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Township of Randolph
Municipal Building
Randolph, NJ
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A. OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING

1. Opening of the Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Randolph Township Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Hathaway. The meeting is held pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings 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 within 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 West Morris Reporter and the Morris County Daily Record on November 27, 2024, by emailing them the annual resolution adopted by the Council on November 26, 2024. The annual resolution, which included this meeting date, was advertised in the West Morris Reporter, the official newspaper of the Township of Randolph, on December 5, 2024, and the Daily Record on December 3, 2024. Notice was also provided to TapInto Randolph, the official Township online digital publication, on November 27, 2024.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT: Councilwoman Carey
Councilwoman Elbaum
Councilman Nisivoccia
Councilwoman Thornton
Councilwoman Veech
Deputy Mayor Forstenhausler
Mayor Hathaway

Also Present: Township Manager Poff, Assistant Township Manager Evan Covello, Police Chief Will Harzula, and Township Attorney Ed Buzak from the Law Office of Surenian, Edwards, Buzak, & Nolan, LLC.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hathaway led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hathaway called for a moment of silence to honor and remember Elizabeth McConnell, a beloved member of the Randolph community. Mrs. McConnell dedicated over 30 years to educating students in the Randolph Township Schools and served as a longtime volunteer with the Randolph Rescue Squad. Her legacy of service and compassion will be deeply missed.

B. POLICE DEPARTMENT SWEARING IN

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Manager Poff extended a warm welcome on behalf of the council and township to the families, friends, employees, and officers of the Randolph Township Police Department. He acknowledged the families of the officers for their support and sacrifice as they stand behind the individuals who dedicate themselves to service.

He stated that the patrol officers being sworn in had successfully completed a rigorous evaluation process conducted by the Police Chief and senior department staff. He noted that the officers possess excellent educational backgrounds, strong character, and maturity.

Patrolman Sean Lalley was sworn in by Manager Poff; his father and mother held the bible.

Patrolman Daniel Apryasz was sworn in by Manager Poff; his father, mother, and girlfriend held the bible.

Manager Poff stated that the four individuals being sworn in as Police Sergeants have demonstrated exceptional leadership, dedication, and expertise throughout their careers with the Randolph Township Police Department. He explained that the rank of sergeant carries with it additional responsibilities for training, mentoring, and leading patrol officers. These promotions represent their individual achievements and the department's commitment to developing strong leaders from within its ranks.

Sergeant Corey Czerniak was sworn in by Manager Poff; his wife and children held the bible.

Sergeant Brian Brenckman was sworn in by Manager Poff; his wife and children held the bible.

Sergeant Kyle Hefferon was sworn in by Chief Harzula; his wife held the bible.

Sergeant Ian Greene was sworn in by his sister; his girlfriend held the bible.

Manager Poff closed the ceremony by congratulating the newly promoted sergeants and patrol officers. He stated that the Police Department remained committed to professional excellence, community partnership, and the safety of all residents.

RECESS:

Mayor Hathaway called for a brief recess at 6:32 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

C. APPOINTMENTS

1. Eli Kahn: Traffic Advisory Committee

Councilwoman Thornton made a motion to approve the appointment. Councilman Nisivoccia seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

AYES:	Councilwoman Carey
	Councilwoman Elbaum
	Councilman Nisivoccia
	Councilwoman Thornton
	Councilwoman Veech

Deputy Mayor Forstenhausler
Mayor Hathaway
NAYS: None

D. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Seeing and hearing none, the public session was closed.

E. MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Poff reported on the following items:

Clean Communities Program Enhancement – The Randolph Health Department has announced a significant expansion of its Clean Communities event, transitioning from a traditional single-day event to an extended month-long format beginning in October. This approach allows volunteer groups greater flexibility to choose their preferred date, time, and location for participation. The program enhancement includes competitive recognition through awards for outstanding participation, with categories based on photographic evidence including Most Volunteers, Most Material Collected, and Most Unique Items. In addition to existing mini-grants available to civic groups, this new format aims to make volunteering more accessible and rewarding while boosting overall community participation.

