

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 12, 2022

Pursuant to rules of Council of the Town of Westfield, the members thereof convened in regular session Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.

Acting Mayor Parmelee made the following announcements:

“The adequate notice of this meeting, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act, was provided by the posting, mailing and filing of the annual notice of regularly scheduled meetings of the Town Council on December 8, 2021. The notice was, on that date, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, mailed to THE WESTFIELD LEADER, and THE STAR LEDGER, and filed with the Clerk of the Town of Westfield.”

PRESENT: Acting Mayor Parmelee, Councilmembers: Habgood, Katz, Mackey, Contract, Dardia, and Root

ABSENT: Mayor Brindle & Councilman LoGrippe

Invocation was given by Councilman Katz

Salute to the flag.

APPOINTMENTS

Acting Mayor Parmelee proposed the following appointment. Motion made by Councilman Dardia and seconded by Councilwoman Habgood.

Planning Board

Michael LaPlace to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2025

PRESENTATIONS

OPENING REMARKS

Town Administrator Update

The Town Administrator provided an update on the utility road paving work that was discussed at the last meeting, he stated that it is in the process of being completed this week in the Jefferson and Linden Road areas and that it will be finished this week. We expect to have the Town's schedule shortly for road paving as the contract was awarded a few weeks ago. Street sweeping town-wide began on Monday and it will be completed in about 6 to 8 weeks.

Acting Mayor's Update

Good evening, everyone, and thanks to all who are joining us both here in the Council Chambers and online tonight. As a reminder, public comment will be accepted in person only, and we are live streaming for viewing only via Facebook. As always, the replay will also be available afterwards on Facebook, YouTube, and TV 36.

UPCOMING EVENTS

As a reminder, there are some great seasonal events coming up.

- Next Monday is the DWC's 20th Annual Pizza Run! You can still register to run, or come on out and cheer on the participants. Full details are available on the DWC's website.
- Also from the DWC, their Annual Sidewalk Sale Days are back! Downtown streets will be lined with some of our local retailers' best products from July 14 - 17. It's a great opportunity to support our local businesses!
- The Westfield Community Concert Band will play its final summer performance this Thursday in Mindowaskin Park at 7:30 PM. Join them as they close out their 110th season.
- Also on Thursday, the Fire Department will host an Open House for the public from 7:00 - 9:00 PM, where residents can view equipment demonstrations, see the firehouse and operations, explore the fire trucks, and talk with our first responders. Thank you to Chief Duels and his team for organizing what will be a great community event.
- Save the date for National Night Out on August 2, where our Police, Fire, EMS, Public Works, Recreation, and Library departments will be on hand for an evening of activities for the whole family from 6:00 - 9:00 at the North Avenue train station lot.

- The Second Annual Through the Lens Photography Exhibit from the Public Arts Commission is on display all summer, showcasing the work of local photographers along the sidewalk adjacent to The Rialto on Central Avenue. The prints are also available for sale, the proceeds of which will be applied towards future public art initiatives. Special thanks to Councilwoman Mackey and the entire Public Arts Commission for their work to bring this exhibit to life. For more information, visit our website.
- And of course, don't miss the Farmers Market every Saturday and Sweet Sounds Downtown every Tuesday in July and August. Tonight's Sweet Sounds is rescheduled for tomorrow night due to the weather.

COVID VACCINATIONS

Following the recent approval by the CDC to offer COVID vaccinations to children age six months and above, the Westfield Regional Health Department will be offering its next vaccination clinic for ages six months through four years on Thursday, July 14, from 2:00 - 6:00 PM. Vaccines for ages five and above will be offered on July 29 and August 12. An online appointment is required, and can be made at westfieldnj.gov/vaccine-appointments as availability permits.

TONIGHT'S AGENDA

In terms of tonight's agenda, I'd like to provide a brief overview of some of the key items we're voting on tonight.

- From the Finance Policy Committee, we will hear an ordinance on first reading to approve the updated four-year salary schedule for our Fire Department employees, which begins the implementation process of the new FMBA contract that was approved at the last meeting.
- On the Code Review & Town Property Committee front, we have a resolution to approve a liquor license transfer, from Nos Vinos to Westfield BK Corp. Our understanding from the businesses is that this does not currently involve any operational changes at Nos Vinos. Also from Code Review, we'll vote on a resolution in opposition to a recent NJ Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control set of conditions on limited brewery licenses that impacts craft breweries in the state – 141 of which are in New Jersey, including Lions Roar here in Westfield. Mayor Brindle has conveyed that these new restrictions put an unnecessary burden on small breweries like Lions Roar, who are still digging out from the pandemic. Dictating terms such as limiting the number and size of TVs they can have, how many events a brewery can host, etc, is a deflection from what really needs to change, and that is New Jersey's archaic liquor license laws which should be immediately addressed by the State Legislature.

