RFP") for a contract for Tax Appraiser Services on two occasions; and

WHEREAS, the Town of West New York received a proposal submitted by Hallmark Real Estate Services, Inc., located at 100 Plaza Center, Suite 2B, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094, for Tax Appraiser Services for the Town of West New York for the period between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted by Hallmark Real Estate Services, Inc. was evaluated by the Town and determined to be legally sufficient and that Hallmark Real Estate Services, Inc. will provide the required Tax Appraiser Services to the Town in a professional and cost-effective manner for 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town seeks to award a contract to Hallmark Real Estate Services, Inc. for the provision of Tax Appraiser Services pursuant to the rates and amounts set forth in the proposal, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, for the period between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York hereby authorize the award of a contract to Hallmark Real Estate Services, Inc. for the provision of Tax Appraiser Services, pursuant to the rates and amounts set forth in the proposal, for a total annual contract amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, for the period between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025.

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Resolution (Cont.):

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Business Administrator is hereby authorized to execute and deliver this contract on behalf of the Town, and the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the execution of this contract and to affix the corporate seal of the Town thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of the Contract award shall be published and maintained in the Office of the Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer certifies that the necessary funds are available for this payment from account 01-201-21-744-020-99.

RESOLUTION #R24-367
RE: AWARDING CONTRACT FOR THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR
WORKERS COMPENSATION AND TORT CLAIMS TO CLAIMS RESOLUTION
CORPORATION, INC. FOR 2025

WHEREAS, the Town West New York (“Town”) solicited proposals using a fair and open process, via a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for a contract for third party administrator services for workers compensation and general liability claims for 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town received proposals for the provision of third-party administrator services for workers compensation and general liability claims as required by the Town of West New York for the period ending December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, one proposal was submitted by Claims Resolution Corporation, Inc., located at 323 South Pitney Road, Suite 200, Galloway, NJ, 08205, for third party administrator services for workers compensation and tort claims, for the period between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town evaluated the proposal submitted by Claims Resolution Corporation, Inc. and determined it is legally sufficient and that Claims Resolution Corporation, Inc. will provide the services required by the Town in a professional cost-effective manner for the 2025 period; and

WHEREAS, the Town seeks to authorize the award of a contract to Claims Resolution Corporation, Inc. for the provision of third-party administrator services for the Town’s workers compensation and tort claims for the period between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$39,500.00, pursuant to the payment schedule and terms set forth in the proposal.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York do hereby authorize the award of a contract to Claims Resolution Corporation, Inc. for the provision of third-party administrator services for the Town’s workers compensation and tort claims for the period between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$39,500.00, pursuant to the payment schedule and terms set forth in the proposal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total contract amount shall not exceed \$39,500.00, in third party administration fees, exclusive of managed care fees processed by the Contractor and paid as an allocated loss expense under the workers’ compensation claim files.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Municipal Administrator are hereby authorized to execute and deliver this contract on behalf of the Town, and the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the execution of this contract and to affix the corporate seal of the Town thereto.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of the Contract award shall be published and maintained in the Office of Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer certifies that the funds necessary for this contract are available from account 01-201-21-750-120-93.

RESOLUTION #R24-368
RE: AWARDING CONTRACT TO FLORIO KENNY RAVAL, LLP FOR WORKERS
COMPENSATION COUNSEL SERVICES FOR 2025

WHEREAS, the Town West New York solicited proposals using a fair and open process, via a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) to procure a contract for the provision of workers compensation counsel services for the 2025 contract term; and

WHEREAS, the Town received proposals for the provision of the required workers compensation counsel services for the period between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town evaluated the proposals and determined the proposal submitted by Florio Kenny Raval LLP, located at 125 Chubb Ave Suite 310 - N, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071, is legally sufficient and that firm will provide the services as required by the Town in a professional and cost-effective manner for the 2025 term; and

WHEREAS, the Town of West New York seeks to award the contract for workers compensation counsel services to Florio Kenny Raval, LLP, for the period between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025, for a total annual contract amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, do hereby authorize the award of a contract to Florio Kenny Raval LLP, for the provision of workers compensation counsel services as required by the Town of West New York for the period commencing January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Business Administrator is hereby authorized to execute and deliver this contract on behalf of the Town, and the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the execution of this contract and to affix the corporate seal of the Town thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of the Contract award shall be published and maintained in the Office of the Town Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer certifies that the funds necessary for this Contract are available from account 13-286-56-008-002.

