

November 5, 2024

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

1. Opening of the Regular Meeting

This 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 Randolph Reporter and the Morris County Daily Record on November 30, 2023, by emailing them the annual resolution adopted by the Council on November 28, 2023. The annual resolution, which included this meeting date, was advertised in the West Morris Reporter, previously known as the Randolph Reporter, the official newspaper of the Township of Randolph, on December 7, 2023, and the Daily Record on December 4, 2023.

2. Roll Call

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

Also Present: Township Manager Poff and Township Attorney Ed Buzak of the Law Offices of Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan LLC

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Carey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Seeing and hearing none, the public session was closed.

C. MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Poff reported on the following items:

SeeClickFix Status - The SeeClickFix program is set to launch on Tuesday, November 12.
Communications Director Robert Rios is working to develop the appropriate messaging for the

launch. Deputy Clerk Mariam Sabri has done an outstanding job providing refresher training to all departments and finalizing details with the township's customer success representative.

2024 County Trail Construction Grant Program – The township has been recommended for a \$93,148 grant for the Rosenfarb-Guerin Farms Trail to design a 1.14-mile gravel and boardwalk trail connecting Dover Chester Road to Calais Road and Veterans Community Park. Planning and Zoning Administrator Darren Carney put the application together.

Volunteer Recognition – In the past, one event was held that included the various board/committee members and the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year. Each board/committee will be treated to a light dinner this year, and the members celebrating milestones and anniversaries will be honored by the chair of that board/committee at the last meeting of the year. Nominations for the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year are gathered in late fall/early winter. The public celebration honoring that individual will take place after the first of the year to coincide with a Township Council meeting.

2025 Budget Preparation – Capital budget meetings have concluded with department heads, which took place during the week of October 28. Operating budget meetings begin tomorrow with department heads. The Township Council will be apprised of development updates to the draft 2025 Municipal Budget.

Local Safety Action Plan (LSAP) – As previously reported, Morris County is developing an LSAP that will identify and prioritize transportation safety improvements to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes on county and municipal roadways. Since the first meeting on April 10, a website and two surveys were launched to gather public feedback. The next meeting of the Local Implementation Group is scheduled for Thursday, November 7, to discuss goal setting, review of crash analysis data, and project development.

Sussex Turnpike Road Project – Morris County's contractor will be removing trees, rock scaling, and installing metal netting along existing rock slopes at two portions of Sussex Turnpike (CR 617) between Arlyn and Ash Lanes and between Arthur Lane and Washington Valley beginning on or about Monday, November 18, 2024, through February 14, 2025, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Construction will predominantly be along the shoulder of Sussex Turnpike with reduced traffic lane widths maintained eastbound, and westbound traffic will be detoured to Raynor Road and West Hanover Avenue.

Market Update – Phoenix Advisors, LLC, the township's financial advisors, provides a market update several times a year. The US GDP grew at a 2.8% annual rate in the third quarter, adjusted for inflation. This is a slight decline from the second quarter's 3% and below economists' expectations of 3.1%. In September, the Federal Reserve lowered interest rates by a half-percentage point. With no Federal Reserve meeting in October, the benchmark federal funds rate remains at 5%. The next Federal Reserve Meeting is November 7. Federal Reserve officials are expected to continue cutting rates at the remaining meetings this year.

Morris County ARRIVE Together Program – The Randolph Township Police Department is participating in the Morris County Arrive Together Program. The acronym stands for Alternative

Responses to Reduce Instances of Violence & Escalation. The program partners law enforcement with mental health professionals when responding to behavioral health crisis calls, intervention, and de-escalation. The program also offers follow-up services to those who have been involved in the incident. Randolph has been grouped with the Roxbury, Parsippany, Montville, and Denville Police Departments. A clinician is stationed at one of these departments each day of the week; the clinician can also be dispatched to any of the towns as needed.

Councilwoman Thornton stated that the ARRIVE program has been used at the county level. She commented that it was a very beneficial program. Mayor Carey inquired about where the clinicians are funded from. Councilwoman Thornton explained that the clinicians come from the Mental Health Association of Morris & Essex County. Manager Poff noted that the program was a positive advancement between the mental health community and law enforcement; he added that the county is seeking to expand the program to all Police Departments.

Mayor Carey asked Manager Poff to confirm if the mentioned trail grant was specifically for the design portion of the project and if another grant would be applied for the building portion. Manager Poff confirmed she was correct. Councilwoman Veech noted that the new trail would connect three neighborhoods and take the township trail system from 16 miles to 17+ miles.

D. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. Approval of Township Council Regular Meeting Minutes – October 1, 2024

Councilman Nisivoccia made a motion to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from October 1, 2024. Councilwoman Thornton seconded the motion and the following roll call vote was taken:

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

E. COMBINED ACTION RESOLUTIONS

Item #36, R 256-24, Authorizing Award of Contract for Calais Road Phase 2 and South Road Improvements Project to J.A. Alexander, Inc. for the Not to Exceed Amount of \$709,585.33 - Councilwoman Veech commented that the cost associated with this project was originally thought to be over \$1 million; she was pleased that the amount came under initial estimated figure.

1. R 221-24 Authorizing Refund of Overpayment of Taxes for Tax Years 2019 and 2020 for Block 199, Lot 46.09, 1 Poplar Court to Valerie Hofer, Esq. on Behalf of Ming-Yi Hu and Yang Fen Chen - \$2,656.99
2. R 222-24 Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation Per N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 - US DOJ Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant - \$14,601.18
3. R 223-24 Authorizing Release of Maintenance Bond for Metro Storage Project to Metro Storage, LLC - \$6,060.00
4. R 224-24 Authorizing Release of Engineering Escrows for 11 Aspen Drive Project to 1.01 Aspen Drive, LLC - \$22,870.90
5. R 225-24 Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriations Per N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 - National Opioid Settlements - \$7,977.79
6. R 226-24 Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriations Per N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 - Stormwater Basin GI Retrofit Study - \$45,000.00
7. R 227-24 Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation Per N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 - Rosenfarb-Guerin Farms Trail - \$23,287.00
8. R 228-24 Authorizing Refund of Property Taxes for Third Quarter 2024 (\$1,723.35) and Cancel Balance of 2024 Taxes and First Half Taxes for 2025 (\$8,322.07), Block 119, Lot 110.133, 67 Ridgewood Drive, Ellen Shave
9. R 229-24 Authorizing Mayor to Sign Rosenfarb-Guerin Farms Trail Grant Agreement
10. R 230-24 Endorsing Application for a Treatment Works Approval for 1192 Sussex Turnpike
11. R 231-24 Authorizing Refund of Fourth Quarter 2024 Property Taxes Due to Veteran Exemption for Block 81.03, Lot 12, 284 Center Grove Road, Samuel and Linda Conaway - \$6,007.16
12. R 232-24 Authorizing Rejection and Award of MCCPC Contract #1 (Motor Gasoline) to Griffith-Allied Trucking, LLC (dba Allied Oil)
13. R 233-24 Authorizing Award of MCCPC Contract #5 (Paving Materials) to Stavola Asphalt Company, Inc.
14. R 234-24 Authorizing Award of MCCPC Contract #7 (Drainage Pipe - Delivered) to Campbell Foundry Company
15. R 235-24 Authorizing Award of MCCPC Contract #8 (Anti-Freeze) to Lubenet, LLC
16. R 236-24 Authorizing Award of MCCPC Contract #9 (Crushed Stone & Sand) to Tilcon New York, Inc.
17. R 237-24 Authorizing Rejection and Award of MCCPC Contract #11 (Motor Oils & Miscellaneous Lubricants) to Lubenet, LLC
18. R 238-24 Authorizing Rejection and Award of MCCPC Contract #12 (Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel - Dyed) to Various Vendors

