

June 6, 2023

Township of Randolph
Municipal Building
Randolph, NJ
June 6, 2023

A. OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Randolph Township Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Nisivoccia. This meeting held pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act. Adequate notice of the meeting has been provided by posting written notice of the time, date, location and to the extent known, the agenda of the meeting in Randolph Township. This notice was posted on the bulletin board in Town Hall, it was filed with the Township Clerk, and it was provided to those persons or entities requesting notification. Notice was also provided to the Randolph Reporter and the Morris County Daily Record on December 15, 2022, by emailing them the annual resolution adopted by the Council on December 8, 2022. The annual resolution, which included this meeting date, was advertised in the Randolph Reporter and the Daily Record on December 22, 2022. Notice was also provided to TapInto Randolph, the official Township online digital publication, on December 21, 2022.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT: Councilmember Elbaum
Councilmember Forstenhausler
Councilmember Potter
Councilwoman Veech
Deputy Mayor Carey
Mayor Nisivoccia
ABSENT: Councilmember Hathaway

Also Present: Township Manager Greg Poff and Township Attorney Ed Buzak of the Surenian Edwards, Buzak & Nolan Law Group.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Nisivoccia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. PRESENTATION/PROCLAMATION

- 1. Proclamation - Millbrook United Methodist Church 190th Anniversary which will be presented by Mayor Nisivoccia on Sunday, June 25, 2023**

2. Eagle Scout Proclamations Presented to Neel Deep Badlani and Alex Michael Harrell to be presented at the Eagle Court of Honor at Resurrection Parish on June 10, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

Councilmember Potter made a motion to approve the proclamations. Councilwoman Veech seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Councilmember Elbaum
Councilmember Forstenhausler
Councilmember Potter
Councilwoman Veech
Deputy Mayor Carey
Mayor Nisivoccia
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Hathaway

C. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Seeing and hearing no one, the public session was closed.

D. MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Poff reported the following:

High-dose flu vaccine – As reported at a previous council meeting, the Board of Health has discussed the availability and delivery of high-dose flu vaccine for the upcoming flu season. The township staff has identified an alternate vendor, Seqirus, who offers the exact vaccine for a comparable price and a projected delivery beginning in September. The township will order 10 boxes from Seqirus, and reduce the remaining order to 6 boxes with the contract vendor thereby minimizing the potential for unused doses. This plan will better position the township to meet the needs of its residents.

Water conservation emergency watch – The township has an ordinance that allows the declaration of a drought emergency. Section 50-31 (e) states, “In the event, the township council declares that a water conservation emergency exists due to a prolonged scarcity of water from any cause, the township reserves the right upon public notice to restrict certain uses of water above and beyond the limitations contained herein.” Township Engineer Paul Ferriero previously wrote a July 2016 memo based upon the DEP drought watch for the area recommending additional watering restrictions. Township staff will continue to monitor current drought conditions, available at <https://dep.nj.gov/drought/current-conditions/>, should the need arise for the council to consider such a declaration.

Morris County Community Development Program – Planning Director Darren Carney has recommended that the council review the county’s administration of this program. He believes the way the census blocks are mapped only a small portion of the township is eligible for CDBG grants, including Randolph Village and a portion of Hedden Park. There is an alternative way to

have projects included if it can be demonstrated that portions of the township are in a low-income areas, but the county has not allowed this method to be used despite several requests over the years.

Millbrook Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation – As previously reported Morris County, Morris County will be restoring the historic bridge on Millbrook Avenue between Fords Road and Pierson Hill Road. The project will require a full road closure from June 19 through August 25. The timing has been arranged so that the road is closed during the summer recess for the schools. It is recommended that residents plan accordingly. Variable message boards have been placed in accordance with the detour plan to advise the public of the pending road closure and the attached public notice has been distributed and posted on the township’s website.

IMO Zotynia v. Township of Randolph, et al. – The township is in receipt of the signed release from Plaintiff counsel in this matter. This release was prepared by insurance defense counsel Adam Carman, Esq. and reviewed by MCJIF Counsel Fred Semrau, Esq. and Township Attorney Ed Buzak, Esq. All of the attorneys have found the release acceptable. This Release resolves any and all claims Mr. Zotynia may have against Defendants, the Defendants' agents, employees, members, or representatives, whether named in this Complaint or not, including but not limited to Defendants' insurers, the Morris County Joint Insurance Fund, and the Morris County Municipal Excess Liability Fund. The payment of \$180,000 is being covered by the township’s insurers, CNA and MCJIF.