The Mayor is a member of the NJ League of Municipalities Liquor License Reform Task Force, and she looks forward to collaborating on potential legislation that modernizes our liquor license laws in order to drive economic development, while mitigating any potential impact to current license holders.

- And from the Public Works Committee, we'll vote on a resolution to submit grant applications to the NJDOT's 2023 New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Municipal Aid Program for the improvements to Clover Street, Frances Terrace, and Clark Street. These streets were selected not only for their paving needs, but also because they require drainage and ADA ramp improvements that qualify under the NJDOT's grant program.

With that, let's get to work.

Thank you.

ADVERTISED HEARINGS

PENDING BUSINESS

MINUTES

On a motion by Councilwoman Mackey and seconded by Councilwoman Root Council approved the Minutes of the Town Council Conference Session and Regular Meeting held June 28, 2022 with Councilmembers Habgood and Contract abstaining.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

OPEN DISCUSSION BY CITIZENS

Acting Mayor Parmelee opened the public comments portion of the meeting and asked if there were any questions or comments.

Tim Eaton, 762 Norwood Terrace, stated that he would like to discuss the Edison Field Plan and all athletic fields in Westfield. He described the aesthetic beauty of Westfield from the streets to the parks, and to the gardens that it hosts. He spoke on the importance of adding natural grass fields as the solution to increased field capacity in Westfield. Mr. Eaton discussed the benefits for children and the environment. Artificial turf fields contain carcinogens, toxins, and pollutants that can cause harmful diseases and disrupt the environment. He discussed the benefits of natural grass fields such as keeping the water and soil clean, enhanced irrigation, aeration, seeding, drainage, and longevity. He stated that artificial turf has a shorter lifespan and often needs to be replaced, is irreversible, and is not recyclable. Mr. Eaton feels that natural grass fields are safer than artificial turf when discussing non-contact injuries. Mr. Eaton stated that artificial turf does not absorb carbon dioxide or release oxygen into the environment which is both necessary for remediating climate change. He reiterates that to keep the green theme in Westfield, natural grass fields are less expensive than artificial turf fields. Mr. Eaton is concerned that artificial turf can cause contamination, disease, the migration of foreign substances, and chemicals into the environment. He feels that the plastic grass contains lead and other chemicals such as PFAS which do not metabolize in the body but accumulates over time. He thinks that enhancing the parks with gardens and then adding turf on the athletic fields are inconsistent with Westfield's theme. He states there should be more natural grass fields in more locations, without tower lights, and a field manager. He believes that this will help keep the children safe and healthy.

Ronald Posyton, 113 Sussex Street, asked why the Council does not respond to his emails.

Jane Tsai, 2 Normandy Drive, has been a Westfield resident for 40 years and is a retired chemical engineer. She stated there is roughly 400,000 pounds of plastic in one artificial field which equates to 3.5 million plastic bags. Me discussed recyclability regarding plastic. She feels as though many children will have injuries on turf. Mrs. Tsai asked the Council to think about the effects of alternatives to natural grass fields.

Hearing no further comments, Acting Mayor Parmelee closed this portion of the meeting.

Acting Mayor Parmelee addressed comments made from the public by thanking Mr. Eaton & Mrs. Tsai for their comments and on-going discussion about Edison Fields. Acting Mayor Parmelee explained a third party expert is currently undergoing an analysis of information to date and also conducting interviews with stakeholders over the next few weeks. Acting Mayor Parmelee stated the report should be forthcoming in the next month or so. Acting Mayor Parmelee addressed Mr. Posyton and stated he was unsure if and why people are not responding to emails.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

On motion by Councilwoman Habgood, seconded by Councilwoman Root, bills and claims were adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED that the bills and claims in the amount of \$815, 039.95 per the list submitted to the members of this Council by the Chief Financial Officer, and approved for payment by the Town Administrator be, and the same are hereby, approved and that payroll warrants previously issued by the Chief Financial Officer be ratified.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance Policy Committee

The following resolutions, introduced by Councilwoman Habgood seconded by Councilwoman Mackey, were unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 172

RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to draw a warrant in the amount of \$22.80 to the order of New Jersey Department of Health, P.O. Box 369, Trenton, New Jersey for Dog Licenses issued by the Town Clerk for the month of June 2022.

