

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

Pursuant to rules of Council of the Town of Westfield, the members thereof convened in regular session Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Brindle 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:** Mayor Brindle, Councilmembers: Habgood, Parmelee, LoGrippe, Katz, Mackey, Dardia, and Root

**ABSENT:** Councilman Contract

Invocation was given by Councilman Katz

Salute to the flag.

### APPOINTMENTS

### PRESENTATIONS

### OPENING REMARKS

#### Town Administrator Update

The Town Administrator provided an update on the renovations being done to Council Chambers, including wiring and installation of TV's and audio visual equipment.

The Town Administrator thanked Heather Ferratti and the Westfield Recreation Department on another amazing pool season. The pool membership sold out for the first time in many years and while there were challenges along the way the Westfield Memorial Pool did not have to reduce hours permanently while many pools around the State had to alter their hours of operation.

The Town Administrator provided an update on road paving and encouraged residents to check the Town's website for any updates for Town and Utility paving projects. The Town paving project will start tomorrow, September 7<sup>th</sup> with work being done to ADA ramps and milling and paving for a number of streets including, Newark Avenue, Drake Place, South Elmer, Lennox from Central to Elmer, and Columbus from Elizabeth to the dead end. There are approximately five miles of paving being done from the Town's paving project and another twenty miles between Elizabethtown Gas and New Jersey American Water that are scheduled for paving. The Town Administrator explained majority of this work is during the day, however there are some streets that would be done during the night such as North Avenue and South Avenue.

Lastly, the Town Administrator discussed temporary islands that were installed in the Grove and Boulevard neighborhood have proven to work well. Those islands will become permanent with signage, Belgium block and landscaping.

#### Mayor's Update

Good evening, everyone, and thanks to all who are joining us both here in the Council Chambers and online tonight. As summer comes to its unofficial end, tonight we resume our twice-monthly meeting schedule.

It has been a very productive summer, with many successful downtown events. Thanks to the DWC for producing another amazing Sweet Sounds Downtown series in July and August, and special thanks to Julie Diddell and the Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association of NJ for a wonderful March to Yorktown Day on August 28.

Perhaps most notable this summer was the significant and visible momentum of newly opened and upcoming local businesses downtown. On East Broad Street, the new [Chutzpah Kitchen](#) will hold its soft opening tomorrow at 3pm in the former Savory Spice location, bringing its delicious

Israeli market menu to Westfield as its second operating location. A few doors up, children's clothing boutique [Francis Henri](#) will have its ribbon cutting on September 16, and the gorgeous new [Mimi & Hill design studio + shop](#) space in the former NJ Workshop for the Arts building is anticipated to open later this month.

Around the corner on Elm Street, a burst of new activity is imminent, led by [Kirshenbaum Baking Co.](#) in the coming weeks, where residents and visitors will be able to enjoy the homemade baked goods of pastry chef and Westfield resident Uyen Kirshenbaum. Across the street, the new [Akai Lounge - Westfield](#) (in the former Theresa's space) will receive the approval of its liquor license transfer tonight, paving the way for its upcoming opening in late September. 114 Elm will soon open as a shared space and showroom for [AHD & CO](#) and [Stonewater Architecture, LLC](#), offering the interior design talents of Westfield resident Anastasia Harrison and architect Michael Moritz. And you may have already seen the white paper on the windows of the former Chico's space as Streetworks Development transforms this vacant storefront into a downtown Preview Center, scheduled to open late September, which will kick off a robust public input process that will allow residents to see their proposed plans, ask questions, and provide input.

And there's more to come! [German Doner Kebab](#) continues work on their space on East Broad, as does [Mochimoly](#). Maize Cocktails & Cocina is making tremendous progress on the north side train station building. And, as you likely heard, we'll be welcoming the highly anticipated new location of the [Millburn Deli](#) in the previous Jersey Mike's and Nathan's spaces early next year! We've laid the groundwork for this downtown revitalization over the past few years, and we are now seeing its potential come to fruition. It's a very exciting time.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

On a more somber note, I'd like to take this opportunity to invite the community to join us on Sunday for our annual community gathering to observe the 21st anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks at the 9/11 memorial site on North Avenue at East Broad Street. The ceremony will begin at 5:30, and will include prayers of commemoration by members of the local clergy, followed by the presentation of the ceremonial wreath by an honor guard, and the playing of "Taps." Each year, the ceremony concludes with the reading of the names of the Westfield residents we lost that day, and a period of silent reflection. The ceremony will be held rain or shine.