Fleet Management System Implementation – The Township Manager's Office, in coordination with Public Works, is implementing iWorq Fleet Management software to modernize vehicle tracking, maintenance scheduling, and reporting across the municipal fleet. This system will centralize data, reduce vehicle downtime through service alerts, and improve accountability with real-time usage logs. The implementation is expected to deliver long-term cost efficiency through optimized maintenance cycles and improved resource allocation. Full operational capacity is anticipated before the end of the calendar year.

Election Preparation Initiative – The Clerk's Office is preparing for the upcoming general election. Key election information including voter registration deadlines, early voting dates, and mail-in ballot requirements has been compiled and distributed through the Communications Director. This information as featured in the Fall 2025 Quarterly Newsletter and will be disseminated through the township communication channels in the coming weeks to ensure voter awareness and participation.

Parks & Recreation Infrastructure Advancement – Multiple recreational facility projects are progressing simultaneously: Rosenfarb Park excavation commenced on September 16 with basketball court paving scheduled for completion prior to the October playground installation; the Freedom Park ballfield lighting project has Quality Electric on-site with concrete bases set and electrical conduit trenching underway following delivery of poles and light fixtures; the Freedom Park hardscaping project requisition was processed the week of August 25 with construction anticipated for October; and the Randolph Park fencing installation is ongoing with completion expected by the end of next week.

Morris Turnpike Infrastructure Development – The Engineering Department has received approval from NJDOT to advertise for bidding in September 2025. The bid award is scheduled

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for the October 23 Township Council meeting, and will position the township for significant roadway infrastructure improvements. Complementing this development, the Water & Sewer Department has successfully completed the Morris Turnpike water main extension, including comprehensive repaving and landscaped area restoration.

Water & Sewer System Improvements – The Water & Sewer Department continues advancing critical infrastructure projects; the Den Brook Pump Station project awaits manufacturer delivery of the check valve with installation scheduled upon September arrival; and the Dogwood Pump Station rehabilitation has advanced with Dewberry Engineering’s proposal, targeting contract award in September, plan completion by year-end 2025, and construction during Winter/Spring 2026.

Fire Department Community Outreach – The Fire Department is coordinating school visitation schedules throughout October, providing community safety education and emergency preparedness awareness. Additionally, the department reports increased activity in inspections and plan reviews within the Construction Department, reflecting ongoing development and safety compliance activities.

F. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- 1. Approval of Township Council Regular Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2025**
- 2. Approval of Township Council Regular Meeting Minutes – September 4, 2025**

Councilman Nisivoccia made a motion to approve the regular council meeting minutes of August 21, 2025 and September 4, 2025. Deputy Mayor Forstenhausler seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

AYES:	Councilwoman Carey – Abstained to the September 4, 2025 meeting.
	Councilwoman Elbaum
	Councilman Nisivoccia
	Councilwoman Thornton
	Councilwoman Veech
	Deputy Mayor Forstenhausler
	Mayor Hathaway
NAYS:	None

G. COMBINED ACTION RESOLUTIONS

1. R 196-25 Authorizing the Discharge of a Developer's Agreement With BH Brightview Randolph, LLC
2. R 197-25 Authorizing Tax Collector to Refund Duplicate Tax Payment for Block 134, Lot 3, 156 Millbrook Avenue, Carlos Eduardo Cazares Rodriguez - \$2,183.00
3. R 198-25 Authorizing Refund of Water Account Overpayment to Webster and Jun Lewin, Block 56, Lot 36, 83 Ridge Road - \$1,193.07
4. R 199-25 Authorizing Refund of Recreation Department Program Fees to Chiara Gough - \$350.00

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5. R 200-25 Authorizing Various Road Opening Bond Release Requests
6. R 201-25 Authorizing Change Order #1 to the Award of an Agreement to Defeo Associates for Solid Waste, Dumpster, and Recycling Contracts Consultation Services
7. R 202-25 Authorizing Awarding a Contract for 2025 Leaf Loading, Hauling, and Proper Recycling to Nature's Choice NJ, LLC for the Not to Exceed Amount of \$200,000 for the Period of October 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Dated: September 18, 2025

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 fund are available to award a contract to Nature's Choice NJ, LLC for providing Leaf Loading, Hauling, and Proper Recycling as detailed in the contractor's response provided to the Township's public bid solicitation.