19. R 239-24 Authorizing Award of MCCPC Contract #14 (Catch Basins & Manhole Castings) to Campbell Foundry Company
20. R 240-24 Authorizing Award of MCCPC Contract #19 (Concrete Blocks & Granite Curb Blocks) to Various Vendors
21. R 241-24 Authorizing Rejection and Award of MCCPC Contract #20-A (Sporting Goods) to Various Vendors
22. R 242-24 Authorizing Award of MCCPC Contract #21 (Oil & Stone Treatment) to Morris Asphalt Company, Inc.
23. R 243-24 Authorizing Rejection and Award of MCCPC Contract #23 (Police Uniforms & Equipment) to Various Vendors
24. R 244-24 Authorizing Award of MCCPC Contract #24 (Bagged Cement & Poured Concrete) to Extech Operating, LLC (dba Extech Building Materials)
25. R 245-24 Authorizing Rescission and Re-Award of Category C, Item #10a, of MCCPC Contract #25 (Janitorial Supplies)
26. R 246-24 Authorizing Award of MCCPC Contract #26 (Beam Guide Rail & Safety Ends - Installed) to Road Safety Systems, LLC
27. R 247-24 Authorizing Award of MCCPC Contract #27 (Traffic and Field Marking Paint) to Ricciardi Brothers, Inc.
28. R 248-24 Authorizing Award of MCCPC Contract #28 (Traffic Sign Materials) to National Highway Products, Inc.
29. R 249-24 Authorizing Award of MCCPC Contract #33 (Clay and Infield Mix for Athletic Fields) to Various Vendors
30. R 250-24 Authorizing Award of MCCPC Contract #36 (Traffic Striping on Roadways) to Dan Swayze & Son, Inc.
31. R 251-24 Authorizing Award of MCCPC Contract #38 (Preventive Maintenance/Repair of Communications Equipment) to Communications Specialists, Inc.
32. R 252-24 Authorizing Rejection of a Bid for MCCPC Contract #39 (Furnishing Trophies & Plaques)
33. R 253-24 Authorizing Award of MCCPC Contract #41 (Purchase of Communications Equipment) to Various Vendors
34. R 254-24 Authorizing Rejection and Award of MCCPC Contract #53 (Fencing Materials & Installation) to Various Vendors
35. R 255-24 Authorizing Cancellation of Capital Improvement Authorizations - \$86,424.58
36. R 256-24 Authorizing Award of Contract for Calais Road Phase 2 and South Road Improvements Project to J.A. Alexander, Inc. for the Not to Exceed Amount of \$709,585.33

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Dated: November 5, 2024

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 to J.A. Alexander, Inc., Bloomfield, NJ in the amount of \$378,447.50 for the resurfacing of Calais Road (Phase 2) and \$331,137.93 for the resurfacing of South Road as detailed in the contractor's response provided to the township's public bid solicitation.

Deborah Bonanno
Chief Financial Officer

Budget Account:	Calais	04-215-56-030-303 (not to exceed \$201,140.00)
		04-215-56-038-311 (not to exceed \$177,307.40)
	South	04-215-56-038-312

37. Raffle License - On-Premise 50/50, Ironia Elementary School PTO, 303 Dover Chester Road, Randolph, Saturday, February 8, 2025, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
38. Raffle License - On-Premise Tricky Tray, Ironia Elementary School PTO, 303 Dover Chester Road, Randolph, Saturday, February 8, 2025, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
39. Raffle License - On-Premise 50/50, A.R. Spinola PTA, 44 Cooper Road, Denville, NJ, at The Meadow Wood, 461 Route 10, Randolph, Thursday, March 27, 2025, 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
40. Raffle License - On-Premise Tricky Tray, A.R. Spinola PTA, 44 Cooper Road, Denville, NJ, at The Meadow Wood, 461 Route 10, Randolph, Thursday, March 27, 2025, 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
41. Raffle License - Off-Premise 50/50, A.R. Spinola PTA, 44 Cooper Road, Denville, NJ, at The Meadow Wood, 461 Route 10, Randolph, Thursday, March 27, 2025, 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
42. Raffle License - Grand Prize Raffle, A.R. Spinola PTA, 44 Cooper Road, Denville, at The Meadow Wood, 461 Route 10, Randolph, Thursday, March 27, 2025, 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Councilman Forstenhausler made a motion to approve the Combined Action Items. Deputy Mayor Hathaway seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

AYES:	Councilwoman Elbaum
	Councilman Forstenhausler
	Councilman Nisivoccia – Abstained to Item #22, R-242-24
	Councilwoman Thornton
	Councilwoman Veech
	Deputy Mayor Hathaway
	Mayor Carey
NAYS:	None

F. ORDINANCES: INTRODUCTION

1. Ordinance 18-24 Amending Chapter 18, Finance and Taxation, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph by the Addition of Article VI, Property Tax Exemption for 100 Percent Disabled Veterans

Manager Poff explained that the purpose of this ordinance is to amend and supplement Chapter 18, Finance and Taxation, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph, by the addition of Article VI, Property Tax Exemption for 100 Percent Disabled Veterans, to establish a formal policy regarding property taxation exemption for veterans who have been declared to be 100 percent disabled. Tax Assessor Glen Sherman supports the introduction of the ordinance to have a formal policy on the disabled veteran refunds.