Also on Sunday, the Night of Lights 5K will be held at 6:30 PM in Tamaques Park. The race was started in 2019 by The Tooley Legacy Foundation, led by Sam Tooley, in memory of his brother Jake, with proceeds going to Imagine, A Center for Loss. Details and registration can be found at [jakesrace.com](http://jakesrace.com).

And don't miss this year's Festifall, hosted once again by the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, on Sunday, September 18, from 10:00 - 5:00 on Central Avenue.

#### BACK TO SCHOOL

We have a relatively light agenda tonight. Before we get started, I want to wish all of our students a safe and successful school year! Councilman Dardia, as Chair of the Public Safety, Transportation, and Parking Committee, will talk briefly about our crossing guard program.

Remarks by Councilman Dardia:

Thank you, Mayor. Late last week, Dr. Gonzalez included information from the Town about this year's crossing guard program in his back-to-school email that went out to family's district-wide. This information is also on our website and includes a list of this year's posts, as well as important context about the utilization of All City Management Services to oversee the crossing guard program.

The Town's partnership with ACMS provides dedicated support and expertise to our crossing guards, some of whom have been serving the school children in our community for decades. It also represents a much better use of taxpayer dollars and an enhancement to public safety by freeing up our police officers to prioritize law enforcement and emergency response, rather than consistently serving as crossing guards and overseeing recruiting and retention efforts for the program. In fact, it was the Westfield Police Department that initially recommended this model and continues to support it, after years of their public safety resources being diluted by the ongoing need to manage the program and fill increasingly vacant posts. It is an approach that is widely used by multiple communities spanning 25 states – including nearby municipalities such

as Millburn, Scotch Plains, and Ridgewood. Simply put, this is not unusual or unique to Westfield.

Some residents may not be aware that ACMS' program is actually managed locally by two supervisors here in Westfield who oversee the crossing guard program on a daily basis – from staffing, to covering posts, to ongoing communication with the Police Department as needed. As part of the recent contract renewal, and in an effort to improve guard retention, our guards are receiving an hourly wage increase, as well as three guaranteed paid snow days for the school year. This will help ACMS achieve the consistency at posts that both they and the Town desire. In fact, we were informed late last week by ACMS that their current recruiting efforts have yielded what they anticipate to be full staffing of the current posts as the school year begins. There have been some questions from residents about the need to reduce posts and how those decisions were made, so I'd like to provide some details. As we've seen nationwide, labor shortages continue to be an issue, which has impacted the fulfillment of posts. A quick look at advertisements for crossing guards online shows that communities across the country are facing the same challenges. In order for ACMS to sustain staffing levels without daily reliance upon our police officers, the Public Safety Committee, comprised of myself and Councilpersons Emily Root, Linda Habgood, and Mark LoGrippo, in its June meeting made the unanimous decision to keep the number of posts at 32 – which is where we ended the 2021-2022 school year. Every member of this bipartisan committee agreed upon this number.

In terms of how the posts were chosen, the committee focused on crossing assistance at intersections with the highest pedestrian volume, which are typically those closest to the schools, and at those located on state and county roads, which tend to have more traffic. Ultimately, we have 35 posts in total – three more than last year – in order to include posts on county roads at Central & Sycamore, Central & Cambridge, and Mountain & Kimball. The expectation with 35 posts is that staffing fulfillment levels will be greatly improved so that police can focus on law enforcement and public safety during the busiest times on our roads – school drop off and pick up.

In addition, to enhance public safety, the post at Westfield High School at Rahway and Dorian will now be staffed by a police officer, who has the authority to direct traffic at this heavily traveled intersection and enforce the no left turn from Dorian put in place in 2020 to help mitigate congestion in that area.

We remain committed to public safety above all else. As we progress through what is anticipated to be the first school year with regular in-school attendance since ACMS was hired, the Town will continue to work with ACMS to gather data and feedback to optimize its crossing guard services and make any adjustments necessary to best serve the community.