Deborah Bonanno
Chief Financial Officer

Budget Accounts: 01-201-26-300-302 2025 (not to exceed \$200,000)

8. R 203-25 Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property No Longer Needed for Public Use on an Online Auction Website
9. R 204-25 Authorizing Change Order #1 to Ben Shaffer Recreation for the Purchase and Installation of Basketball Equipment at Rosenfarb Park

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Dated: September 18, 2025

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 fund are available to award a change order to the contract to Ben Shaffer Recreation for the installation of basketball courts at Rosenfarb Park in an amount in an amount not to exceed \$7,020.

Deborah Bonanno
Chief Financial Officer

Budget Accounts: 04-215-56-031-302 \$7,020.00

10. R 205-25 Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Agreement to Antonelli Kantor Rivera, PC for a One-Year Term - Not to Exceed \$16,000.00

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Dated: September 18, 2025

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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 award a contract not to exceed \$16,000 to Antonelli Kantor Rivera, PC for special counsel services as detailed in the professional's proposal provided to the township.

Deborah Bonanno
Chief Financial Officer
Budget Accounts: 01-201-21-180-302

11. R 206-25 Authorizing Cancellation of Capital Improvement Authorizations

12. Raffle License - On-Premise 50/50, Morris County Council of Education
Associations Philanthropic, The Meadow Wood, 461 Route 10, Randolph, November
21, 2025, 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Veech made a motion to approve the combined action agenda. Councilman Nisivoccia seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

AYES:	Councilwoman Carey
	Councilwoman Elbaum
	Councilman Nisivoccia
	Councilwoman Thornton
	Councilwoman Veech
	Deputy Mayor Forstenhausler
	Mayor Hathaway
NAYS:	None

H. ORDINANCES: SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

1. Ordinance 18-25 - An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Article VII, Retail Food Establishments, of Chapter 14, Businesses, and Appendix A, Fee Schedule, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph Regarding Mobile Food and Prepackaged Mobile Frozen Dessert Establishments and Vendors

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Article VII, Retail Food Establishments, of Chapter 14, Businesses, and Appendix A, Fee Schedule, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph Regarding Mobile Food and Prepackaged Mobile Frozen Dessert Establishments and Vendors, 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 the requirements for licensure and operation of mobile food and prepackaged mobile frozen food establishments and vendors. The ordinance also amends Appendix A, Fee Schedule, to update the fees in the Health Section for food establishment licensing and the fees in the Fire Prevention Section for mobile food vendor inspection/permits.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

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BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Article VII, Retail Food Establishments, of Chapter 14, Businesses, and Appendix A, Fee Schedule, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph Regarding Mobile Food and Prepackaged Mobile Frozen Dessert Establishments and Vendors, 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.

Councilman Nisivoccia made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Councilwoman Thornton seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

AYES:	Councilwoman Carey
	Councilwoman Elbaum
	Councilman Nisivoccia
	Councilwoman Thornton
	Councilwoman Veech
	Deputy Mayor Forstenhausler
	Mayor Hathaway
NAYS:	None

2. Ordinance 19-25 - An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Article II, Maintenance Code for Dwellings, of Chapter 26, Housing, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Article II, Maintenance Code for Dwellings, of Chapter 26, Housing, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph, be read by title on second reading and a hearing held thereon.

Manager Poff explained that the purpose of this ordinance is to add Section 25-26 which authorizes the township to abate a nuisance, correct a defect or take actions necessary to put premises in proper condition and, where township funds are expended to put the premises in proper condition to charge such costs as a lien against the premises.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Article II, Maintenance Code for Dwellings, of Chapter 26, Housing, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph, 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.

Councilwoman Veech made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Councilman Nisivoccia seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

AYES:	Councilwoman Carey
	Councilwoman Elbaum
	Councilman Nisivoccia
	Councilwoman Thornton
	Councilwoman Veech
	Deputy Mayor Forstenhausler

NAYS: Mayor Hathaway
None

3. Ordinance 20-25 - An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Sections 15-2.2, 15-48.6.4, 15-77.2, 15-77.3, 15-79, 15-81.7, 15-81.9, 15-81 and 15-85.3 of the Land Development Ordinance of the Township of Randolph

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Sections 15-2.2, 15-48.6.4, 15-77.2, 15-77.3, 15-79, 15-81.7, 15-81.9, 15-81 and 15-85.3 of the Land Development Ordinance of the Township of Randolph, 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 sections of the Land Development Ordinance based upon the recommendations from the Planning Board.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Sections 15-2.2, 15-48.6.4, 15-77.2, 15-77.3, 15-79, 15-81.7, 15-81.9, 15-81 and 15-85.3 of the Land Development Ordinance of the Township of Randolph, 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.

