Mayor and Council Combined Work/Public Meeting Minutes December 19, 2023 7:00 p.m.

The Combine Work/Public Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus was held in the Municipal Building at 333 Warren Avenue, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ on December 19, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Randall who asked the Clerk to read the open a public meeting statement:

The Combine Work/Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus is now in session in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of the "Open Public Meetings Act". Notice of this meeting has been posted in the front lobby entrance to the Borough Hall and Council Chambers, a copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies of the Annual Notice of Meetings, of which this is a part, have been heretofore sent to the Record and the Ridgewood News.

ROLL CALL:

MayorThomas W. RandallCouncil PresidentDouglas TroastCouncilmanSteven ShellCouncilmanEdward IannelliCouncilmanKevin CrossleyCouncilmanDane PolicastroCouncilwomanKathleen Moran

Also, in attendance Timothy Wiss, Borough Attorney; William Jones, Borough Administrator; Michael LaCroix; Police Chief, Greg McBain, Police Captain, Jeff Pattman, DPW Superintendent and Joan Herve, Borough Clerk.

FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Randall led those present in the salute to the American Flag.

PRESENTATION(S)

Mayor Randall recognized Honorable Judge Harry Norton for his years of service as the Municipal Court Judge for the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was offered by Councilman Shell and seconded by Councilman Policastro to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2023 Combined Work/Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council. Motion carried on a roll call vote – all present voting "Ayes, with the exception of Councilman Crossley who abstained.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Reports on file in the Clerk's Office

Police – November 2023 Court Report – November 2023 Health Report – November 2023 Arborist Report – November 2023 Library Report – December 2023

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Randall opened the meeting to the public. He stated if anyone desired to be heard, state your name for the record.

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Carol Tyler, 1 Stouts Lane

Ms. Tyler thanked everyone who attended the "Hometown Hero's Awards" that honored her husband and herself.

Mayor Randall closed the meeting to the public.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) Village of Ridgewood Ordinance #3976 to permit Micro-Breweries & Brew Pubs in the B1-B-2 Zones

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Unfinished Business

<u>Water filtration System Project</u> - The project is moving forward; The vessels are expected to be here tomorrow. We are still on scheduled, expected to be completed before the deadline of May 15, 2024.

<u>New Business</u> – the budget process has started.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES and PUBLIC HEARING - None

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - None

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS (23-124 thru 23-133)

All Items listed were considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Mayor and Council and were approved by one motion.

Resolution #23-124

A Resolution – Payment of Bills – December 2023

WHEREAS, claims have been submitted to the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus in the amount of \$2,657,800.64; and

WHEREAS, such claims have been listed according to Department and account number with corresponding vouchers to be reviewed and approved by the Mayor and Council; and,

WHEREAS, the CFO has determined that the funds have been properly appropriated for such purposes and are available, in the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus and that the claims specified on the schedule attached hereto, following examination and approval by the Mayor and Council, be paid and checks issued accordingly; and, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus that the claims totaling \$2,657,800.64; be approved and ratified respectively

BILL LIST:

23-01099 07/11/23 00106	M G L PRINTING SOLUTIONS	2024 ANIMAL LICENSE TAGS	Open	645.00
23-01371 09/01/23 00377	LAWYERS DIARY AND MANUAL	2024 LAWYERS DIARY & MANUAL	Open	140.25
23-01562 10/06/23 03212	ESS, INC.	9 PAGERS/CHARGERS - FIRE DEPT	0pen	7,451.95
23-01654 10/20/23 02686	ONE CALL CONCEPTS	ONE CALL MESSAGES - NOV 2023	0pen	85.80
23-01696 11/07/23 00125	MUNICIPAL RECORD SERVICE	2 BOXES OF MAILER FORMS-COURT	0pen	474.00
23-01737 11/13/23 02850	ANGELS LANDSCAPE CONTRACTORS	ADA RAMPS AT ECLC SCHOOL	0pen	7,371.75
23-01738 11/13/23 02850	ANGELS LANDSCAPE CONTRACTORS	REPLACE SIDEWALK-2 BLANCHFIELD	0pen	4,392.19
23-01739 11/13/23 03562	NATIONAL HIGHWAY PRODUCTS	BATTERY PORT RADAR SPEED SIGN	0pen	1,980.00
23-01799 11/20/23 03508	G & G DISTRIBUTORS	SPRUCE/JUNIPER SPRAYS-DOWNTOWN	0pen	3,759.15
23-01800 11/27/23 02899	OFFICE CONCEPTS GROUP	OFFICE SUPPLIES - SOLID WASTE	0pen	878.58
23-01802 11/27/23 00030	HO-HO-KUS BOARD OF EDUCATION	SCHOOL TAX - MONTH OF DEC	0pen	1,580,275.60
23-01804 11/27/23 00144	BORO OF H-H-K PAYROLL ACCT	DCRP - NOV 2023	0pen	374.92
23-01805 11/27/23 00144	BORO OF H-H-K PAYROLL ACCT	MEDICAL/PRESCRIPT/DENTAL - DEC	Open	80,554.86