As always, we are grateful for our dedicated team of crossing guards and would like to thank them for their service to our town and our children. We wish them and our students a happy and healthy school year.

#### Westfield Police Chief Battiloro Comments

Westfield Police Chief Battiloro speaks on the police department's support on ACMS and the fantastic job that they have done in managing the crossing guard program. The issue that arose was that there was a significant commitment of police resources to covering crossing guard posts which causes an adverse effect to the public's safety. It rendered the officers of Westfield unavailable for emergency responses. It was unsustainable to keep 15 to 17 officers on posts simultaneously. He recalls that last year, there covered close to 1,000 crossing guard posts and it would've been substantially higher if they had not reduced some of the crossing guard posts during the school year. Based on the police officer's observations during the school year, some posts were not utilized or underutilized. In many of the circumstances in which they were utilized, the children were accompanied by an adult. Although the managing company is in California, all business is managed here at a local level, by decisions made by the Town Council. Crossing guards will be supervised, locally, by two supervisors that were selected among or present crossing guards. The police department is in constant communication, and they are seen regularly. He thanks the Council for recognizing the issue, taking corrective action, and for relieving the responsibility from the police department that has required an unsustainable commitment of resources to allow the police officers to do their jobs and provide public safety services to the community. Chief Battiloro believes that it will have a positive effect on public safety.

Councilman LoGrippe asked Chief Battiloro what is the plan to evaluate Boulevard, Clifton, and Grove?

Chief Battiloro explained the program is fluid. On the first day of school, they expect the ACMS staff and posts to be fully staffed. Chief Battiloro explained after some preliminary numbers from the intersections mentioned, the intersections were a quarter mile radius from the schools and were under-utilized. Those intersections have stop signs so they will be controlled. The program will continue to be reevaluated as walking patterns and schools are changing frequently. Chief Battiloro feels confident about the current program.

Councilwoman Mackey discussed Rock’N’Shop downtown that supports back to school shopping that will take place on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **ADVERTISED HEARINGS**

#### **GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2022-17**

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 REVISED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES OF THE RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY.”

Advertised returnable this evening.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Brindle declared the hearing closed.

### **PENDING BUSINESS**

An ordinance entitled, “GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2022-17 – “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 REVISED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES OF THE RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY.” by Councilman Parmelee seconded by Councilman Dardia was taken up, read and passed by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

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

### **BIDS**

#### **MINUTES**

On a motion by Councilwoman Mackey and seconded by Councilman LoGrippe, Council approved the Minutes of the Town Council Conference Session and Regular Meeting held August 16, 2022.

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION BY CITIZENS**

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

Sam Della Fera, 540 Coleman Place, discussed the upcoming Italian-American heritage month. Mr. Della Fera is the incoming Vice President of the Westfield Chapter of UNICO, and a member of the Italian American Club located on Central Avenue in Westfield. Mr. Della Fera discussed the importance of Italian-American heritage month as many members of the community share the same heritage. He further mentions that UNICO is celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year while the Westfield Chapter is celebrating its 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. The Westfield Italian American Club is celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> year. Mr. Della Fera asked if the Mayor & Council would consider flying the Italian flag in front of the Municipal Building. He feels that the Italian American community deserves the same acknowledgement as other community in the Town has received. Mr. Della Fera reiterated the Mayor’s concern about flying the Italian flag on the same

flagpole as the American flag. As a result, him and former Councilman LaPorta have commissioned a variation of the Italian flag in honor of both Italian-American heritage and Christopher Columbus which is also celebrated in October. He explained last year, the Italian American community was permitted to fly their flag in Mindowaskin Park for three days in the month of October around the time of Columbus Day. He feels that three days is not sufficient and unfair. He would like the council to agree to fly the Italian flag in the month of October or to allow the banner that was flown for three days in Mindowaskin park to be flown on the flagpole in front of the Municipal Building for the month of October to acknowledge the contributions of Italian Americans to the Town of Westfield.