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 18, Finance and Taxation, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph by the Addition of Article VI, Property Tax Exemption for 100 Percent Disabled Veterans” 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 26th, of November, 2024 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.

Deputy Mayor Hathaway stated that the Ordinance Workgroup agreed unanimously with the presentation of the ordinances up for introduction during this meeting. Mayor Carey asked how many people would be affected by the ordinance. Manger Poff explained that the ordinance is prospective, there are 31 properties receiving the benefit, but there is no impact to the disabled veterans.

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

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

2. Ordinance 19-24 Amending Article III, Snow and Ice, and Article X, Maintenance and Repair of Sidewalks, of Chapter 44, Streets and Sidewalks, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph

Manager Poff explained that the purpose of this ordinance is to amend Article III, Snow and Ice, and Article X, Maintenance and Repair of Sidewalks, of Chapter 44, Streets and Sidewalks, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph to clarify the responsibilities of property owners with regard to the removal of snow, ice and other obstructions from, and the proper maintenance and repair of, sidewalks within the Township. The ordinance came out of a request from the Joint Insurance Fund to ensure that municipal ordinances are up to date in regards to maintenance of sidewalks. This ordinance takes into account the most current protections that are afforded municipalities under state statute.

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance Amending Article III, Snow and Ice, and Article X, Maintenance and Repair of Sidewalks, of Chapter 44, Streets and Sidewalks, of the Revised Ordinances of 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 26th, of November, 2024 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 introduce the ordinance. Councilwoman Veech seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

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

3. Ordinance 20-24 Amending Section 3 of Ordinance No. 50-00 Entitled “An Ordinance of the Township of Randolph Entitled “LOSAP Referendum Question to Provide for the Placement of a Public Question at the Next General Election on November 7, 2000” to Revise the Criteria to Participate in and Receive Annual Contributions From the Length of Service Award Program

Manager Poff explained that the purpose of this ordinance is to amend Section 3 of Ordinance No. 50-00 to revise the criteria for volunteer members of the Rescue Squad and Fire Department to participate in and receive annual contributions from the LOSAP. The ordinance accounts for evolving training and qualifying criteria within the Fire Department and Rescue Squad. The ordinance was reviewed with the CFO and Ordinance Workgroup. The ordinance if approved would result in an anticipated increase for the number of Rescue Squad members that may be eligible to qualify.

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance to Amend Section 3 of Ordinance No. 50-00 Entitled “An Ordinance of the Township of Randolph Entitled “LOSAP Referendum Question” to Provide for the Placement of a Public Question at the Next General Election on November 7, 2000” to Revise the Criteria to Participate in and Receive Annual Contributions from the Length of Service Award Program” 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 26th, of November, 2024 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 stated that the Ordinance Workgroup was happy with this ordinance and the recommended point system. Mayor Carey asked if the ordinance would help with getting more volunteers. Manager Poff stated that it would; the ordinance codifies an amendment the Fire Department had to its bylaws, and includes updates from the Rescue Squad. There was a discussion about neighboring municipalities’ struggles with operating Rescue Squads, and supporting and creating incentives to keep Randolph volunteers.

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

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

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 2024 Municipal Best Practices Inventory

Manager Poff explained that NJ Division of Local Government Services puts forward annually an updated Best Practices Inventory for the purpose of gathering vital information of municipal government practice in NJ. The 2024 Inventory assesses each municipality's compliance with various laws and evaluates the implementation of fiscal and operational best practices. Inventory responses provide property tax payers with an additional means of evaluating their municipality's performance, in addition to identifying areas where municipalities may need further technical assistance. The inventory contains an unscored survey section that solicits information on a variety of topics. The township is required to complete the Best Practices Inventory annually.

Randolph Township scored a 43.5; a minimum score of 35 is needed to guarantee receiving all of the aid and energy receipt tax funds owed to the township by the State of New Jersey. This year the state was seeking specific information about affordable housing. He recognized the efforts of CFO Bonanno in preparing and vetting answers to questions from the various departments. He and CFO Bonanno reviewed these results and followed-up with departments to set expectations.

Councilwoman Thornton asked what the maximum score was for the inventory. Manager Poff stated that the maximum score was 48 points.

H. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Jim McConnell of 45 Carrell Road stated that he was a partially disabled veteran, he asked if there was a possibility of him receiving the exemption. He referred to the LOSAP Ordinance and stated that he wished there was more the Rescue Squad could do for its younger members.