Resolution No. 173

RESOLVED, that the Town Treasurer be authorized to refund the following fees to the following individual via checks:

Name	Account	Class	Fee
Christina Charland 54 Tamaques Way Westfield, NJ 07090	Pool Membership 2-03-55-920-202	Refund Individual Resident Christina Charland	\$189.05
Donald Cymbor 817 Sherbrook Dr Westfield, NJ 07090	Playground T-05-600-071	Refund Washington Site Madeline Cymbor	\$346.75

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Treasurer be authorized to refund the following fees to the following individual via credit card:

Name	Reason	Program	Fee
Xiaofan Yang	Withdrew	Track	\$109.25 Credit Card
Marina Rybner	Canceled	Pool ID Card	\$10.00 Credit Card
Justin Arak	Withdrew Withdrew Withdrew	Swim Lessons Swim Lessons Swim Lessons	\$74.00 \$74.00 \$74.00 Credit Card
Lisia Zheng	Withdrew	Swim Lessons	\$74.00 Credit Card
Skyler Wolf	Withdrew Withdrew	Swim Lessons Swim Lessons	\$74.00 \$74.00 Credit Card
Janice Cmielewki	Canceled	LEGO Camp	\$200.00 Credit Card
Wayne Wong	Withdrew Withdrew Withdrew	Swim Lessons Swim Lessons Swim Lessons	\$74.00 \$74.00 \$74.00 Credit Card
Uyen Poh	Withdrew	Swim Lessons	\$74.00 Credit Card
Lyudmyla Soloway	Canceled	Swim Team	\$110.00 Credit Card
Anuj Kale	Withdrew Withdrew	Swim Lessons Swim Lessons	\$75.05 \$75.05 Credit Card
Liz Palmer	Withdrew	Swim Lessons	\$74.00 Credit Card

Erica Ciluffo	Withdrew	Swim Lessons	\$74.00 Credit Card
Jessica Lasota	Canceled	Volleyball	\$150.00 Credit Card
Sandra Bavolar	Canceled	Volleyball	\$150.00 Credit Card
Dana Gaines	Canceled	Volleyball	\$150.00 Credit Card
Kent Diamond	Canceled	Volleyball	\$150.00 Credit Card
Maria Broaddus	Canceled	Volleyball	\$150.00 Credit Card
Manisha Droskoski	Canceled	Volleyball	\$150.00 Credit Card
Joseph Falcaro	Canceled	Volleyball	\$150.00 Credit Card
Michele Graham	Canceled	Volleyball	\$150.00 Credit Card
Sean Healy	Canceled	Volleyball	\$150.00 Credit Card
John Laskow	Canceled Canceled	Volleyball Volleyball	\$150.00 \$150.00 Credit Card
Cesar Mauras	Canceled	Volleyball	\$150.00 Credit Card
Melissa McDonald	Canceled	Volleyball	\$150.00 Credit Card
Carrie Moore	Canceled	Volleyball	\$150.00 Credit Card
Christine Kiefer	Canceled	Volleyball	\$150.00 Credit Card
Paul Nicholson	Canceled	Volleyball	\$150.00 Credit Card
Giovanni Simeone	Canceled	Volleyball	\$150.00 Credit Card
Amy Perna	Canceled	Flag Football	\$160.00 Credit Card
Bryan Glanzberg	Canceled	Pool ID Card	\$10.00 Credit Card
Armand Grez	Canceled Canceled	Field Hockey Field Hockey	\$165.00 \$165.00 Credit Card
Colleen Lyons	Canceled	Field Hockey	\$165.00 Credit Card

Stephanie Witten	Canceled	Field Hockey	\$165.00 Credit Card
Josephine Tieri	Canceled	Field Hockey	\$165.00 Credit Card
Craig Martin	Canceled	Field Hockey	\$165.00 Credit Card
Juanhong Lai	Canceled	Track	\$115.00 Credit Card
Molly Dennis	Canceled	Track	\$115.00 Credit Card
Luke G Funk	Canceled	Track	\$115.00 Credit Card
Nikhil Lee	Canceled	Track	\$115.00 Credit Card
Sarah Muller-Robbins	Canceled	Track	\$115.00 Credit Card
Rina Chakravarty	Canceled	Track	\$115.00 Credit Card

Resolution No. 174

WHEREAS, the following applicant has posted monies to be held in escrow to cover expert advice and testimony in connection with Board of Adjustment applications on said property; and