Tim Eaton, 762 Knollwood Terrace, expressed his vote in favor to downsize the Edison athletic field plan and to replace it with a plan with a natural, organic grass fields and a professional field manager for all fields in Westfield going forward. He discussed with the proper management, the fields in Westfield will enhance irrigation, aeration, seeding, and drainage and will put the Town of Westfield in a position to increase field capacity in multiple locations. He further stated the fields will become stronger and be able to handle more activity. He feels by having natural grass, it will be safer for students and other users of the field - The increased capacity over multiple locations is more equitable and without the need for tower lights, neighborhoods will be preserved and safer by cutting out the excessive noise, traffic, congestion, and parking problems which the current Edison plan will generate. He expressed his concerns for artificial turf in which it contains dangerous chemicals known to cause cancers and other diseases. Non-contact injuries will increase. The artificial fields will become too hot, too hard, and give off toxic gases. He stated turf fields are an environmental nightmare. Mr. Eaton states the artificial turf field shed off into nearby neighborhoods. At Edison, the turf becomes a conveyer belt for all these dangerous materials by sending them down the stream in heavy rainstorms. He concluded by stating having natural grass, Westfield will shine as an example for all of the state to follow.

Tony LaPorta, 409 North Chestnut Street discussed an event the Westfield Rotary Club is organizing on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Deutscher Club in Clark, NJ. He explained the Westfield Rotary Club is raising money for Ukrainian humanitarian relief. Mr. LaPorta explained the hardship Ukrainian refugees are currently experiencing and how the money raised would benefit the refugees. He stated the Rotary International has raised between \$7 and \$8 million to date for Ukrainian relief. The Westfield Rotary Club's goal is to raise \$10,000. The ticket price for the event is \$60.00. Mr. LaPorta asks that the Mayor, Town Council and residents come to the event.

Anthony Scaglione, 543 Washington Street spoke about the Edison School Fields Project. Mr. Scaglione directed his comments to Councilman Katz as he was opposed to field changes in his neighborhood of Tamaques Park. Mr. Scaglione read a statement from 2019 in which Councilman Katz discussed a turf field plan for Tamaques Park, explaining in opposition there was no community input and would permanently alter a treasured public space. Mr. Scaglione feels the public input portion of the Parks Master Plan has not been considered. He further mentions questions that were posed during the discussions of the Tamaques Park turf field project. Mr. Scaglione discusses other options of field capacity increases without having to impact the neighbors of Edison School. Mr. Scaglione feels the independent study is not helpful in that it is comparing grass to turf fields rather than looking at the different fields throughout the Town. He expresses the study does not determine total field hours per week needed, capacity increase if existing fields are re-engineered with real grass and no lights. Furthermore, he mentions the Town would need to replace and upkeep turf. He also asked why the Westfield portion of Tamaques Park cannot be updated to have a separate parking lot with two new fields to increase capacity. He hopes receive answers as to why Councilman Katz was opposed to the Tamaques Park field project years ago compared to the Edison School Fields Project.

Jessica Rinaldi, 150 Harrison Avenue, expressed her gratitude for the changes made to the crossing guard program including the allotted paid snow days and the pay increases. She thinks

this will attract more people to want to become a crossing guard like herself. Ms. Rinaldi hope the guards are compensated for the snow days lost in the past from 2020-2022.

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

Mayor Brindle addressed comments made starting with Mr. Della Ferra. Mayor Brindle thanked him for his comments and thanked the many contributions of the Italian Americans of Westfield. Mayor Brindle wanted to clarify she was not present at the meeting last year when this request was proposed. Mayor Brindle stated it was her understanding the request was for 3 days and the Town was willing to grant it for 30 days as well as fly the Italian Flag in Mindowaskin Park on the flagpole not the specially crafted banner. The Mayor reiterated sensitivities towards flag etiquette and will discuss with the Council but feels the Italian flag on the flagpole in Mindowaskin Park for 30 days to honor Italian Heritage Month is a worthy contribution. Mayor Brindle asked Mr. Della Fera why he did not choose to fly the Italian flag in front of the Municipal building when he was on Town Council.

Mayor Brindle discussed the comments made towards the Edison School Field Project by Tim Eaton and Anthony Scaglione. Mayor Brindle appreciates the comments made by Mr. Eaton but does not agree with different aspects of his arguments. Mayor Brindle is looking forward to the CME report. Mayor Brindle mentioned that grass requires irrigation and lots of water and there is currently a water crisis in the country and in the State of New Jersey this last summer which is something that needs to be taken into consideration.