The release requires the approval of the Township Council and Township Manager. He was seeking the Township Council’s approval of the release this evening.

Deputy Mayor Carey made a motion to approve the release. Councilmember Forstenhausler seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

- AYES: Councilmember Elbaum
Councilmember Forstenhausler
Councilmember Potter
Councilwoman Veech
Deputy Mayor Carey
Mayor Nisivoccia
- NAYS: None
- ABSENT: Councilmember Hathaway

E. COMBINED ACTION RESOLUTIONS

Deputy Mayor Carey read item #9, Resolution 132-23, Supporting/Acknowledging June 2023, to be Pride Month into the record:

WHEREAS, since the 1998 declaration of President William Clinton, June of each year has been set aside as Pride Month; and WHEREAS, Gay Pride is a movement that celebrates sexual diversity and provides a way for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBTQ+) people to not only raise awareness about the discrimination and violence they

encounter but to also promote dignity, equal rights, self-awareness, and self-affirmation of the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, the Randolph Township Council previously adopted Resolution No. 129-22 which strongly condemns all forms of hatred, bias, racism, bigotry and discrimination, we continue to voice our support for the universal respect for all people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Randolph Township Council, of the County of Morris, supports and acknowledges that all people deserve to live with dignity and respect, free from fear and violence, and protected against discrimination, regardless of their gender identity or sexual orientation, and hereby calls upon the community of Randolph Township to share with one another in celebrating June 2023 as Pride Month, and recognize the contributions that members of the LGBTQ+ community, our friends, family members and neighbors, make to the fabric of Randolph Township.

Councilmember Forstenhausler read item #10, Resolution 133-23, Celebrating Juneteenth Independence Day, into the record:

WHEREAS, June 19, 2023, is designated as Juneteenth Independence Day in recognition of June 19, 1865, the date on which news of the end of slavery reached the slaves in the Southwestern States; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth Independence Day began as a holiday in the State of Texas and is now celebrated in 46 States and the District of Columbia as a special day of observance in recognition of the emancipation of all slaves in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth Independence Day celebrations have been held to honor African American freedom while encouraging self-development and respect for all cultures; and

WHEREAS, the faith and strength of character demonstrated by former slaves and the descendants of former slaves remain an example for all people of the United States, regardless of background, religion, or race; and

WHEREAS, slavery was not officially abolished until the ratification of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States in December 1865; and

WHEREAS, over the course of its history, the United States has grown into a symbol of democracy and freedom around the world; and WHEREAS, efforts have been made at the state and federal level to recognize Juneteenth as a national holiday for more than twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, in June 2021, the United States Congress approved a bipartisan bill to approve Juneteenth as a federal holiday, with a unanimous vote in the U.S. Senate and a nearly unanimous vote in the U.S. House of Representatives, and the bill was signed into law by President Biden on June 17, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Randolph, County of Morris, recognize that June 19, 2023, or Juneteenth Day, as a Federal Holiday. The Township of Randolph recognizes the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day to the United States. The Randolph Township Council supports the continued nationwide celebration of Juneteenth Independence Day to provide an opportunity for the people of the United States to learn more about the past and to better understand the experiences that have shaped the United States; and recognizes that the observance of the end of slavery is part of the history and heritage of the United States.

Item #4, R-127-23 Authorizing the Transfer of Title of the Wood from the Liberty Tree to the Historical Society of Old Randolph for the Purpose of Preserving its Legacy - Manager Poff recognized Michael Whiting and the Historical Society of Randolph for their efforts on this project. Mayor Nisivoccia thanked Mr. Whiting for his work. Mr. Whiting acknowledged the many people who assisted.