WHEREAS, expert advice and testimony was given, and

WHEREAS, all bills for these applications have been submitted and paid or the applicant has withdrawn their application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to draw a check for the balance of the escrow monies as follows:

<i>App #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>G/L</i>	Refund Balance
<i>BOA 20-01</i>	<i>Doherty, Susan & Mark</i>	<i>1140 Wychwood Road</i>	<i>2-05-560-788</i>	\$545.04
<i>BOA 20-02</i>	<i>Giordano, Joseph & Jennifer</i>	<i>816 Lenape Trail</i>	<i>2-05-560-789</i>	\$335.12
<i>BOA 20-04</i>	<i>Ford, Tipton & Lora</i>	<i>40 Sunnywood Drive</i>	<i>2-05-560-791</i>	\$195.04
<i>BOA 20-08</i>	<i>Schwarzenbek, Meghan</i>	<i>752 St. Marks Ave</i>	<i>2-05-560-795</i>	\$250.00
<i>BOA 20-09</i>	<i>Ceberio, Matthew & Jodi</i>	<i>415 E. Dudley Ave</i>	<i>2-05-560-796</i>	\$500.00
<i>BOA 20-10</i>	<i>1929 Central Ave LLC</i>	<i>1929 Central Ave</i>	<i>2-05-560-797</i>	\$1,500.00
<i>BOA 20-11</i>	<i>Flood, John & Alison</i>	<i>745 Highland Avenue</i>	<i>2-05-560-798</i>	\$1,292.56
<i>BOA 20-12</i>	<i>Gangavaram, Venkat</i>	<i>1020 Summit Avenue</i>	<i>2-05-560-799</i>	\$807.64
<i>BOA 20-13</i>	<i>Sieira, Manny & Alyssa</i>	<i>108 Florence Ave S.</i>	<i>2-05-560-800</i>	\$445.04
<i>BOA 20-14</i>	<i>Cheripka, Brian & Lisa Marie</i>	<i>824 Embree Crescent</i>	<i>2-05-560-801</i>	\$445.04
<i>BOA 20-15</i>	<i>Blumenfeld, Ethan</i>	<i>26 Fairhill Drive</i>	<i>2-05-560-802</i>	\$390.08
<i>BOA 20-16</i>	<i>Josephs, Daniel & Alexis</i>	<i>1032 Rahway Avenue</i>	<i>2-05-560-803</i>	\$1,320.04
<i>BOA 20-17</i>	<i>Verma, Aditya</i>	<i>935 New England Drive</i>	<i>2-05-560-804</i>	\$445.04
<i>BOA 20-20</i>	<i>Maxwell, Stuart & Zoe</i>	<i>519 Mountain Avenue</i>	<i>2-05-560-807</i>	\$500.00
<i>BOA 20-22</i>	<i>Vietes, Peter & Lisa</i>	<i>723 Clark Street</i>	<i>2-05-560-809</i>	\$500.00
<i>BOA 20-23</i>	<i>Posh Realty Inv</i>	<i>1325 Boulevard</i>	<i>2-05-560-810</i>	\$250.00

BOA 20-24	Oligino, Dean & Vanessa	28 Manchester Drive	2-05-560-811	\$250.00
BOA 20-25	Pelletier, Ronald & Carol	12 Breeze Knoll Drive	2-05-560-812	\$250.00
BOA 20-27	Fietkiewicz, John & Jane	806 Harding Street	2-05-560-814	\$250.00
BOA 20-28	Stahler, Roard & Rachel	926 Coolidge Street	2-05-560-815	\$1,000.00
BOA 20-29	Margiotta, Michael & Denise	757 Kimball Ave	2-05-560-816	\$250.00
BOA 20-30	Garnhart, Sean	732 Willow Grove Road	2-05-560-817	\$250.00
BOA 20-31	Fantini, Ernest	787 W. Broad Street	2-05-560-818	\$1,000.00
BOA 20-33	DeFoe, Anthony & Elizabeth	714 Austin Street	2-05-560-820	\$500.00
BOA 20-34	Domenick, Bryan & Stephanie	207 Welch Way	2-05-560-821	\$250.00

Resolution No. 175

RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.19, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized and directed to draw a warrant in the sum of \$32,328.00 to the TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY for the second quarter Construction Official’s State permit fees for 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said check be forward to the Division of Codes and Standards, Department of Community Affairs, CN 802, Trenton , New Jersey 08625-0802.