RESOLUTION #R24-369
RE: AWARDING CONTRACT WITH HARTMANN DOHERTY ROSA BERMAN &
BULBULIA, LLC FOR ZONING BOARD ATTORNEY FOR 2025

WHEREAS, the Town West New York (“Town”) solicited proposals through a fair and open process, via a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) to procure a contract for Zoning Board of Adjustment counsel services for the remainder of the 2025 contract period; and

WHEREAS, the Town received a proposal submitted by Hartmann, Doherty, Rosa, Berman & Bulbulia, LLC for the provision of the required Zoning Board of Adjustment counsel services for the period ending December 31, 2025; and

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Consent Agenda (Cont.):

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WHEREAS, the Town evaluated the proposal submitted by Hartmann, Doherty, Rosa, Berman & Bulbulia, LLC, located at 433 Hackensack Ave, Suite 1002, Hackensack, NJ 07601, and determined that the proposal is legally-sufficient and the required Zoning Board of Adjustment counsel services will be provided in a professional and cost-effective manner for the 2025 period; and

WHEREAS, the Town seeks to award the contract for the provision of the required Zoning Board of Adjustment counsel services to Hartmann, Doherty, Rosa, Berman & Bulbulia, LLC, at the rates set forth in the proposal, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a term expiring on December 31, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York do hereby award a contract to Hartmann, Doherty, Rosa, Berman & Bulbulia, LLC, located at 433 Hackensack Ave, Suite 1002, Hackensack, NJ 07601 for the provision of Zoning Board of Adjustment counsel services at the rates set forth in the proposal, for a total annual contract amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 excluding fees paid from escrow accounts from applicants to the Board of Adjustment, from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Municipal Administrator are hereby authorized to execute and deliver this contract on behalf of the Town, and Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the execution of this contract and to affix the corporate seal of the Town thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of the Contract shall be published and maintained in the Office of the Town Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer certifies that the necessary funds are available for the contract from account 01-201-20-721-020-99.

RESOLUTION #R24-370

RE: REAPPOINTING ADELINNY PLAZA AS TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK

WHEREAS, the current term for the position of Town Clerk for the Town of West New York ("Town") has expired; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133 requires that every municipality shall appoint a Municipal Clerk and that such appointment be for a three-year term; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133, no person shall be appointed or reappointed as a Municipal Clerk unless that person holds a registered municipal clerk certificate; and

WHEREAS, Adelinnny Plaza was appointed to serve as the Town Clerk for the Town of West New York for a three (3) year term beginning November 9, 2021 and ending on November 10, 2024 and

WHEREAS, Adelinnny Plaza possesses all required certifications and is eligible for reappointment to serve as the Town Clerk for the Town of West New York; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York seek to reappoint Adelinnny Plaza to the position of Town Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Town Clerk tenure acquisition and requirements shall apply as set forth in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, compensation for the position of Town Clerk shall be in accordance with the Town's Salary Ordinance.

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Resolution (Cont.):

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that Adelinnny Plaza is hereby reappointed to the position of Town Clerk for a three-year period, commencing retroactively on November 10, 2024 and ending on November 9, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation for the position of Town Clerk shall be in accordance with the Town's Salary Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appointment is subject to the approval of the Department of Community Affairs, if necessary.