1. R-124-23 Authorizing the Health Officer to sign the Lead Assistance Grant Agreement with the Division of Local Government Services within the Department of Community Affairs \$5,500.
2. R-125-23 Requesting the Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriations per NJSA 40A:4-87 - Clean Communities Grant - \$67,813.49
3. R-126-23 Redeem and Refund Tax Sale Certificate #2022-023 for Block 184, Lot 7.08, 708 Wendover Ct. to Pro Cap 8 FBO Firstrust Bank - \$3,404.39
4. R-127-23 Authorizing the Transfer of Title of the Wood from the Liberty Tree to the Historical Society of Old Randolph for the Purpose of Preserving its Legacy for \$1.00
5. R-128-23 Refund Portion of Escrow for 30 Pierson Hill Road, Block 146, Lot 78.02 to Susannah Pitman - \$632.00
6. R-129-23 Refund Sewer Payment Made in Error for Block 140, Lot 6 - 31 Sandra Lane to Robert and Christina Resz - \$494.07
7. R-130-23 Authorizing Award and Rejection of MCCPC Contract #40 - Personal Protection Items & Equipment for Emergency Personnel
8. R-131-23 Refund a Portion of Teen Camp Fee Due to Conflict in Schedule to Nativita Gregory - \$1,117.50
9. R-132-23 Supporting/Acknowledging June 2023 to be Pride Month
10. R-133-23 Celebrating Juneteenth Independence Day
11. R-134-23 Authorizing Change Order #1 to increase the Professional Services Agreement to Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan, LLC by \$3,600.00 for Township Attorney Services for the 2023 Calendar Year bringing the new Not to exceed total \$310,500.00

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Dated: June 6, 2023

As required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57, N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3-5.5, and any other applicable requirement, I, Deborah Bonanno, Director of Finance for the Township of Randolph, have ascertained that funds are available to amend the award of the professional service contract to Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan, LLC to include miscellaneous expenses while providing Township Attorney Services.

Deborah Bonanno
Chief Financial Officer

Budget Accounts: 01-201-20-155-010 2022 (not to exceed \$3,600)

12. R-135-23 Authorizing Award and Rejection of MCCPC Contract #25 of Various Bidders for Janitorial Supplies
13. R-136-23 Authorizing Award and Rejection of MCCPC Contract #35 of Various Bidders for Light Bulbs
14. R-137-23 Authorizing Award and Rejection of MCCPC Contract #42 of Various Bidders for Landscaping Materials and Supplies
15. R-138-23 Authorizing Award and Rejection of MCCPC Contract #50 of Various Bidders for Fire Department Uniforms – Purchase
16. R-139-23 Authorizing Award and Rejection of MCCPC Contract #20-B of Various Bidders for Sporting Goods
17. R-140-23 Liquor License Renewal for the 2023-2024 Season
18. Raffle License: Games of Chance, Kiwanis Club of Randolph, County College of Morris, 214 Center Grove Road, Randolph, NJ 07869 on July 6 – July 8, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Veech made a motion to approve the Combined Action Resolutions.

Councilmember Potter seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Councilmember Elbaum
Councilmember Forstenhausler (Abstained to Item #15, R-138-23)
Councilmember Potter
Councilwoman Veech
Deputy Mayor Carey
Mayor Nisivoccia

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Hathaway

F. UPCOMING EVENTS

June 6, 2023

1. 51st Big Greek Festival Opening Ceremony, St. Andrew Church, 1447 Sussex Turnpike, Randolph, Friday, June 9, 2023, at 4:45 p.m.
2. Girls Softball "Under the Stars" Championship Game on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at Brundage Park - Championship game begins at 7:00PM
3. Randolph Rocks 5K - Randolph High School, Millbrook Avenue, Saturday, June 10, 2023
4. Juneteenth - A Freedom Celebration, on Sunday, June 11, 2023, at Veterans Park, 100 Calais Road from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
5. Flag Retirement Ceremony at VFW Post on Carrell Road, Randolph, Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.
6. United Methodist Church - 190th Anniversary Service at 246 Millbrook Avenue on Sunday, June 25, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.
7. Library Music Event, 28 Calais Road, Randolph, Monday, June 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. - Jake Thistle & Band
8. Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting: Premier Health Associates at Randolph (Dr. Peter Liloia DO – Family Practice), 715 Route 10 E, 2nd Floor, on Wednesday, June 28th at 5:00 p.m.
9. Library Music Event: 28 Calais Road, Randolph, Monday, July 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. - Unusual Suspects
10. Freedom Festival at County College of Morris with Games, Crafts, Rides, Food Vendors and Beer Garden nightly starting Thursday, July 6th from 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. (Band - Stereo Junkies), Friday, July 7th from 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m., (Band - The Norton Smull Band), Saturday, July 8, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. (Band - Jerseytones).
Fireworks - Saturday, July 8th at 9:45 p.m. - Rain date - July 9th
11. Freedom Festival Parade, July 8, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.
12. Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting: Muchnik Elder Law at 10 W. Hanover Ave., Suite 111, Randolph on Saturday July 8, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. with a rain date of July 15th
13. Library Music Event: 28 Calais Road, Randolph, Monday, July 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. - Jersey Sound
14. Library Music Event: 28 Calais Road, Randolph, Monday, July 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. - Rosewood Band
15. Library Music Event: 28 Calais Road, Randolph, Monday, July 24, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. - Jack the Band
16. Library Music Event: 28 Calais Road, Randolph, Monday, July 31, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. - Country Comfort
17. Library Music Event: 28 Calais Road, Randolph, Monday, August 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. - Fab Forward Band