Mayor Brindle thanked Mr. LaPorta for having her speech earlier in the day at a function and enjoyed speaking with everyone who attended. She reiterated Mr. LaPorta's details about an event being held at the Deutscher Club in Clark, NJ on October 21<sup>st</sup> being held by the Westfield Rotary Club to raise money for Ukrainian humanitarian relief.

Lastly, Mayor Brindle thanked Jessica Rinaldi and her husband for their service and commitment to the crossing guard program and hopes to see the positive changes in the future.

### **BILLS AND CLAIMS**

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

RESOLVED that the bills and claims in the amount of \$634,316.66 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. 213**

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; and

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:

<b><i>App #</i></b>	<b><i>Name</i></b>	<b><i>Address</i></b>	<b><i>G/L</i></b>	<b><i>Refund Balance</i></b>
<i>BOA 13-34</i>	<i>Dixon, Charles</i>	<i>52 Mohican Drive</i>	<i>2-05-560-375</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>BOA 13-29</i>	<i>RWM Family</i>	<i>562 Springfield Ave</i>	<i>2-05-560-416</i>	<i>\$1,054.19</i>

BOA 14-16 & 27	Giardina, Scott	125 W. Dudley Ave	2-05-560-435	\$1,000.00
BOA 14-42	Peachman, Rachel	824 Dorian Rd	2-05-560-453	\$250.00
BOA 15-16	Eastbroad Westfield, LLC	324 E. Broad St	2-05-560-479	\$1,261.98
BOA 15-60	Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church	1100 Boulevard	2-05-560-526	\$1,969.23
BOA 17-40	Smith, Andrew	17 Burgess Court	2-05-560-637	\$250.00
BOA 18-05	Parekh, Keya & Chintan	101 Cottage Place	2-05-560-668	\$250.00
BOA 18-19	Isaacs, Jonathan	1260 Prospect Street	2-05-560-682	\$250.00
BOA 18-68	Pizha, Pedro	612 Ripley Place	2-05-560-731	\$394.32

**Resolution No. 214**

WHEREAS, All County Sewer and Drain placed the required cash bond of \$1500.00 to cover the Road Opening Permit #21-157 for 151 Effingham Place; and

WHEREAS, All County Sewer and Drain is entitled to have this amount to be returned, and

WHEREAS the Town Engineer has inspected the roadway excavation and has found the excavation to have been properly repaired.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer be authorized to draw a warrant in the name of All County Sewer and Drain for \$1,500.00 and forward to 10 Bonnell Street, Chatham, N.J., 07928.

**Resolution No. 215**

RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to draw a warrant in the amount of \$28.20 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 August 2022.

**Resolution No. 216**

RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be, and he hereby is authorized to draw warrants to the following persons, these amounts being overpaid for 2022:

Block/Lot/Qualifier	Property Address	Quarter/Year Amount
3105/17	9-13 Elm Street	3 <sup>rd</sup> /2022
Haven Savings Bank Attn: Caresse Ocampo 621 Washington Street Hoboken, NJ 07030		\$7,218.50

**Resolution No. 217**

LET IT HEREBY BE RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and hereby is authorized to draw a warrant for refund of dumpster security payment(s) as follows following final inspection and approval by Town Engineer for return of deposit:

Iconic Custom Construction  
1561 Rt. 9  
Toms River, NJ 08755

Amount of refund: \$975.00

**Resolution No. 218**

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Shelia Williams	Withdrew	Ultimate Camp	\$142.50 Credit Card

Alok Ghai	Replacement	Lost/Stolen ID Card	\$10.00 Credit Card
Chenjie Pustilnik	Refunded	Guest Pool Pass	\$75.00 Credit Card
Laura Madden	Refunded	Guest Pool Pass	\$120.00 Credit Card
Dara Eisenman	Withdrew	Ultimate/Fall In-Town	\$160.00 Credit Card
John Boyle	Refunded	Guest Pool Pass	\$80.00 Credit Card

**Resolution No. 219**

WHEREAS, the full-time position of Building Subcode Official and Inspector has become available within the Town of Westfield: and