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23-01806	11/27/23	00144	BORO OF H-H-K PAYROLL ACCT	CURRENT SOCIAL SECURITY - NOV	Open	15,791.11
23-01807	11/27/23	00144	BORO OF H-H-K PAYROLL ACCT	WATER DPT SOCIAL SECURITY-NOV	0pen	1,973.40
23-01808	11/27/23	00144	BORO OF H-H-K PAYROLL ACCT	SOL WASTE SOCIAL SECURITY-NOV	0pen	1,159.12
23-01809	11/27/23	00144	BORO OF H-H-K PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL CURRENT 1/2 MNTH 11/30	Open	188,147.34
23-01810	11/27/23	00144	BORO OF H-H-K PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL-WATER 1/2 MONTH 11/30	Open	14,427.28
23-01811	11/27/23	00144	BORO OF H-H-K PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL-S WASTE 1/2 MNTH 11/30	•	6,465.18
23-01812	11/27/23	80121	KIRSCH, JESSICA	2023 CLOTH. ALLOW. 2ND PAYMENT		575.00
	11/27/23		SCHWANEWEDE/HALS & VINCE	SITE PL/SOIL MVING-930 HOLLYWD		650.00
	11/27/23		OFFICE CONCEPTS GROUP	OFFICE SUPPLIES - POLICE	Open	90.22
	11/27/23		GARBARINI & CO PC	FIELDWORK 1ST QTR 2023-CURRENT	•	4,750.00
	11/27/23		GARBARINI & CO PC	FIELDWORK 1ST QTR 2023 WATER D	•	4,000.00
	11/27/23		GARBARINI & CO PC	FIELDWORK 1ST QTR 2023 S WASTE		4,000.00
	11/27/23		HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	CABLE TIES - DPW	Open	117.83
	11/27/23		KIM, SAMUEL	REIMB-CONECT FACEBK TO WEBSITE	•	98.00
	11/27/23		TURN-OUT UNIFORMS		Open	417.96
	11/27/23		ELECTRO BATTERY SYSTEMS	2 POL VEHBATTERIES	Open	263.52
	11/28/23			CARPET ROSES/SHRUBS/MULCH-BEAU	•	921.83
	11/28/23		ROHSLERS ALLENDALE NURSERY		•	199.28
			NOVELLI-SALYER, ROSEMARIE	REIMB. NJLM CONF. EXPENSES	Open	
	11/28/23		HERVE, JOAN	REIMB. NJLM CONF. EXPENSES	Open	216.27
	11/28/23			PHOSE AND PARTS - POL VEHICLES		164.28
	11/28/23		CLIFFSIDE BODY CORPORATION	INSTALL BACKRACK PROTECTOR-DPW	•	735.56
	11/28/23		WM RECYCLE AMERICA	RECYCLING PICKUPS OCT - DPW	0pen	271.56
	11/28/23		ANGELS LANDSCAPE CONTRACTORS		Open	1,000.00
	11/28/23		TREASURER - STATE OF NJ		Open	660.00
	11/28/23		SCHWANEWEDE/HALS & VINCE		Open	400.00
	11/28/23		VANDEWEERT, RICH		Open	300.00
	11/28/23		ETD DISCOUNT TIRE CENTERS	13 TIRES- POL VEHICLES	Open	1,190.00
23-01834	11/29/23	03048	QUALITY AUTOMALL	REPAIRS/PARTS/LABOR - DPW VEH.	Open	2,835.94
23-01835	11/29/23	00737	KUIKEN BROS. CO. INC.	BRASS ADDRESS NUMBERS-BEAUT.	0pen	66.30
23-01836	11/29/23	02892	TRUGREEN	LAWN SERVICE 11/14-NORTH FIELD	Open	527.17
23-01837	11/29/23	02712	OPTIMUM **	OPTONLINE SVC DPW 11/16-12/15	Open	116.88
23-01838	11/29/23	03118	REDICARE LLC	FIRST AID PREMIUM PACKAGE-DPW	Open	84.00
23-01839	11/29/23	02297	THE SHARP SHOP	GRIP ASSEMBLY-LANDSCAPE EQUIP.	Open	16.99
23-01840	11/29/23	02304	PERSONNEL CONCEPTS	WORKPLACE GOVT/LABOR POSTERS	Open	265.90
23-01841	11/29/23	03563	PRECISION WEATHER FORECASTIN	G WEATHER FORECASTING SVC.	Open	1,895.00
23-01842	11/29/23	03472	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	RESPONSE GUIDEBOOK/BINOCS-POL		318.36
23-01843	11/29/23	01607	DUDGES ACCOCTATES. THE	EVICUARCING P A /C AMENDMENTS	Onon	1 046 25
			BURGIS ASSOCIATES, INC.	EV CHARGING & A/C AMENDMENTS		1,046.25
23-01844	11/30/23		STONE HOUSE NURSERY		Open	560.00
23-01845	11/30/23		ROHSLERS ALLENDALE NURSERY		Open	12.78
23-01846	11/30/23		NJ DEPT OF HEALTH		Open	2.40
23-01847	11/30/23		BOROUGH OF MIDLAND PARK	INSPECTIONS-CROSSINGS-VENTURIN	•	750.00
23-01848	11/30/23		AT&T MOBILITY	IPAD/CELL PHONE SV 10/12-11/11	•	1,351.20
23-01849	12/01/23		PSE&G	OCT/NOV GAS/ELECT CURRENT		6,668.45
23-01850	12/01/23		PSE&G	OCT/NOV GAS/ELECT WATER DEPT	•	14,938.45
23-01851	12/04/23		OPTIMUM *	OPTIMUM SVC BORO HL 12/1-12/31	•	29.95
23-01852	12/04/23		TYCO ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES		Open	560.00
23-01853	12/04/23		MONMOUTH TELECOM	TELECOM SERVICE - NOV/DEC	Open	792.46
23-01854	12/04/23		OFFICE CONCEPTS GROUP		Open	690.98
23-01855	12/04/23		KARNI, AMIR	RETURN ENG BONDS-6 SADDLE RIDG	•	13,000.00
23-01856	12/05/23		AGRA ENVIRONMENTAL & LAB SVCS	COLIFORM/VOCTESTS-WATER DPT	Open	880.00
23-01857	12/05/23	02584	INTER CITY TIRE	SCRAP TIRE REMOVALS - DPW	Open	497.00

