

Township of Randolph
Municipal Building
Randolph, NJ
June 4, 2024

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

Also Present: Township Manager Poff, Assistant Manager Stuart Greer, and Township Attorney Edward Buzak of The Law Office of Surenian, Edwards, Buzak, & Nolan, LLC.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Carey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. PRESENTATION/PROCLAMATION

1. Presentation of NJ State League of Municipalities Award for the 30th Annual Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition – Sareena Kalinani

Mayor Carey presented Randolph High School Junior Sareena Kalinani with the New Jersey League of Municipalities Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Award and Certificate. Ms. Kalinani is one of three statewide winners in the scholarship competition. Over fifty municipalities submitted applicants for the 30th annual scholarship essay competition; the essay topic was “What My Municipal Government Does Best”. Ms. Kalinani wrote about her

volunteer experience with the Randolph Rescue Squad, where she serves as a Junior EMT. The Township Council congratulated Ms. Kalinani on her achievement.

2. Eagle Scout Proclamations Presented to Kristopher Raymond Seidel and Sean Ryan Puttre to be Presented at the Eagle Court of Honor at Resurrection Parish Church, Saturday, June 15, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.

Councilman Forstenhausler made a motion to approve the proclamations. Councilmember Nisivoccia seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

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

D. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Jim McConnell of 45 Carrell Road shared that Ms. Kalinani was one of three Junior EMT's with the Randolph Rescue Squad who have been awarded scholarships in 2024. He encouraged students to talk to their counselors and learn about available scholarships. He was very happy for Ms. Kalinani.

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

E. MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Poff reported on the following items:

Resident Concern & Sound Surveys – Health Department staff conducted a sound survey of affected homes on the evening of May 22. The inspector reported back to the affected homeowners that total sound levels did not exceed the permissible levels in the state code. The township has concluded its investigation of this matter.

RVRSA Inflow and Infiltration Response – The RVRSA wrote to its membership on Monday, May 13, expressing concerns about inflow and infiltration within its treatment works. The Water & Sewer Division has prepared a response outlining our action plan including conducting CCTV inspections of the township's sanitary sewer system, installing manhole inflow protectors, and putting in flow meters at selected locations.

FY24 Local Recreation Improvement Grant – The township has been awarded a \$70,000 Local Recreation Improvement Grant (LRIG) Program Grant. The township submitted an application for an improvement to Rosenfarb Park (located on the corner of South Salem Street and Franklin Road) where there is limited access to recreational amenities. The project includes new playground equipment and renovation of an existing basketball court.

2024 Road Resurfacing Program – The council’s Infrastructure Workgroup has been apprised of the proposed 2024 road resurfacing program. Thirteen roads, the equivalent of 4.34 miles, are scheduled for resurfacing. Ironia Mendham Road has been reflected on the map, but not on the list as this road is subject to Chester Township paving half of the road. Department of Public Works Director Tom Sweeney has been in touch with the Chester Township Public Works Superintendent with the proposed plan to pave Ironia Mendham Road. The list will be updated upon hearing back.

Fire Services Update – NJ Advance Media has reported on three fire stations closing in Winslow Township (Camden County) as the number of volunteers dwindles nationwide. The Winslow Township Fire Department in Camden County once had 140 volunteer firefighters serving in nine stations, including in some firehouses dating back to the early 1900s. As a nationwide volunteer firefighter shortage has hit local communities over the last decade, the South Jersey township’s firefighter ranks have dwindled to just 35. Randolph Township representatives will be meeting with county and other local government officials over the summer to discuss the current state of the fire service in western Morris County and confer about ways to sustain services in the future.

Market Update – Phoenix Advisors, LLC, the township’s financial advisors, provides a market update several times a year. GDP expanded at a 1.3% annual rate in the first quarter, failing to meet the expected growth of 2.4% projected by economists. The next Federal Reserve Meeting is June 12. Investors expect the Federal Reserve to continue to hold rates steady while it waits to gain greater confidence that inflation is sustainably moving towards its 2% target.

County Road Intersection Improvement – Improvement to the intersection of Center Grove Road and Quaker Church Road has started. Construction is expected to last six months, with lane closures from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. Motorists should expect delays and are advised to plan alternate routes during these hours. The schedule may change due to weather or other factors.

Deputy Mayor Hathaway asked if there was a timeline for the Rosenfarb Park project. Manager Poff explained that they have 18 months to complete the work upon formal notice of receiving the award. There was a brief discussion about the bench dedication program.

Councilwoman Veech commented that the communication/social media campaigns for the Fire Department and the Rescue Squad have been great.

F. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Councilwoman Veech made a motion to approve the Regular Township Council meeting minutes of May 9, 2024. Councilman Forstenhausler seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Councilmember Elbaum
 Councilman Forstenhausler
 Councilmember Nisivoccia
 Councilwoman Veech
 Deputy Mayor Hathaway

Mayor Carey
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Councilwoman Thornton

F. COMBINED ACTION RESOLUTIONS

Item #5, R 121-24, Authorizing Grant Application and Grant Agreement With the NJ Department of Transportation for 2025 Millbrook Avenue Improvements Project – Manager Poff explained that this resolution is for the NJDOT Local Aid Grant the township applies for annually. The proposed scope of work is Millbrook Avenue from Schoolhouse Road to the intersections of Lawrence Road and Everdale Road. It is approximately 4,500 ft of linear surfacing, the anticipated 1,800 linear feet of sidewalk, and 4,000 ft of curbing.

Item #6 – R 122-24, Authorizing Approval of an NJ Department of Environmental Protection Stormwater Grant Application - \$45,000.00 – Manager Poff explained that this resolution is for a competitive grant being submitted to the NJDEP for the inspection and evaluation of existing detention basins within the township to determine if they can be retrofitted with green technology.

Item #8 – R 124-24, Authorizing Award of Contract for a Hook Lift Body for a DPW Vehicle Under ESCNJ Contract #23/24-04 Using American Rescue Plan Act Funds to Cliffside Body Corporation - Not to Exceed \$99,000.00 – Manager Poff explained that this resolution is part of the township's 2024 capital program.

Councilmember Nisivoccia asked if R 124-24 was a new piece of equipment or a replacement. Manager Poff explained that it is an addition to the fleet.

Item #17, R 133-24, Authorizing Prior Purchases Under Various Cooperative Contracts Using American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") Funds – Manager Poff explained that this resolution is based upon the advice of the township auditors. They have requested that resolutions be completed for any acquisitions where the township is making use of ARPA funds.

Item #19, R 119-24 Celebrating Juneteenth Independence Day - June 19, 2024, and Item #20, R 120-24 Supporting/Acknowledging June 2024 to be Pride Month – Mayor Carey acknowledged that these resolutions are typically adopted in June. She shared that R 119-24, was read during the Juneteenth Celebration held on Saturday, June 1 at Veterans Community Park.

1. R 117-24 Authorizing Recreation Department Program Refunds to Various Individuals
2. R 118-24 Authorizing Refund of Property Taxes for Various Tax-Exempt Properties to Corelogic - \$21,122.06
3. R 119-24 Celebrating Juneteenth Independence Day - June 19, 2024
4. R 120-24 Supporting/Acknowledging June 2024 to be Pride Month
5. R 121-24 Authorizing Grant Application and Grant Agreement With the NJ Department of Transportation for 2025 Millbrook Avenue Improvements Project
6. R 122-24 Authorizing Approval of a NJ Department of Environmental Protection Stormwater Grant Application - \$45,000.00

7. R 123-24 Authorizing Settlement of PBA Local 403A Contract for January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2027
8. R 124-24 Authorizing Award of Contract for a Hook Lift Body for a DPW Vehicle Under ESCNJ Contract #23/24-04 Using American Rescue Plan Act Funds to Cliffside Body Corporation - Not to Exceed \$99,000.00

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Dated: June 4, 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 for the purchase of a Pal Finger hook lift body for Truck #917 in an amount not to exceed \$99,000 under Contract ESNJ#23/24-04

Deborah Bonanno
Chief Financial Officer
Budget Account: 02-213-41-794-400

9. R 125-24 Authorizing Award of MCCPC Contract #13-A (Fire Equipment Services), Category 6, to Allied Fire Control Services
10. R 126-24 Authorizing Award of MCCPC Contract #20-B (Sporting Goods) to Various Vendors
11. R 127-24 Authorizing Rejection and Award of MCCPC Contract #25 (Janitorial Supplies) to Various Vendors
12. R 128-24 Authorizing Rejection and Award of MCCPC Contract #35 (Light Bulbs) to Various Vendors
13. R 129-24 Authorizing Consent to the Assignment of MCCPC Contract #39 (Furnishing Trophies & Plaques) from TJ's Sportwide Trophy & Awards, Inc. to Performance Trophies and Medals, LLC
14. R 130-24 Authorizing Rejection and Award of MCCPC Contract #42 (Landscaping Materials & Supplies) to Various Vendors
15. R 131-24 Authorizing Award of MCCPC Contract #43 (Propane Gas - Rebid) to Paraco Gas Corporation
16. R 132-24 Authorizing Rejection and Award of MCCPC Contract #47 (Water Meters/Data Recorders & Radio Frequency Meter Interface Units) to Various Vendors
17. R 133-24 Authorizing Prior Purchases Under Various Cooperative Contracts Using American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") Funds
18. R 134-24 Authorizing the 2024-2025 Liquor License Renewals
19. Raffle License - Games of Chance, Kiwanis Club of Randolph, July 11 - 12, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. and July 13, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. at County College of Morris, 214 Center Grove Road, Randolph