RESOLUTION #R24-371
RE: AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF CONTRACT FOR GRANT CONSULTANT
(STATE) TO BRUNO ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR 2025

WHEREAS, the Town of West New York ("Town") requires State Grant Consultant Services for the 2025 contract period; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1(m), the Town may utilize competitive contracting for consulting services; and

WHEREAS, by prior Resolution, the Town authorized a contract with Bruno Associates, Inc., with offices located at 1373 Broad Street, Suite 203B, Clifton, New Jersey 07013, for the provision of State Grant Consultant Services, for an initial one (1) year period between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024, for an annual total contract amount not to exceed \$52,500.00, with the option to renew the contract for four (4) additional one (1) year periods, in accordance with the competitive contracting requirements set forth under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1, et seq.

WHEREAS, the Town of West New York seeks to authorize the renewal of the contract for State and County Grant Consultant Services with Bruno Associates, Inc. for a one (1) year term, beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, with the option to renew the contract for three (3) additional one (1) year periods, in accordance with the competitive contracting requirements set forth under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1, et seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of West New York hereby authorize the renewal of the contract with Bruno Associates, Inc., with offices located at 1373 Broad Street, Suite 203B, Clifton, New Jersey 07013, for the provision of State and County Grant Consultant Services, for a one (1) year term, beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, for a total annual contract amount not to exceed \$52,500.00, with the option to renew the contract for three (3) additional one (1) year periods, in accordance with the competitive contracting requirements set forth under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1, et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the renewal term of the contract for these services will be from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. There are three (3) remaining one-year extensions to this contract for State Grant Consultant Services. The total contract term shall not exceed 5 years from date of commencement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Business Administrator is hereby authorized to execute and deliver this contract on behalf of the Town, and the Municipal Clerk or Deputy Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the execution of this contract and to affix the corporate seal of the Town thereto.

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Consent Agenda (Cont.):

Resolution (Cont.):

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of the Contract award shall be published and maintained in the Office of Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer certifies that the funds necessary for payments covering the period January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025, totaling \$52,500.00 is available for this contract from account 01-201-20-711-020-99.

RESOLUTION #R24-372
RE: AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF CONTRACT FOR FEDERAL GRANT
CONSULTANT WITH BRUNO ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR 2025

WHEREAS, the Town of West New York (“Town”) requires Federal Grant Consultant Services for the 2025 contract period; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1(m), the Town may utilize competitive contracting for consulting services; and

WHEREAS, by prior Resolution, the Town authorized a contract with Bruno Associates, Inc., with offices located at 1373 Broad Street, Suite 203B, Clifton, New Jersey 07013, for the provision of Federal Grant Consultant Services, for an initial one (1) year period between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024, at a rate of \$5,000.00 per month, for an annual total contract amount not to exceed \$60,00.00, with the option to renew the contract for four (4) additional one (1) year periods, in accordance with the competitive contracting requirements set forth under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1, et seq.

WHEREAS, the Town of West New York seeks to authorize the renewal of the contract for Federal Grant Consultant Services with Bruno Associates, Inc. for a one (1) year term, beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, at a rate of \$5,000.00 per month, for a total annual contract amount not to exceed \$60,000.00, with the option to renew the contract for three (3) additional one (1) year periods, in accordance with the competitive contracting requirements set forth under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1, et seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of West New York hereby authorize the renewal of the contract with Bruno Associates, Inc., with offices located at 1373 Broad Street, Suite 203B, Clifton, New Jersey 07013, for the provision of Federal Grant Consultant Services, for a one (1) year term, beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, at a rate of \$5,000.00 per month, for a total annual contract amount not to exceed \$60,000.00, with the option to renew the contract for three (3) additional one (1) year periods, in accordance with the competitive contracting requirements set forth under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1, et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the renewal term of the contract for these services will be from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. There are three (3) remaining one-year extensions to this contract for Federal Grant Consultant Services. The total contract term shall not exceed 5 years from date of commencement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Business Administrator is hereby authorized to execute and deliver this contract on behalf of the Town, and the Municipal Clerk or Deputy Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the execution of this contract and to affix the corporate seal of the Town thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of the Contract award shall be published and maintained in the Office of Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer certifies that the funds necessary for this Contract are available for this contract from account 01-201-20-711-020-99.