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23-01858	12/05/23 00371	LORCO PETROLEUM SERVICE	OIL FILTER REMOVAL/WASHER FLUI	Open	274.61
23-01859	12/05/23 03565	THE OFFICE ZONE	4 DRAWER LATERAL FILES-CONSTRU	Open	1,605.00
23-01860	12/05/23 02899	OFFICE CONCEPTS GROUP	OFFICE SUPPLIES - POL DEPT	Open	165.88
23-01861	12/06/23 01658	TROPHY KING OF RAMSEY	2 9X12 PIANO SCROLL PLAQUES	Open	250.00
23-01862	12/06/23 03261	KONICA MINOLTA BUS. SOLUTIONS	POLICE COPIER-COPIES 11/4-12/3	Open	53.11
23-01863	12/06/23 02481	VICTORIA'S NURSERY	1 OAKLEAF - BEAUT.	Open	112.50
23-01864	12/06/23 03564	WALSH ELECTRIC, LLC	INSTALL GOOSE NECK LIGHTS-BEAU	Open	1,750.00
23-01865	12/06/23 00012	PROSTOCK MIDLAND	2 CASES LUBE OIL-FIRE VEHICLES	Open	47.88
23-01866	12/06/23 00493	ENVIRONMENTAL RENEWAL LLC	2023 LEAF DISPOSAL - NOV	Open	71,064.00
23-01867	12/06/23 00213	AMERICAN TRADE MARK	ACCOUNTABILTY TAGS-FIRE DEPT	Open	559.94
23-01868	12/06/23 00659	BORO OF H-H-K GRANT FUND	TRSFR GRANT TO POL VEST FUND	Open	2,440.48
23-01869	12/06/23 03529	SCHWANEWEDE/HALS & VINCE	PLAN REV/SOIL MO-23 CLEARWATER	Open	650.00
23-01870	12/06/23 02484	RACHLES/MICHELE'S OIL CO.	1585 GALS DIESEL DEL 11/10	Open	1,918.38
23-01871	12/07/23 03159	BOSWELL ENGINEERING. INC.	WATER TREATMENT IMPROVEMENTS	0pen	7,223.00
23-01872	12/07/23 01446	ROGUT MCCARTHY	REV CROSSINGS-EMAILS/COVENANTS	0pen	1,125.00
23-01873	12/07/23 00372	REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS INC	12 BATTERIES IMPRESS LIION-POL		2,256.00
23-01874	12/07/23 03550	URBAN AUTO SPA II, LLC	CAR WASH SERVICE-NOV POLICE	Open	72.00
23-01875	12/07/23 03451	SOUTH JERSEY WEB DESIGN	WEB HOSTING - POLICE WEB SITE	•	600.00
23-01876	12/07/23 03527	BOTTA ANGELI, L.L.C.	PROF SVCS PROSECUTOR - NOV	Open	916.66
23-01877	12/07/23 01607	BURGIS ASSOCIATES, INC.	EVALUATE FRONT YARD DEVELOPMNT	•	116.25
23-01878	12/07/23 02899	OFFICE CONCEPTS GROUP	OFFICE SUPPLIES	Open	71.91
23-01879	12/07/23 00001	HOME HARDWARE	NOVEMBER PURCHASES-DPW & POL	Open	400.47
23-01880	12/07/23 03192	PIAZZA & ASSOCIATES, INC.	COAH CONSULTING - DEC. ADMIN	Open	100.00
23-01881	12/07/23 01607	BURGIS ASSOCIATES, INC.	HAZARD VULNERABILITY STUDY	Open	5,357.50
23-01882	12/07/23 03556	J.A. ALEXANDER, INC.	RESURFACE WSRR SECT.1 VOUCH #2	•	115,454.64
23-01883	12/07/23 00881	J.A. ALEXANDER, INC.	RESURFACE WSRR SECT.2 VOUCH #1	•	98,462.10