18. Library Music Event, 28 Calais Road, Randolph, Monday, August 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
- The Green Planet Band
19. Library Music Event, 28 Calais Road, Randolph, Monday, August 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
- Fish Eyed Blues
20. Library Music Event, 28 Calais Road, Randolph, Monday, August 28, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
- Five Wheel Drive

G. ORDINANCES SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

1. Ordinance No. 12-23 Amending and Supplementing Chapter 26, Housing, and Appendix A, Fee Schedule of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph Regarding Lead-Based Paint Inspections

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 26, Housing, And Appendix A, Fee Schedule of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph Regarding Lead-Based Paint Inspections, be read by title on second reading and a hearing held thereon.

Manager Poff explained that the purpose of this ordinance is to amend and supplement Chapter 26, Housing, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph, by the addition of Article X, Lead-Based Paint Inspections, which requires the owner, landlord and/or agent of every single-family, two family, and/or multiple dwelling unit offered for rental to obtain an inspection of the unit for and remediate lead-based paint hazards. In addition, the purpose of the above Ordinance is to amend Appendix A, Fee Schedule, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph to add investigation and administrative fees related to lead-based paint inspections.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Seeing and hearing none, the public session was closed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 26, Housing, And Appendix A, Fee Schedule of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph Regarding Lead-Based Paint Inspections, be passed on final reading and that a Notice of Final Passage of said Ordinance be published in the official designated newspaper according to law.

Deputy Mayor Carey made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Councilmember Forstenhausler seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

AYES:	Councilmember Elbaum Councilmember Forstenhausler Councilmember Potter Councilwoman Veech Deputy Mayor Carey Mayor Nisivoccia
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Councilmember Hathaway

H. ORDINANCES: INTRODUCTION

1. Ordinance No. 13-23 Amending Ordinance No. 23-20 to Provide and Determine the Range of Compensation for Specified Officers and Employees in the Township of Randolph

The purpose of the said Ordinance is to establish and set forth the salaries for the Township employees listed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 23-20 to Provide and Determine the Range of Compensation for Specified Officers and Employees in the Township of Randolph,” be introduced, read by title by the Township Clerk and passed on first reading.

BE IT RESOLVED, that said Ordinance shall be further considered for final passage at the meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Randolph on the 29th, of June, 2023 at 6 o’clock in the evening, prevailing time, at the Town Hall in said Township, at which time and place all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk be authorized and directed to advertise said Ordinance in full or by summary with the notice of introduction thereof, in the official designated newspaper according to law.

Councilmember Forstenhausler made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Councilmember Potter seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

AYES:	Councilmember Elbaum Councilmember Forstenhausler Councilmember Potter Councilwoman Veech Deputy Mayor Carey Mayor Nisivoccia
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Councilmember Hathaway

2. Ordinance No. 14-23 Amending Ordinance No. 07-22 to Provide and Determine the Range of Compensation for Specified Employees in the Township of Randolph

Manager Poff explained that the purpose of this ordinance is to establish and set forth the salaries for the Township employees listed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 07-22 to Provide and Determine the Range of Compensation for Specified Employees in the Township of Randolph,” be introduced, read by title by the Township Clerk and passed on first reading.