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Consent Agenda (Cont.):

RESOLUTION #R24-373

RE: AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH BERQUIST RECOVERY CONSULTING, LLC FOR FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY GRANT CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR 2025

WHEREAS, the Town of West New York (“Town”) requires a grant management consulting company to assist the Town in obtaining Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) grants for federally declared disaster areas, resources and disaster recovery programs that may be available to the Town; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1(m), the Town may utilize competitive contracting for consulting services; and

WHEREAS, by prior Resolution, the Town authorized a contract with Berquist Recovery Consulting, LLC for the provision of FEMA grant consultant services, for the one (1) year period between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024, with the option to renew the contract for four (4) additional one (1) year periods, in accordance with the competitive contracting requirements set forth under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Town now seeks to authorize the renewal of the contract with Berquist Recovery Consulting, LLC (“BRC”), located at 222 West 83rd Street, New York, NY 10024 for the provision of FEMA grant consultant services for a one (1) year period, beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, with the option to renew the contract for three (3) additional one (1) year periods, in accordance with the competitive contracting requirements set forth under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1, et seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York do hereby authorize the renewal of the contract with Berquist Recovery Consulting, LLC, for the provision of FEMA grant consultant services, for a one (1) year term between January 1, 2025 and expiring December 31, 2025, with the option to renew the contract for three (3) additional one (1) year periods, in accordance with the competitive contracting requirements set forth under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1, et seq. for a total contract amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, in accordance with the rates and provisions otherwise set forth in the proposal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, the Town Administrator, and the Town Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and deliver this contract on behalf of the Town, and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the execution of this contract and to affix the corporate seal of the Town thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of the Contract award shall be published and maintained in the Office of the Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of West New York pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Finance Officer. No minimum purchase is guaranteed.

RESOLUTION #R24-374

RE: AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION MATTER, RAFAEL TAVARES-TAVARES V. TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK

WHEREAS, the Town of West New York (“Town”) is a party involved in pending Division of Workers' Compensation matter entitled, *Rafael Tavares-Tavares v. Town of West New York* (Claim #: 314-0002988); and

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Consent Agenda (Cont.):

Resolution (Cont.):

WHEREAS, Counsel for the Town of West New York has presented a proposed settlement in this matter; and

WHEREAS, Plaintiff and/or Plaintiff's authorized representative has agreed to accept the aforementioned settlement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey do authorize the settlement of the workers compensation matter, entitled *Rafael Tavares-Tavares v. Town of West New York* (Claim #: 314-0002988) as recommended by Counsel for the Town of West New York.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York authorize the Town's third-party administrator within the time period prescribed by law, to make the settlement payment as set forth pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Plaintiff has provided or shall provide to Counsel for the Town of West New York a satisfactory release, closing documents and/or other appropriate documentation.

RESOLUTION #R24-375

**RE: AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION
MATTER, JOSE ARROYO V. TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK**

WHEREAS, the Town of West New York ("Town") is a party involved in pending Division of Workers' Compensation matter entitled, *Jose Arroyo v. Town of West New York* (Claim #: 314-0003443); and

WHEREAS, Counsel for the Town of West New York has presented a proposed settlement in this matter; and

WHEREAS, Plaintiff and/or Plaintiff's authorized representative has agreed to accept the aforementioned settlement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey do authorize the settlement of the workers compensation matter, entitled *Jose Arroyo v. Town of West New York* (Claim #: 314-0003443) as recommended by Counsel for the Town of West New York.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York authorize the Town's third-party administrator within the time period prescribed by law, to make the settlement payment as set forth pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Plaintiff has provided or shall provide to Counsel for the Town of West New York a satisfactory release, closing documents and/or other appropriate documentation.