23-01884	12/08/23 02331	WISS & BOUREGY P.C.	BORO ATTORNEY LEGAL SVCS - NOV	•	1,487.50
23-01885	12/08/23 02331	WISS & BOUREGY P.C.	LEGAL SVCS RE:TAX APPEALS-NOV	•	300.00
23-01886	12/08/23 02331	WISS & BOUREGY P.C.	LEGAL SVCS RE: FIRE DPT MATTER	•	2,337.50
23-01887	12/08/23 03004	WYCKOFF WASH	NOV CAR WASHES-POL DEPT	0pen	16.50
23-01888	12/08/23 02590	AMERICAN WEAR, INC.	NOV 2023 UNIFORMS - ROADS 2/3	•	240.43
23-01889	12/08/23 02590	AMERICAN WEAR, INC.	NOV 2022 UNIFORMS - WATER 1/3	•	120.22
23-01890	12/08/23 03166	SJS LAWN CARE SERVICES, LLC	INSTALL TOPSOIL/SOD/PLANTING-B	•	2,750.00
23-01891	12/08/23 80108	ADAMS, NORA	SPANISH INTERPRETER COURT-12/6		200.00
23-01892	12/11/23 02887	VALLEY PHYSICIAN SERVICES PC	DRUG/ALCOHOL TESTING - DPW	0pen	120.00
23-01893	12/11/23 02671	SUBURBAN DISPOSAL INC.	SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING NOV 2023	•	69,462.82
23-01894	12/11/23 03502	R.M. TUIT PAVING & TRUCKING	PATCH WATER TRENCH - WATER DPT	•	3,950.00
23-01895	12/11/23 03472	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	A/C CONDENSATE REMOVAL PUMP	0pen	131.23
23-01896	12/11/23 01919	ULINE	TRASH LINERSC-FOLD TOWELS-DPW		534.53
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23-01897	12/11/23 03267	ELIZABETH STEWART, LLC	ARBORIST SVCS NOV- SHADE TREE	-	1,395.00
23-01898	12/11/23 00016	PETTY CASH - JOAN HERVE	REIMBURSE PETTY CASH - DEC	0pen	4.00
23-01899	12/11/23 00255	NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP	LEGAL ADS - NOVEMBER	Open	128.68
23-01900	12/11/23 02484	RACHLES/MICHELE'S OIL CO.	2981 GALS DIESEL DEL 11/30	Open	9,069.98
23-01901	12/11/23 02484	RACHLES/MICHELE'S OIL CO.	1501 GALS GAS DELIVERED 11/20	0pen	3,579.91
23-01902	12/11/23 02484	RACHLES/MICHELE'S OIL CO.	1501 GALS GAS DELIVERED 11/28		2,446.35
23-01903	12/12/23 02484	RACHLES/MICHELE'S OIL CO.	717 GALS GAS DELIVERED 11/30	0pen	1,747.02
23-01904	12/12/23 03529	SCHWANEWEDE/HALS & VINCE	FINAL VOUCHER-ROOF/SIDING	0pen	275.00
23-01905	12/12/23 00233	ROHSLERS ALLENDALE NURSERY	3 VARIEGATA CONTAINERS-BEAUT	0pen	155.97
23-01906	12/12/23 80142	CHASE, DANIEL	CONTAINER SETUP/MULCH - BEAUT	-	1,727.85
23-01908	12/12/23 00821	AT&T	NOV 2023 FAX/LONG DISTANCE	0pen	97.75
23-01909	12/12/23 99912	KROPIEWNICKI, JEFF	REIMB. EYE CARE 2023	Open	300.00