WHEREAS, Robert DeMaio has demonstrated his capabilities to serve as the Building Subcode Official and Inspector and possesses the necessary license (#011247); and

WHEREAS, Robert DeMaio is also licensed to perform Electric, Plumbing, Mechanical and Fire Protection inspections; and

WHEREAS, Frank Vuoso, Construction Official has recommended that Robert DeMaio be appointed as the Building Subcode Official and Inspector, as well as an electrical, plumbing, mechanical and fire protection inspector.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby concurs with the recommendation of the Construction Official and be and hereby approves the appointment of Robert DeMaio as Building Subcode Official and Inspector, and as an electrical, plumbing, mechanical and fire protection inspector effective retroactive to March 28, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Office of Regulatory Affairs.

**Resolution No. 220**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Affirmative Action Office has adopted Public Agency Regulations; and

WHEREAS, these Public Agency Regulations for awarding contracts are pursuant to P.L. 1975, Chapter 127, (N.J.S.A. 17:27); and

WHEREAS, every public agency is required to appoint and designate an officer or employee to serve as a Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) for each year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Westfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, designates Maureen Lawshe as the Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) for the Town of Westfield for the year 2022.

**Public Safety, Transportation and Parking Committee**

The following resolution, introduced by Councilman Dardia and seconded by Councilman Katz was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 221**

BE IT RESOLVED that Fire Chief Michael Duels and Department of Public Works Supervisor Eugene Watkins be and hereby are appointed as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators for the Town of Westfield for a term expiring October 31, 2025.

**Code Review & Town Property Committee**

The following resolution, introduced by Councilman Parmelee and seconded by Councilwoman Mackey was unanimously adopted.



**Resolution No. 222**

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a place-to-place transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License 2020-33-005-007 issued to Du International LLC, Akai Lounge, 102 East Broad Street Westfield, New Jersey for purposes of changing the premises under wherein the service of alcoholic beverages is authorized; 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Westfield does hereby approve, effective September 6, 2022 the place-to-place transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption Licensed premises, from its former location at 102 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey to its new location at 47 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey and does hereby direct the Town Clerk to endorse the license certificate as follows: “This license, subject to all of its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to premises located at 47 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey”

**Resolution No. 223**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and appropriate town officials are hereby authorized to sign the Interlocal Agreement for Leaf Collection Services between the Township of Scotch Plains and the Town of Westfield.

**Resolution No. 224**

RESOLVED that the following application for children’s amusement devices be approved:

Amazing Amusements	Pumpkin Fair	Franklin School
238 Boundary Road	October 1, 2022	700 Prospect Street
Marlboro, NJ 07746	700 Prospect Street	Westfield, NJ 07090
	Westfield, NJ 07090	

**Public Works Committee**

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

**Resolution No. 225**

WHEREAS, the Town has identified a need to secure an engineering firm to provide professional services for Construction Phase Services (on-site construction observation, construction administration and assisting project close out) for the cleaning of the portions of two streams located in both Mindowaskin Park and Fairview Cemetery.

WHEREAS, a proposal was received on August 16, 2022 from a company to provide the professional services necessary to address the aforementioned scope of services, and

WHEREAS, the Town recommends that a professional services contract for the aforementioned services as outlined in the Proposal dated August 16, 2022, for the aforementioned services be awarded to Mott MacDonald, 111 Wood Avenue South, Iselin, NJ 08830-4112, and

WHEREAS, Certificate of the Town Treasurer, certifying the availability of adequate funds for this Contract, prepared in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30 1.10 has been furnished to the Town Clerk. Expenditure of funds pursuant to this Contract is to be charged to S.O. 2022-01, account C-07-22-001-1B1, under Purchase Order 22-02724 for a total contract award not expected to exceed \$12,900.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield that the aforementioned contract for professional engineering services be awarded to Mott MacDonald, 111 Wood Avenue South, Iselin, NJ 08830-4112, in an amount not to exceed \$12,900.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper Town Officials be, and they are hereby, authorized to take whatever actions are appropriate in the execution of discharge of this Contract.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn, made by Councilwoman Mackey and seconded by Councilman LoGrippe at 8:50 p.m. was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Lawshe, RMC  
Town Clerk