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Consent Agenda (Cont.):
Resolution (Cont.):

RESOLUTION #R24-376
RE: AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION
MATTER, GABRIEL TORRES V. TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK

WHEREAS, the Town of West New York (“Town”) is a party involved in pending Division of Workers' Compensation matter entitled, *Gabriel Torres v. Town of West New York* (Claim #: 314-0003361); and

WHEREAS, Counsel for the Town of West New York has presented a proposed settlement in this matter; and

WHEREAS, Plaintiff and/or Plaintiff’s authorized representative has agreed to accept the aforementioned settlement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey do authorize the settlement of the workers compensation matter, entitled *Gabriel Torres v. Town of West New York* (Claim #: 314-0003361) as recommended by Counsel for the Town of West New York.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York authorize the Town's third-party administrator within the time period prescribed by law, to make the settlement payment as set forth pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Plaintiff has provided or shall provide to Counsel for the Town of West New York a satisfactory release, closing documents and/or other appropriate documentation.

RESOLUTION #R24-377
RE: AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION
MATTER, JULIA SORIANO GONZALEZ V. TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK

WHEREAS, the Town of West New York (“Town”) is a party involved in pending Division of Workers' Compensation matter entitled, *Julia Soriano Gonzalez v. Town of West New York* (Claim #: 314-0003448); and

WHEREAS, Counsel for the Town of West New York has presented a proposed settlement in this matter; and

WHEREAS, Plaintiff and/or Plaintiff’s authorized representative has agreed to accept the aforementioned settlement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey do authorize the settlement of the workers compensation matter, entitled *Julia Soriano Gonzalez v. Town of West New York* (Claim #: 314-0003448) as recommended by Counsel for the Town of West New York.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York authorize the Town's third-party administrator within the time period prescribed by law, to make the settlement payment as set forth pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Plaintiff has provided or shall provide to Counsel for the Town of West New York a satisfactory release, closing documents and/or other appropriate documentation.

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RESOLUTION #R24-353
RE: APPROVING TRANSFERS BETWEEN BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, there exist certain budget expenditures with funds available in excess of the amounts approved in the 2024 Budget of the Town of West New York; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 permits the transfer of such funds during the last two months of the fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey that the following transfers be made within the 2024 Municipal Budget:

Account Number	Description	Transfer From	Transfer To
01-201-23-783-020-99	Snow Removal - OE	\$ 50,000.00	
01-201-24-793-020-99	Light & Power Miscellaneous	\$ 25,000.00	
01-201-23-788-020-999	Engineering Serv. & Costs -Miscellaneous		\$ 50,000.00
01-201-24-717-020-99	Senior Citizens - OE		\$ 25,000.00
05-201-55-502-020-99	Parking Utility Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.00	
05-201-55-541-020-99	Parking Utility Social Security System		\$ 5,000.00
		<u>\$80,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 80,000.00</u>

It was regularly moved by **Commissioner Barrera**, seconded by **Commissioner Parkinson**, to **adopt the foregoing Resolution**. The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES - Commissioners Arroyo, Barrera, Diaz, Parkinson, and Mayor Sires
NAYS - None
ABSENT - None

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ORDINANCE #39/24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK, IN THE COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING AN AMENDED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 125, LOT 1 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAPS OF THE TOWN

Note: Town Clerk Adelanny Plaza read the title of the foregoing Ordinance aloud.