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23-01910	12/12/23 02863	B I AW OFFICES OF GARY CUCCHTARA	LEGAL SVCS-PLANNING BOARD- NOV	Open	1,760.00
23-01911	12/12/23 02863		LEGAL SVCS-ZONING BOARD- NOV	•	760.00
23-01912	12/12/23 02863		A REV CORRESPOND/DOCS-CROSINGS	•	180.00
23-01913	12/12/23 02863		REV DOCS/RESEARCH 38 FAIRLAWN	•	860.00
23-01914	12/12/23 02863		REV DOCS/RESEARCH-503 HOLLYWD.	•	920.00
23-01915	12/12/23 03529		PLAN REV RET. WALL-849 WICKHAM	•	240.00
23-01916	12/12/23 03529			Open	110.00
23-01917	12/12/23 03529	•	PLAN REVIEW 111-115 FIRST ST	•	80.00
23-01918	12/12/23 03529	•	PL REV/INSPECTION-58 JACQUELIN	•	480.00
23-01919	12/12/23 03529	•	INSPECT/PLAN REV-225 WEARIMUS	•	430.00
23-01920	12/12/23 03529	•	• .	Open	575.00
23-01921	12/12/23 00144	•	PAYROLL CURRENT 1/2 MNTH 12/15	Open	182,788.63
23-01922	12/12/23 00144		PAYROLL-WATER 1/2 MONTH 12/15		7,516.69
23-01923	12/12/23 00144	BORO OF H-H-K PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL-S WASTE 1/2 MNTH 12/15	•	6,550.85
23-01924	12/13/23 00012	PROSTOCK MIDLAND	OIL FILTERS - POL/FIRE DPT	Open	22.74
23-01925	12/13/23 02777	BOSS SECURITY SYSTEMS, INC.	ALARM SYSTEM -23 HOLLYWOOD-DPW	0pen	540.00
23-01926	12/13/23 01779	OUTSTANDING SERVICE	CHECK TANKS/BIOCIDE TREATMENT	Open	182.90
23-01927	12/13/23 03264	QUALITY AUTO GLASS, INC	WINDSHIELD REPLACEMENT-POL VEH	Open	458.67
23-01928	12/13/23 03529	SCHWANEWEDE/HALS & VINCE	ROAD OPENING-7 BOILING SPRINGS	Open	250.00
23-01929	12/13/23 80284	KIM, SAMUEL	REIMB-EYE EXAM/GLASSES - 2023	Open	273.98
23-01930	12/13/23 03529		VAR. GEN. ENGINEERING PROJECTS	Open	1,720.00
23-01931	12/13/23 03529		INSPECT/VOUCHERS-WSRR RESURFAC	Open	14,677.50
23-01932	12/13/23 03280	•	CLEANING SVC - DECEMBER	Open	1,775.00
23-01933	12/14/23 03048		REPALCE TUBE ASSBLY/SENSOR-DPW	Open	1,908.36
23-01934	12/14/23 01619		REIMB FOR WORK BOOTS 2023-DPW	Open	300.00
23-01935	12/14/23 03466		PROF SVCS NOV & WELL SAMPLING	0pen	10,968.78
23-01937	12/14/23 00958		QTR END 3/31/22 UNEMPLOYMENT	Open	17,658.55
23-01938	12/14/23 00160		CALIBRATION FOR 5 POLICE CARS	Open	220.00
23-01939	12/15/23 03110		2023 VISION REIMBURSEMENT	Open	300.00
23-01940	12/15/23 80101	MALES, DAVID	2023 VISION REIMBURSEMENT	Open	300.00
23-01941	12/15/23 80202		VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON	0pen	517.50
23-01942	12/15/23 00555	FSE&G*	ELECT. SVC-EASTGATE 11/17-12/8	Open	63.98
23-01944	12/15/23 00038	3 VERIZON	WATER DEPT PHONES NOV/DEC	0pen	90.98
23-01945	12/15/23 00038		BORO DEPTS. PHONES - NOV/DEC	Open	381.06
23-01946	12/18/23 03342		INTERNET ACCESS OVER FIBER-NOV		390.03
23-01947	12/18/23 03128		ELECT/GAS ORVIL CT 11/13-12/14		445.03
23-01948	12/18/23 03537	' PSE&G ****	ELECT/GAS CLIFF ST 11/14-12/13	0pen	203.61