Councilwoman Veech commented that the Planning Board reviewed each of the amendments/supplements.

Councilwoman Veech made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Councilwoman Thornton seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Councilwoman Carey
Councilwoman Elbaum
Councilman Nisivoccia
Councilwoman Thornton
Councilwoman Veech
Deputy Mayor Forstenhausler
Mayor Hathaway
NAYS: None

4. Ordinance 21-25 - An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Section 34-34, Acts Prohibited; Generally, of Article II, Rules and Regulations, of Chapter 34, Parks and Recreation Areas, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph to Prohibit the Operation of Motorized Vehicles on Paths and Trails in Public Parks and Recreation Areas

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Section 34-34, Acts Prohibited; Generally, of Article II, Rules and Regulations, of Chapter 34, Parks and Recreation Areas, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph to Prohibit

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the Operation of Motorized Vehicles on Paths and Trails in Public Parks and Recreation Areas, be read by title on second reading and a hearing held thereon.

Manager Poff explained that the purpose of this ordinance is to prohibit the operation of motorized vehicles on paths and trails in all public parks and recreation areas.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Section 34-34, Acts Prohibited; Generally, of Article II, Rules and Regulations, of Chapter 34, Parks and Recreation Areas, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph to Prohibit the Operation of Motorized Vehicles on Paths and Trails in Public Parks and Recreation Areas, 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.

Councilman Nisivoccia made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Councilwoman Carey seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

AYES:	Councilwoman Carey
	Councilwoman Elbaum
	Councilman Nisivoccia
	Councilwoman Thornton
	Councilwoman Veech
	Deputy Mayor Forstenhausler
	Mayor Hathaway
NAYS:	None

5. Ordinance 22-25 - An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph by the Addition of Chapter 51, Film Making

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph by the Addition of Chapter 51, Film Making, be read by title on second reading and a hearing held thereon.

Manager Poff explained that the purpose of this ordinance is to regulate film making activities in order to preserve public health, safety and welfare of the township and its inhabitants as well as facilitate the township's certification as a 'Film Ready New Jersey' municipality. The program sets basic standards for attracting filmmaking and positions the state as a top production destination. The "film-ready" designation provides an elevated platform for certified communities to promote themselves as filming destinations.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph by the Addition of Chapter 51, Film Making, 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.

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Councilwoman Carey made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Councilman Nisivoccia seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Councilwoman Carey
Councilwoman Elbaum
Councilman Nisivoccia
Councilwoman Thornton
Councilwoman Veech
Deputy Mayor Forstenhausler
Mayor Hathaway
NAYS: None

6. Ordinance 23-25 - An Ordinance Amending Article VIII, Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Establishments, of Chapter 24, Health and Sanitation, and Appendix A, Fee Schedule, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending Article VIII, Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Establishments, of Chapter 24, Health and Sanitation, and Appendix A, Fee Schedule, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph, be read by title on second reading and a hearing held thereon.

Manager Poff explained that the purpose of this ordinance is to amend the regulations governing massage, bodywork, and somatic therapy establishments based upon recommendations from township staff and professionals. The ordinance also amends the Health Section of Appendix A, Fee Schedule, of the Revised Ordinances to update the fees applicable to massage establishments.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending Article VIII, Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Establishments, of Chapter 24, Health and Sanitation, and Appendix A, Fee Schedule, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph, 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 Forstenhausler made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Councilwoman Carey seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Councilwoman Carey
Councilwoman Elbaum
Councilman Nisivoccia
Councilwoman Thornton
Councilwoman Veech
Deputy Mayor Forstenhausler
Mayor Hathaway
NAYS: None

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Ordinance 24-25 - An Ordinance of the Township of Randolph Appropriating \$260,000 From the General Capital Improvement Fund for Road Improvements

Manager Poff explained that the purpose of this ordinance is to appropriate \$260,000 from the General Capital Improvement Fund for road improvements.