20. Raffle License - Off-Premise 50/50, Kiwanis Club of Randolph, July 17, 2024, 7:30 p.m. at the Randolph Diner, 517 Route 10, Randolph

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

AYES: Councilmember Elbaum
Councilman Forstenhausler – Abstained to Item #9, R-125-24
Councilmember Nisivoccia
Councilwoman Thornton
Councilwoman Veech
Deputy Mayor Hathaway
Mayor Carey
NAYS: None

G. UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Big Greek Festival Opening Ceremony, Friday, June 7, 4:45 p.m. at St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, 1447 Sussex Turnpike, Randolph
2. Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony, Thursday, June 13, 2024, 5:00 p.m. at Max's Electric Bikes - Randolph, 540 Route 10 West (Campus Village)
3. Bench Dedication for Beth Jones Mason, Thursday, June 13, 2024, 6:00 p.m. at Brundage Park Preserve
4. COUNCIL ONLY - Eagle Court of Honor for Kristopher Raymond Seidel and Sean Ryan Puttre, Saturday, June 15, 2024, 3:30 p.m. at Resurrection Parish Church, 651 Millbrook Avenue, Randolph
5. COUNCIL ONLY - Randolph Area Chamber of Commerce Multi-Chamber Event, Monday, June 17, 2024, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Circle Bowl & Entertainment, 107 Route 46, Ledgewood
6. Dedication of Liberty Tree Slice, Randolph Reminisces Program and 45th Anniversary Celebration for Historical Society of Old Randolph, Monday, June 17, 2024, 7:00 p.m. at Randolph Museum, Millbrook Avenue, Randolph
7. COUNCIL ONLY - Morris County League of Municipalities Meeting, Wednesday, June 19, 2024, 5:15 p.m. at Knoll Country Club West, 990 Greenbank Road, Boonton
8. Randolph Park Beach Summer Kickoff, June 22, 2024, 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Randolph Township Park Beach, 43 Green Lane, Randolph
9. Morris County Pride, Saturday, June 22, 2024, 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., County College of Morris, 214 Center Grove Road, Randolph
10. Stefan Strong Foundation Brewery Day Fundraiser, Saturday, August 3, 2024, 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m. at Fort Nonsense, 220 Franklin Road, Randolph
11. Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony, Saturday, August 17, 2024, 10:30 a.m. at the Randolph Athletic Club, 220 Franklin Road, Suite K, Randolph

H. ORDINANCES: SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

1. Ordinance 10-24 - An Ordinance Amending Appendix A, Fee Schedule, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph Regarding Cat and Dog Licenses

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending Appendix A, Fee Schedule, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph, Morris County, New Jersey Regarding Cat and Dog Licenses, 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 fees for cat and dog licenses set forth in the Animals Section of Appendix A, of the Township Fee Schedule.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending Appendix A, Fee Schedule, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph, Morris County, New Jersey Regarding Cat and Dog Licenses, 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 Hathaway made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Councilmember Nisivoccia seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

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

2. Ordinance 11-24 - An Ordinance Amending Appendix A, Fee Schedule, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph, Regarding Special Duty Police Officers

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending Appendix A, Fee Schedule, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph, Morris County, New Jersey Regarding Special Duty Police Officers, 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 Special Duty Police Officers Subsection of the Police Section of Appendix A, of the Township Fee Schedule.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending Appendix A, Fee Schedule, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph, Morris County, New Jersey

Regarding Special Duty Police Officers, 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 Forstenhausler made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Councilwoman Veech seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

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

3. Ordinance 13-24 - An Ordinance Amending Section 34-83, Rules and Regulations For All Trail Users, of Article IV, Randolph Trail System, of Chapter 34, Parks and Recreation Areas, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph to Prohibit the Operation of E-Bikes on the Trail System

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending Section 34-83, Rules and Regulations for all Trail Users, of Article IV, Randolph Trail System, of Chapter 34, Parks and Recreation Areas, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph to Prohibit the Operation of E-Bikes on the Trail System, be read by title on second reading and a hearing held thereon.