Resolution #23-125

A Resolution – Setting up the Reorganizational Meeting date for January 2, 2023

WHEREAS, the "Open Public Meeting Act," Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, requires adequate notice of meeting of public bodies as defined therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council for the year 2024 will be held on 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Ho-Ho-Kus Council Chambers, 333 Warren Avenue, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ.

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Resolution #23-126

A Resolution – Alcohol & Drug Testing Services

WHEREAS, This AGREEMENT is made between <u>Valley Medical Group</u> (VMG) ("PROVIDER"), a professional Company having its principal place of business at 15 Essex Road, Suite 506, Paramus, New Jersey 07652, and <u>Ho-Ho-Kus, Borough of</u> ("MUNICIPALITY"), a MUNICIPALITY having its address at 333 Warren Ave., Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ 07423 on this date of January 1, 2024, which shall hereinafter be referred to as the execution date of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, PROVIDER provided alcohol and drug testing services to companies to support workplace alcohol and drug testing programs and policies; the MUNICIPALITY has a policy for alcohol and drug abuse testing of applicants and/or employees and requires alcohol and drug testing services from PROVIDER.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the borough of Ho-Ho-Kus that it is hereby authorized to enter into this agreement the terms and conditions of which shall apply from the execution date of this Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate this Resolution following legal review.

Resolution #23-127

A Resolution – Appointment of Municipal Prosecutor, Christoper Martin Esq.,

WHEREAS, P.L. 1999, CHAPTER 349, requires each municipal court in this State to have at least one municipal prosecutor, who shall be an attorney-at-law of this State in good standing, be appointed by the governing body of the municipality, for a term of one year from the date of his or her appointment, in accordance with applicable laws, ordinances and resolutions; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus has a need for professional legal services to be provided to the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus for the calendar year 2024 pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and WHEREAS, Christopher Martin, Esq. is an attorney-at-law licensed by the State of New Jersey and who is experienced with municipal law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus as follows:

- 1. Christopher Martin, Esq. is hereby appointed Municipal Prosecutor of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus for the remainder of the one (1) year term to expire December 31, 2023.
- 2. This appointment is made without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
- 3. A copy of this Resolution shall be placed on file with the Clerk of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of this award as required by law.

Resolution #23-128

A Resolution – Inter-Local Court – Allendale

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that it hereby authorizes the Mayor and Council and the Municipal Clerk to sign the Inter-local Court Agreement of 65%/35%.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus contributes 65% of all cost and the Borough of Allendale contributes 35% of all cost.

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Resolution #23-129

A Resolution – Transfer of Funds

Road (S&W)	<u> </u>	FROM: \$72,500.00	TO:
Tax Assessor (S&W)			\$ 2,500.00
Recycling (O.E.)			\$55,000.00
Tax Collector (S&W)			\$ 1,000.00
Fire Hydrant (O.E.)			\$ 1,000.00
Recycling (S&W)			\$12,000.00
Uniform Fire Safety (S&W)			\$ 1,000.00
	Total	\$72,500.00	<u>\$ 72,500.00</u>

Resolution #23-130

A Resolution – Appointment of Municipal Judge, Christopher Botta Esq.,

WHEREAS, P.L. 1999, CHAPTER 349, requires each municipal court in this State to have at least one Municipal Judge, who shall be an attorney-at-law of this State in good standing, be appointed by the governing body of the municipality, for a term of one year from the date of his or her appointment, in accordance with applicable laws, ordinances and resolutions; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus has a need for professional legal services to be provided to the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus for the calendar year 2024 pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2B:12-4; and WHEREAS, Christopher Botta, Esq. is an attorney-at-law licensed by the State of New Jersey and who is experienced with municipal law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus as follows:

- 1. Christopher Botta, Esq. is hereby appointed Municipal Judge of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus for the unexpired term to expire December 31, 2024.
- 2. This appointment is made without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
- 3. A copy of this Resolution shall be placed on file with the Clerk of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of this