BE IT RESOLVED, that said Ordinance shall be further considered for final passage at the meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Randolph on the 29th, of June, 2023 at 6 o'clock in the evening, prevailing time, at the Town Hall in said Township, at which time and place all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk be authorized and directed to advertise said Ordinance in full or by summary with the notice of introduction thereof, in the official designated newspaper according to law.

Councilwoman Veech made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Councilmember Elbaum seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Councilmember Elbaum
Councilmember Forstenhausler
Councilmember Potter
Councilwoman Veech
Deputy Mayor Carey
Mayor Nisivoccia
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Hathaway

3. Ordinance No. 15-23 An Ordinance of the Township of Randolph Amending Capital Ordinance No. #10-19

Manager Poff explained that the purpose of this ordinance is to amend Capital Ordinance No. 10-19 in order to utilize the originally appropriated funds designated to purchase one utility truck to purchase two vehicles for the Rescue Squad.

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance of the Township of Randolph Amending Capital Ordinance #10-19," be introduced, read by title by the Township Clerk and passed on first reading.

BE IT RESOLVED, that said Ordinance shall be further considered for final passage at the meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Randolph on the 29th, of June, 2023 at 6 o'clock in the evening, prevailing time, at the Town Hall in said Township, at which time and place all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk be authorized and directed to advertise said Ordinance in full or by summary with the notice of introduction thereof, in the official designated newspaper according to law.

Mayor Nisivoccia inquired if it would make more sense to order a vehicle this year, and the second vehicle the following year, or purchase them both together. Manager Poff stated that there was no guarantee the vehicles would be ready at the same time because of supply chain issues. He did not think there would be a significant difference.

Councilmember Potter stated that she was inclined to assist the squad with their efforts.

Councilwoman Veech made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Deputy Mayor Carey seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Councilmember Elbaum
Councilmember Forstenhausler
Councilmember Potter
Councilwoman Veech
Deputy Mayor Carey
Mayor Nisivoccia
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Hathaway

4. Ordinance No. 16-23 - Of the Township of Randolph Appropriating \$26,980 From the Capital Improvement Fund for The Bennett Avenue Trail and Bridge

Manager Poff explained that the purpose of this ordinance is to provide funding for the Bennett Avenue Trail and Bridge from the Capital Improvement Fund.

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, “A Capital Ordinance of the Township of Randolph Appropriating \$26,980 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the Bennett Avenue Trail and Bridge,” be introduced, read by title by the Township Clerk and passed on first reading.

BE IT RESOLVED, that said Ordinance shall be further considered for final passage at the meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Randolph on the 29th, of June, 2023 at 6 o’clock in the evening, prevailing time, at the Town Hall in said Township, at which time and place all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk be authorized and directed to advertise said Ordinance in full or by summary with the notice of introduction thereof, in the official designated newspaper according to law.

Manager Poff recognized the efforts of Township Clerk Luciani, the Special Projects Team, and Water & Sewer Foreman Charlie Crossan. He commended the team for their response and efforts in cleaning out the area’s vegetation and working past the close of business hours to not disrupt other pending projects. He acknowledged the team and commended them for doing an exceptional job. Mayor Nisivoccia commended the township staff for their work.

Councilmember Forstenhausler made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Councilmember Veech seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Councilmember Elbaum
Councilmember Forstenhausler
Councilmember Potter
Councilwoman Veech
Deputy Mayor Carey
Mayor Nisivoccia
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Hathaway

I. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Seeing and hearing no one, the public session was closed.

J. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Elbaum reported that the date for the Arts in the Park event was changed from Saturday, May 20, 2023, to Sunday, May 21, 2023. She stated that the date change resulted in 25 vendors and two food trucks dropping from the event. She commented that regardless of the date change, there were many people in attendance and it was a beautiful day. She shared concerns about the bathrooms being closed at Veterans Community Park.

Mayor Nisivoccia explained that the septic system at the park did not have the capacity for larger events, therefore the porta-johns were utilized. Councilmember Forstenhausler asked if anything could be done to enlarge the septic system. Councilwoman Veech explained that the system's size was the largest that could fit in the area designated. She stated that the porta-johns were brought in for the large events to prevent system back-ups. Manager Poff stated that the septic system would be looked into.