Manager Poff explained that the purpose of this ordinance is to amend Subsection (c) of Section 34-83, Rules and Regulations for All Trail Users, of Article IV, Randolph Trail System, of Chapter 34, Parks and Recreation Areas, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph to include e-bikes on the non-exclusive list of motorized vehicles that are prohibited on the trail system.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending Section 34-83, Rules and Regulations for all Trail Users, of Article IV, Randolph Trail System, of Chapter 34, Parks and Recreation Areas, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph to Prohibit the Operation of E-Bikes on the Trail System, 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.

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

AYES: Councilmember Elbaum
Councilman Forstenhausler
Councilmember Nisivoccia
Councilwoman Thornton
Councilwoman Veech

Deputy Mayor Hathaway
Mayor Carey
NAYS: None

4. Ordinance 14-24 - An Ordinance Amending Section 48-9, Towing and Storage Fees, of Chapter 48, Towing Services, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending Section 48-9, Towing and Storage Fees, of Chapter 48, Towing Services, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph, Morris County, New Jersey, be read by title on second reading and a hearing held thereon.

Manager Poff explained that the purpose of this ordinance is to amend Subsections (c) through (o) of Section 48-9, Towing and Storage Fees, of Chapter 48, Towing Services, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph, Morris County, New Jersey. The ordinance was reviewed with the Police Department.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending Section 48-9, Towing and Storage Fees, of Chapter 48, Towing Services, of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Randolph, Morris County, New Jersey, 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 Forstenhausler made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Councilmember Nisivoccia seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

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

I. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Seeing and hearing none, the public session was closed.

K. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Forstenhausler reported that he attended the Salus Per Aquam ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, May 24. He attended a number of community events, including the VFW's annual Memorial Day Ceremony held at Post #7333. He shared that the VFW hosted a meet-and-greet for Picatinny Arsenal active service members and civilian police officers on Saturday, June 1; the event was well-attended and the VFW plans to host the function again next year. He

concluded his report by sharing that he attended the Fairy Trail opening day and the Rescue Squad's open house event.

Councilmember Elbaum reported that she attended the Randolph PEACE Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 1. She also reported attending the Fairy Trail opening day event; she commended the Randolph Mommy & Me group for their efforts in the project.

Councilwoman Thornton reported that she attended the Salus Per Aquam ribbon-cutting ceremony, the VFW Memorial Day Ceremony, the Randolph Rocks 5K event, and the Fairy Trail opening day. She appreciated the efforts of the Randolph Mommy & Me group and commended them for being a fantastic example for the community.

Councilmember Nisivoccia reported that the Municipal Alliance Committee met on Tuesday, May 28. He shared that the committee was expecting a \$1,000 reduction in its annual grant funding. The committee reviewed the Healthy Body, Healthy Mind Expo and recommended that the event continue to be held every other year. He reported that he and Councilman Forstenhausler attended a Brundage Park Playhouse performance of Barefoot in the Park. Additionally, he attended the VFW Memorial Ceremony, the Fairy Trail opening day, and the Randolph Rescue Squad's open house event. He stated that the front entrance of Randolph Lake looked much improved. He noted that the new park benches have been ordered. He concluded his report by thanking Deputy Mayor Hathaway and congratulating him on coaching the first season of the inclusionary track program.

Councilwoman Veech reported that she attended a Planning Board meeting on Monday, June 3. She shared that an application from Route 10 Dunkin Donuts was carried over to a July meeting due to the application being incomplete. She shared that the board had also approved of Ordinance 12-24. She welcomed Councilwoman Thornton to the Township Council. She referred to all the community events being held over the weekend and commented that it was great that the township supported residents and the new ideas they brought forward.

Deputy Mayor Hathaway referred to the many community events held over the weekend, noting the Randolph Rocks 5K, the Juneteenth Celebration, the Fairy Trail opening day, and the VFW Memorial Day Ceremony; he stated that the events speak to the quality of the community. He felt it was the council and township's responsibility to find the good ideas brought forth by the community, embrace them, and assist with making them come to fruition. He noted that across all the events mentioned, the council and township have played a role in assisting these entities, and that is an example of local government working the right way.

Mayor Carey echoed the comments made about all the previously mentioned events. She agreed that there is a great deal of people in the community who are putting forth the time and effort to do great things. She shared that late Councilmember Lance Tkacs' brother, Dean Tkacs, reached out to her to inquire about the installment of a commemorative bench in Lance Tkacs' honor. She concluded her report by sharing that she stopped by a meet-and-greet event hosted by Assemblyman Christian Barranco at Brooklyn Bagel in Randolph. She also attended a presentation by Mikie Sherrill's Office on the topic of preserving democracy in America.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held for this meeting.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Forstenhausler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. Councilmember Nisivoccia seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

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