It was regularly moved by **Commissioner Diaz**, seconded by **Mayor Sires**, to **open the public hearing** on this Ordinance. The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES - Commissioners Arroyo, Barrera, Diaz, Parkinson, and Mayor Sires
NAYS - None
ABSENT - None

It was regularly moved by **Commissioner Parkinson**, seconded by **Commissioner Diaz**, to **close the public hearing and adopt** this Ordinance. The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES - Commissioners Arroyo, Barrera, Diaz, Parkinson, and Mayor Sires
NAYS - None
ABSENT - None

ORDINANCE #40/24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK, IN THE COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING AN AMENDED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 4, LOTS 1 AND 2 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAPS OF THE TOWN

Note: Town Clerk Adelanny Plaza read the title of the foregoing Ordinance aloud.

It was regularly moved by **Mayor Sires**, seconded by **Commissioner Diaz**, to **open the public hearing** on this Ordinance. The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES - Commissioners Arroyo, Barrera, Diaz, Parkinson, and Mayor Sires
NAYS - None
ABSENT - None

It was regularly moved by **Commissioner Parkinson**, seconded by **Commissioner Diaz**, to **close the public hearing and adopt** this Ordinance. The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES - Commissioners Arroyo, Barrera, Diaz, Parkinson, and Mayor Sires
NAYS - None
ABSENT - None

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ORDINANCE #41/24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK, IN THE COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 158, LOTS 9, 10, 11 AND 15, AND BLOCK 159, LOT 15 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAPS OF THE TOWN

Note: Town Clerk Adelinn Plaza read the title of the foregoing Ordinance aloud.

It was regularly moved by **Commissioner Barrera**, seconded by **Commissioner Diaz**, to **open the public hearing** on this Ordinance. The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES - Commissioners Arroyo, Barrera, Diaz, Parkinson, and Mayor Sires
NAYS - None
ABSENT - None

It was regularly moved by **Mayor Sires**, seconded by **Commissioner Parkinson**, to **close the public hearing and adopt** this Ordinance. The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES - Commissioners Arroyo, Barrera, Diaz, Parkinson, and Mayor Sires
NAYS - None
ABSENT - None

ORDINANCE #42/24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK, IN THE COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY CONSENTING TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE FINANCIAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK AND RIVERWALK A URBAN RENEWAL ASSOCIATES, L.L.C. FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED ON BLOCK 168.01, LOT 7.04 AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK, FROM RIVERWALK A URBAN RENEWAL ASSOCIATES, L.L.C. TO RIVERWALK URBAN RENEWAL LLC

Note: Town Clerk Adelinn Plaza read the title of the foregoing Ordinance aloud.

It was regularly moved by **Mayor Sires**, seconded by **Commissioner Parkinson**, to **open the public hearing** on this Ordinance. The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES - Commissioners Arroyo, Barrera, Diaz, Parkinson, and Mayor Sires
NAYS - None
ABSENT - None

It was regularly moved by **Commissioner Parkinson**, seconded by **Commissioner Diaz**, to **close the public hearing and adopt** this Ordinance. The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES - Commissioners Arroyo, Barrera, Diaz, Parkinson, and Mayor Sires
NAYS - None
ABSENT - None

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ORDINANCE #43/24

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 364 TO ESTABLISH NEW ARTICLE III
ENTITLED “MUNICIPAL HOTEL AND MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX” WITHIN THE
CODE OF THE TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK**

Note: Town Clerk Adelanny Plaza read the title of the foregoing Ordinance aloud.

It was regularly moved by **Mayor Sires**, seconded by **Commissioner Diaz**, to **open the public hearing** on this Ordinance. The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES - Commissioners Arroyo, Barrera, Diaz, Parkinson, and Mayor Sires
NAYS - None
ABSENT - None

It was regularly moved by **Commissioner Parkinson**, seconded by **Commissioner Diaz**, to **close the public hearing and adopt** this Ordinance. The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES - Commissioners Arroyo, Barrera, Diaz, Parkinson, and Mayor Sires
NAYS - None
ABSENT - None

ORDINANCE #44/24

**An Ordinance Amending Chapter 161 Entitled “Construction Codes, Uniform” to Amend
the Fee Schedule and Certain Other Sections**

Note: Town Clerk Adelanny Plaza read the title of the foregoing Ordinance aloud.