Councilmember Potter reported that she attended the Rutgers Green Infrastructure Champion Conference at the Rutgers Echo Complex. During the conference, Tier A: Municipal Storm Water Improvements was discussed. She explained that there was a requirement for public involvement. She has been in discussion with Manager Poff about adding the tier information as an attachment in the Environmental Guidebooks to encourage the public in assisting.

She reported that she participated in the NJ League of Mayors Zoom meeting on Thursday, June 1, in place of Mayor Nisivoccia. She reported that the topic of discussion was the energy tax receipts and the restitution of the funds. She shared that the league requested attendees to reach out to local legislators to sign as co-sponsors on resolutions. Mayor Nisivoccia explained that the restoration of these receipt resolutions was not funded in this year's state budget. He stated that the situation would be monitored.

Councilmember Forstenhausler reported that he and Deputy Mayor Carey attended the Randolph Indian Association Holi event on Monday, May 1. He also attended the VFW Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 29. He reported that the Habitat for Humanity Bennet Avenue Ribbon Cutting was on Thursday, June 1. He stated that it was an excellent event. He reported that June 6, marked the anniversary of D-Day.

Councilmember Veech shared that she followed up with state legislators, Aura Dunn, Anthony Bucco, and Brian Bergen to discuss a bill introduced by the 9th District to create a fund to support Volunteer Fire Companies. The bill would appropriate \$10 million to support the operations and sustainability of volunteer fire companies.

Deputy Mayor Carey stated that she attended many of the events previously mentioned. She asked Councilmember Elbaum if there was an official count for the attendance at Arts in the Park; she shared that Parks and Recreation Director Russ Newman estimated that it was 3,000

people. Councilmember Elbaum did not know of an exact count, she shared that she heard great feedback on the event.

Mayor Nisivoccia shared that he attended the Arts in the Park event, along with Councilmember Forstenhausler, Councilmember Hathaway, and former Councilmember Jim Loveys. They assisted with hanging artwork; he thought the event was great and understood the need to move the event to its rain date.

He attended the Memorial Day Ceremony at VFW Post #7333. He shared that he and Councilmember Potter identified that a memorial for the 19 people from Randolph who died while serving the country did not exist. He reached out to the Historical Society of Randolph and planned to follow up with the VFW. Mayor Nisivoccia commended Councilmember Potter for her research efforts.

He attended Officer Rich Biase's retirement walkout celebration. He relayed the Township Council's appreciation for Mr. Biase's work. He reported that he attended the Morris Habitat for Humanity Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Bennet Avenue. He commended the project volunteers.

He attended the 50th Anniversary Celebration of American Vending Co. on Sussex Turnpike and the ribbon cutting ceremonies for Morris County Wrestling and Martial Arts, and the Victor Amada Law Practice. He concluded his comments by sharing that he attended an Eagle Scout ceremony for five new scouts.

Councilmember Forstenhausler reminded everyone of the Juneteenth celebration on Sunday, June 11 at Veterans Community Park.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12) permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under 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 Council of the Township of Randolph, in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from the Executive portion of the meeting.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - A. Attorney-Client Privilege – Restrictive Covenant, 1275 Sussex Tpk.
3. As nearly as now can be ascertained, the matter or matters to be discussed at this time will be disclosed to the public at such time and under such circumstances as are prescribed by law.

4. At the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Council may or may not reconvene in public session for the purpose of taking formal action.

Councilmember Forstenhausler made a motion to move into Executive Session at 5:45 p.m. Councilmember Veech seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Councilmember Elbaum
Councilmember Forstenhausler
Councilmember Potter
Councilwoman Veech
Deputy Mayor Carey
Mayor Nisivoccia
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Hathaway

Councilmember Potter made a motion to close the Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. Deputy Mayor Carey seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Councilmember Elbaum
Councilmember Forstenhausler
Councilmember Potter
Councilwoman Veech
Deputy Mayor Carey
Mayor Nisivoccia
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Hathaway

L. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Potter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Councilmember Elbaum seconded the motion and following roll vote was taken:

AYES: Councilmember Elbaum
Councilmember Forstenhausler
Councilmember Potter
Councilwoman Veech
Deputy Mayor Carey
Mayor Nisivoccia
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Hathaway