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance of the Township of Randolph Appropriating \$260,000 From The General Capital Improvement Fund for Road Improvements” 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 9th, of October, 2025 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.

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

AYES: Councilwoman Carey
Councilwoman Elbaum
Councilman Nisivoccia
Councilwoman Thornton
Councilwoman Veech
Deputy Mayor Forstenhausler
Mayor Hathaway

J. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Seeing and hearing none, the public session was closed.

K. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Thornton reported that she attended the Senior Picnic on September 9. She noted that the event turnout was great, the weather was beautiful, and the event is much cherished. She attended the VFW Post #7333 9/11 Ceremony and commended the VFW for their efforts in organizing the memorial service. She also attended the Country Fair and noted a strong turnout. She referred to the Police Swearing-In Ceremony and stated that the new officers and sergeant promotions represent the future of the township's Police Department. She congratulated them on their well-deserved designations. She reported that the Library Board of Trustees voted to rewire the facility to support a modern phone system and to standardize the township's phone infrastructure. She noted that the library remained open on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend; staff noted it was the busiest Saturday of the month. As a result, the library will remain open on that Saturday in 2026. She concluded her report by sharing that the Friends of the Randolph Library presented during their meeting.

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Councilwoman Elbaum reported that the Board of Health met on Monday, September 8. She noted that the committee's student liaisons were very engaged, providing feedback and conducting presentations. She also mentioned that vape detectors have been installed in the high school. The committee discussed the Child Health Conference, grant updates and Screen NJ events. Additional topics discussed included the Flu Clinic scheduled for September 26 and CPR training for coaches. She concluded her report by sharing that from August 2024 to August 2025, the township is throwing out 21% less garbage.

Councilwoman Carey asked how the effectiveness of the Board of Health's student liaisons could be replicated in other committees. Councilwoman Elbaum offered to provide an outline on the students' work. Councilman Nisivoccia suggested resurfacing the memo that was shared with committees about student roles on committees. Councilwoman Veech proposed organizing a session for all student committee members to gather and discuss the role of student liaisons.

Councilwoman Carey noted that many councilmembers attended the Employee Appreciation Breakfast. She also attended a Morris County League of Municipalities meeting on the 250th Morris County Semi-Quincentennial Celebration; the event speaker was Mendham Township Mayor Sarah Neibart. Additionally, she attended a Randolph Area Chamber of Commerce meeting earlier in the day; during the event Arlene Price spoke about the Kiwanis Club. She continued to report that she participated in a Communication Workgroup meeting, during which Communication Director Rob Rios provided an overview of the township's social media and email newsletter metrics. He will present this information at a Township Council meeting in October.

Councilman Nisivoccia reported that he attended an Environmental and Landmark Advisory Committee meeting. He shared that the committee chair proposed reviewing and condensing the township's tree ordinance from 32 pages to 20. The committee reviewed the plans and environmental impact study related to the McDonald's construction project. They are also working with Communications Director Rios to complete the final requirements for the Bee City USA program. He noted that the committee needs a point of contact for the Bee City program and signage for the pollinator garden. The committee is reviewing options to accept food waste for composting at the Recycling Center. A subcommittee will be compiling a proposed list of locations for "No Idling" signs throughout town to encourage compliance with the state's three-minute idling limit. He also reported that student members have been tasked with developing an annual communication plan.

Additionally, he reported that the Trails Advisory Committee met and discussed the upcoming Randolph Fairy Trail Jack-O'-Lantern Illumination event scheduled for Saturday, October 18. He noted that he has attended many of the previously mentioned events. He concluded his report by recognizing Assistant Manager Evan Covello for taking on the registration process for government domain names. He remarked that the previous process for registering '.gov' domains was nearly impossible. He emphasized that the township website is a great resource for residents and that a '.gov' domain name would help signal official and trusted information. He thanked the Manager's Office for submitting the application for the secondary domain name Randolphnj.gov, which has since been approved.