Resolution No. 176

RESOLVED, that the Town Treasurer be authorized to refund the following fees to the following individuals:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Shefali Gandhi Paid twice by credit card	Duplicate payment Credit Card	\$25.00

General Ordinance No. 2022-16

Regarding the following ordinance, Councilwoman Habgood made the following announcement: I hereby move that an ordinance entitled, “GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2022-16 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2125 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD AND VARIOUS AMENDMENTS THERETO”

The motion was seconded by Councilman Contract.

General Ordinance No. 2022-16 was approved by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

Yeas: Habgood	Nays:	Absent: LoGrippe
Katz		Mayor Brindle
Mackey		
Contract		
Dardia		
Root		
Acting Mayor Parmelee		

Heretofore introduced, General Ordinance No. 2022-16 does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 16th day of August at 8:00 o'clock, p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, in the Council Chambers, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, and that at such time and place or any time and place to which such meeting shall from time to time be adjourned, all persons interested be given the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

The following resolutions, introduced by Councilman Katz and seconded by Councilwoman Mackey, were unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 177

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a person-to-person transfer of Plenary Retail Distribution License No. 2020-44-010-010 heretofore issued to Elicia Corp (t/a NosVino), for premises located at 127 Central Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority has reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Westfield does hereby approve, effective July 12, 2022, a person-to-person transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License to Westfield BK, LLC. (t/a NosVino); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Westfield does hereby direct the Town Clerk to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: “This license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Westfield BK, LLC effective July 12, 2022”.

Resolution No. 180

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control (NJABC) issued new special conditions on each limited brewery licensee (aka “craft brewery”) in the State beginning Friday, July 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, while some of those conditions imposed by the NABC merely reflect the statute authorizing such limited brewery licenses, many of the special conditions go far beyond the legislative intent in creating such limited brewery licenses, including that under the license conditions, craft breweries are limited to hold 25 on-site activities open to the general public annually, as well as 52 private parties. Breweries can only also attend 12 off-premises events, such as town, charitable and holiday celebrations; and

WHEREAS, under these special license conditions, craft breweries have restrictions on the types of television programming they can air in their tasting rooms, restricts what types of live or record music they can play or host, limits what food options they can make available to customers, bans the sale of coffee, and prohibits the sale of soft drinks and other non-alcoholic beverages not made onsite at the brewery, and such restrictions serve no legitimate governmental interest but rather appear solely intended to hurt a growing industry in our State and the local economies that benefit from such craft breweries; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Brewers Association, the one-hundred and forty-one craft breweries operating in New Jersey in calendar year 2021 contributed almost \$2 billion to the state’s economy, creating over 11,000 jobs at an annually income of more than \$55,000 per employee; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield is home to Lion’s Roar Brewing Company, a brewery whose goals is to “make genuine craft beer for our friends, neighbors and community” and is operated by Westfield residents Tim and Corrine Grant; and

WHEREAS, these new conditions will force local, homegrown small businesses like Lion’s Roar to rethink business models and closely consider which events they should participate in or host, which will reduce their profits and their opportunities to engage in their communities; and

WHEREAS, visiting these microbreweries is about each of their unique experiences, and these proprietors have found exciting ways to engage other local businesses, vendors, and artists in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and State Legislature should work with breweries to develop smart and fair law revisions and regulations that will guide State regulators at the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control on how to oversee the State's craft beer industry; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Westfield, County of Union, strongly opposes the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control's Special Conditions on Limited Brewery Licensees, and requests the conditions be removed immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Town of Westfield shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the County of Union and each of the municipalities within the County, the leaders of the New Jersey Legislature, and Governor Phil Murphy.

Public Works Committee

The following resolutions, introduced by Councilman Contract and seconded by Councilman Dardia were unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 178

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Municipal Aid Program provides funds for the improvement of municipal roads, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield desires the Commissioner of Transportation to consider the application for aid under the Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2023 for the 2023 Clover Street and Frances Terrace Improvements, consisting of roadway paving, drainage improvements, and the installation of ADA compliant handicapped ramps.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Westfield, formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2023-2023 Clover Street and Frances Terrace Improvements-00651 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Town of Westfield.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Town of Westfield and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Resolution No. 179

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Municipal Aid Program provides funds for the improvement of municipal roads, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield desires the Commissioner of Transportation to consider the application for aid under the Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2023 for the 2023 Clark Street Improvements, consisting of roadway paving, drainage improvements, and the installation of ADA compliant handicapped ramps.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Westfield, formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2023-2023 Clark Street Improvements-00653 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Town of Westfield.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Town of Westfield and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn, made by Councilman Katz and seconded by Councilman Contract at 8:23 p.m. was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Lawshe, RMC
Town Clerk