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

I. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Veech reported that she attended several events and meetings. On Friday, October 18, she participated in a New Jersey League of Municipalities Legislative Committee meeting where a bill concerning electric versus gas-powered leaf blowers was discussed. She also attended the Brundage Playhouse Cabaret Show alongside Mayor Carey, the Iron 24 Ribbon Cutting, the Elite Toma Break-a-Thon, and the EMS Truck or Treat event. She stated that the Facility Workgroup met on Monday, October 28; the workgroup discussed progress on the Cultural Arts Center project. She concluded her report by sharing that she participated in the annual Fire Inspection and the Firemen's Ball.

Councilman Nisivoccia stated that he attended many of the previously mentioned events. He noted that the break-a-thon celebrated the 24th anniversary of Elite Toma. He shared that the Municipal Alliance Committee (MAC) met and discussed the Prevention is Key WISE Program (Wellness Initiative for Senior Education). This program encourages healthy aging, informed lifestyle choices, stress management, and substance abuse prevention among older adults. The committee also discussed organizing another wellness walk with the mayor in the spring. He reported that the Police Department held presentations at the high school, addressing vaping and sexting.

Councilwoman Thornton shared that she also attended many of the mentioned events. She praised the Fire Inspection event and shared that as a 13-year member of Company 4's Ladies Auxiliary, she learned new things at the event. She commended the township's volunteers and stated that the fire department's extensive training and equipment contribute to residents feeling safe.

Councilmember Elbaum reported that the 2025 Arts in the Park event is scheduled for May 17, with enrollment now open. Upcoming community events include a Winter Sensory Workshop for neurodivergent children on December 11, a Meet Santa gathering at the Community Center on December 13, and a Children's Charcuterie Event in February. Mayor Carey inquired about the Menorah Lighting date. Manager Poff informed her that the date for the Menorah Lighting was typically provided by the Chabad Center.

Councilman Forstenhausler stated that he attended many of the previously mentioned events. He shared that he and many other councilmembers attended the memorial service for former Councilman Lance Tkacs. He referred to the Fire Inspection Dinner and briefly discussed the new fire engine's capabilities. He noted that there are challenges with rising engine replacement costs, which have tripled over the last decade, and extensive waiting lists. The displayed engine during the Inspection Dinner featured a Compressed Air Foam System (CAFS), capable of optimizing water and manpower usage by blending seven gallons of foam with 750 gallons of water. He stated that the Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) was set to meet later that evening at 7:00 pm.

Deputy Mayor Hathaway referred to the Economic Development Committee's Veteran Discount Program, sharing that a few businesses reached out to him to express interest in participating. He noted that the upcoming New Jersey League of Municipalities (NJLM) Conference agenda offered many sessions on affordable housing.

Councilwoman Veech added that the NJLM Conference would also be conducting roundtable discussions.

Mayor Carey reported that she attended a Mental Health Association Legislative Update, featuring remarks by Sheriff Gannon. She attended the Cabaret Show, Haunted Trail, and Iron 24 Ribbon Cutting. She stated that the "Mondays with the Mayor" program has been well-received, with varying morning and evening sessions to accommodate more participants. The Communication Workgroup met recently to discuss the SeeClickFix rollout.

She shared that Center Grove Elementary School invited her to shoot a video about the election process, educating students on voting and its importance. On Election Day, she was invited to attend the school's Year Book Cover Election activity. She reported attending the Diwali Celebration hosted by the Randolph Indian Association on Sunday, November 10. She concluded her comments by sharing that Deputy Mayor Hathaway would be speaking at the VFW's Annual Veterans Day ceremony on Monday, November 11.

Councilwoman Veech shared that she participated in the Library's Yoga Program. She noted that the program was well-organized and featured participation from many senior residents.

J. 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: Affordable Housing Update
 - B. Personnel
 - C. Contract Negotiations, Public Health
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 Hathaway made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m.
Councilman Forstenhausler seconded the motion and the following roll call vote was taken:

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

Councilman Forstenhausler made a motion to close the Executive Session and reopen the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Councilman Nisivoccia seconded the motion and the following roll call vote was taken:

AYES:	Councilwoman Elbaum
	Councilman Forstenhausler
	Councilman Nisivoccia
	Councilwoman Thornton

Councilwoman Veech
Deputy Mayor Hathaway
Mayor Carey
NAYS: None

K. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Nisivoccia made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Deputy Mayor Hathaway seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

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