It was regularly moved by **Mayor Sires**, seconded by **Commissioner Arroyo**, to **Adopt the introduction** of the foregoing Ordinance. The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES - Commissioners Arroyo, Barrera, Diaz, Parkinson, and Mayor Sires
NAYS - None
ABSENT - None

Notice

The foregoing Ordinance was adopted for first reading by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York, New Jersey, on **December 18, 2024** and ordered published, for consideration before final passage at a public hearing on **January 8, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** held remotely or in person. Instructions regarding attendance and participation in the meeting will be posted on the Town’s website: <http://www.westnewyorknj.org/>. A copy of this Ordinance has been posted on the bulletin board upon which public notices are customarily posted on in the Town Hall of the Town of West New York, and a copy (at no charge) is available up to and including the time of such meeting to the members of the public of the Town who shall request such copies, at the Office of the Town Clerk in said Town Hall in West New York, N.J.

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Public Portion:

Town Clerk Adelanny Plaza made the following announcement at 6:44 p.m.:

Residents are welcome to address the Mayor and Board of Commissioners on any governmental concern to them, whether or not is scheduled on the agenda. Public comments are limited to 3 minutes per person, and no person shall be permitted to speak more than one regular turn.

Town Clerk Plaza read aloud a speech regarding her reappointment and appreciation towards the administration. The speech will be appended to the end of these minutes.

It was regularly moved by **Mayor Sires** and seconded by **Commissioner Parkinson, to close the Public Portion of the meeting and Adjourn at 6:48 p.m.** The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES - Commissioners Arroyo, Barrera, Diaz, Parkinson, and Mayor Sires
NAYS - None
ABSENT - None

Commissioner Marcos A. Arroyo

Commissioner Victor M. Barrera

Commissioner Marielka A. Diaz

Commissioner Adam W. Parkinson

Mayor Albio Sires
Board of Commissioners

Attest: _____
Adelanny Plaza, RMC
Town Clerk

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the honor of being reappointed as the Registered Municipal Clerk for the Town of West New York. With great humility and enthusiasm, I accept this opportunity to continue serving our community in this important role.

My heartfelt thanks go to you, Mayor Sires, and the esteemed Board of Commissioners, for placing your trust in me once again. Your continued confidence in my abilities is deeply appreciated, and I remain committed to upholding the highest standards of professionalism and integrity in the performance of my duties.

I would also like to recognize and thank my dedicated staff—Tyara, Cassandra, Kimberly, and Joseph. Your hard work, unwavering support, and teamwork have been essential to the success of our office. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to lead such a talented, committed, and remarkable team.

I must also take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to my daughters, Zoe and Zya. They have been my constant source of inspiration and motivation, encouraging me to persevere even during the most challenging times. In 2021, just three months after the birth of my first daughter, I was appointed as Municipal Clerk. Balancing these new roles seemed overwhelming, but with the support of my family, especially my mother, I was able to navigate this new chapter. Your belief in me and your understanding during those demanding times gave me the strength to carry on. As I reflect on 2023, when I welcomed my second daughter and prepared for my first municipal election, my family's continued support was my guiding light. Returning to work shortly after giving birth was not without its challenges, but knowing my daughters were in such capable hands gave me peace of mind.

I would also like to express my gratitude to my daughter's father for his unwavering support and encouragement, which has been a constant since I was first reappointed as Deputy Municipal Clerk in 2019. Your steadfast support has been invaluable as I've navigated the many challenges of my career.

As I begin this new term as Registered Municipal Clerk, I pledge to continue serving with passion, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to excellence. I am eager to face the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead, and I look forward to working collaboratively with all of you to advance the interests of our community.

Thank you once again for this reappointment and for the privilege of serving the residents of West New York. It is truly an honor, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the growth and prosperity of our town.