Councilwoman Veech reported that she attended many of the previously mentioned events. She shared that the Parks Master Plan Committee met and reviewed an update from the vendor, BCI. She recommended that everyone complete the Parks Master Plan survey and noted that surveys

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will also be sent via mail. The committee anticipates receiving all community input within the next 10 to 11 months. BCI is aiming for a response rate of at least 20%. The Parks Master Plan Committee will host an Open House to gather input from residents. She noted that various community stakeholder groups—such as Boy Scout troops, seniors, and school sports teams—will be holding sessions during the open house. She also mentioned that the committee had a booth at the Country Fair. She encouraged the council to remind residents to complete the survey, which closes in early November.

She continued to report that the Planning Board recently provided a contract purchaser with feedback on the proposed Guerin Drive concept subdivision. She added that the committee also discussed the Tree Ordinance. She reported that the Performing Arts Center Steering Committee met earlier in the week. The group includes three councilmembers from the Facilities Workgroup, three members of the Brundage Playhouse, the Township Manager, Assistant Township Manager, Parks and Recreation Director, and the Assistant Parks and Recreation Director. She noted that the group discussed next steps, overall goals, gathering community input, and plans to interview two architects who submitted bids. The selected architect will be asked to prepare concept plans for review. She commented that part of the outreach will be informed by the Parks Master Plan Survey. She concluded her report by reminding the council that new resident packages are available for pickup in the Clerk's Office and that there are currently 56 people on the Community Garden waitlist.

Deputy Mayor Forstenhausler reported that he and Mayor Hathaway attended the Morris County 9/11 Memorial Service to commemorate the 24th anniversary of the attacks. He noted that the ceremony was excellent and featured a retired New York City firefighter who was present outside the buildings as they collapsed. He commented that it was a very emotional speech and a meaningful ceremony.

He reported that the recent Safety Committee meeting included all department heads reviewing accident reports. He noted that Randolph is in the top third of the safest communities in terms of lost hours and overall safety. The committee also reviewed several other reports.

He referred to the Performing Arts Center Steering Committee and noted that some members of the Artworks Studio and Brundage Playhouse were seeking assurances that the project would move forward. He shared that the architects will be interviewed sometime next month, and the Steering Committee will provide their recommendations.

Mayor Hathaway reported that the Economic Development Committee met on September 9. The committee discussed several businesses in the township celebrating their one-year anniversaries, including Honey Boutique, the Corner Bistro and the New Jersey Turf Academy. He noted that there is currently a waiting list for the Business Spotlight program extending through March 2026. The committee is also preparing for its annual Veterans Awareness Program in November.

He shared that the committee has implemented a robust submission process for the Business Awards program. Historically, it was challenging to get businesses to apply, but this year, over 20 businesses have submitted self-nominations. A Community Champion winner and a Rising Star Award winner have been selected, though the results have not yet been made public yet.

He concluded his report by sharing that several councilmembers attended the Morris County League of Municipalities event on September 17. During the meeting discussions, Randolph

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seemed to be the only town that qualified as a veteran-friendly municipality. He noted that the township received this designation two years ago.

L. 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 in the State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from the remaining portion of this meeting.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - A. Attorney/Client Privilege: Fourth Round Affordable Housing Update
 - B. Personnel
3. As nearly as can now 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 on matters discussed in closed session or on any matter as permitted by law.

Deputy Mayor Forstenhausler made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. Councilwoman Veech seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

AYES:	Councilwoman Carey
	Councilwoman Elbaum
	Councilman Nisivoccia
	Councilwoman Thornton
	Councilwoman Veech
	Deputy Mayor Forstenhausler
	Mayor Hathaway
NAYS:	None

Deputy Mayor Forstenhausler made a motion to close the Executive Session and reopen the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Councilman Nisivoccia seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

AYES:	Councilwoman Carey
	Councilwoman Elbaum
	Councilman Nisivoccia
	Councilwoman Thornton

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Councilwoman Veech
Deputy Mayor Forstenhausler
Mayor Hathaway
NAYS: None

J. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Nisivoccia made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Deputy Mayor Forstenhausler seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Councilwoman Carey
Councilwoman Elbaum
Councilman Nisivoccia
Councilwoman Thornton
Councilwoman Veech
Deputy Mayor Forstenhausler
Mayor Hathaway
NAYS: None