Resolution #23-131

<u>A Resolution – Appointing Peter Lupo of Hoplite Communications, LLC for our Telecommunication Consultant</u>

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus is in need of a Telecommunication Consulting Provider within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Peter Lupo of Hoplite Communication, LLC is a duly qualified and available to provide such services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body, that a Contract is hereby awarded to Hoplite Communications, LLC,197 Route 18, Suite 3000. East Brunswick, NJ 08816 for the aforesaid services commencing immediately, which Contract shall be substantially in the form currently on file with the office of the Borough Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to sign said Contract following legal review.

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Resolution #23-132

A Resolution – Ratifying the Suspension of Enforcement of Ordinance 38-1 "HHKFD Family Gathering Event

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus has previously adopted Section 38-1 of the Code of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus which prohibits the consumption or possession of opened alcoholic beverage containers within the Borough's municipal limits; and

WHEREAS, under Section 38-1(b) the Governing Body may authorize the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in any designated park or other public place under its jurisdiction at the designated time or times in connection with a special event which shall have been authorized by a resolution of the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to ratify the action of the Borough Administrator, who issued permit for alcohol at the Borough Fire House on December 17, 2023 which was subject to certain geographic and consumption limits; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus also wishes to ratify the Borough's actions which continued to prohibit public intoxication or the consumption of alcohol by minors;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body that the actions of the Borough Administrator are hereby ratified which permitted the consumption and possession of alcohol from open containers at the HHKFD Family Gathering Event on December 17, 2023 only, and that the suspension of the provisions of Section 38-1 are hereby further ratified. A copy of this Resolution was sent to the Fire Department prior to such event which set forth the conditions below:

- The Fire Department and its invitees (family members and auxiliary members only) are permitted to use the Fire House and consume alcohol at the Fire House (second floor) only. No other person shall consume alcohol other than members and the above-listed invitees.
- No hard liquor can be served or consumed, and alcohol shall be limited to two (2) beers or wine only per person.
 - Beer shall be in 12 oz. bottles/cans only no draft beer shall be served.
- At least one (1) elected and in good standing HHKFD Officer shall certify to the Borough Administrator, in writing, prior to the event that he or she shall be responsible for enforcing the alcohol limits in this Resolution and such person must be present for the duration of the event. Such person shall also be responsible for making sure no public intoxication or serving of visibly intoxicated individuals occurs.
- The elected HHKFD Officers present or not are responsible for the function and all attendees while on premises, and shall establish rules to ensure compliance with this Resolution.
 - The use of and consumption of alcohol shall be from 4 pm-8pm only.
- All beer/wine consumption shall end if the last HHKFD Officer leaves the building before 8 pm.
 - The event is limited to a maximum of fifty (50) persons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that nothing herein shall be construed to permit any individual from being in a state of public intoxication, or to permit the consumption of alcohol by minors under the age of 21; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator, Borough Attorney, and the Borough Police Department are authorized to take all steps to implement this Resolution.

Resolution #23-133

A RESOLUTION TO PERMIT Block 401 Lot 1 (1 East Saddle River Road) TO CONNECT TO THE HO-HO-KUS SEWER SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the residents residing at **Block 401 Lot 1, 1 East Saddle River Road, Saddler River New Jersey** wish to connect to the Ho-Ho-Kus municipal sewer system; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus and the Borough of Saddle River have an agreement or will create an

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agreement regarding connections to the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus sanitary sewer system for this property; and WHEREAS, the resident will comply with all NWBCUA and municipal requirements, and pay any required fees, including any sewer connection fees; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to assure that the existing sanitary sewer mains have adequate capacity, and the connection will be made in accordance with the approved plans; and

WHEREAS, the project will be reviewed by the Borough Engineer, including to ensure the conveyance pipes have adequate capacity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator and Borough Attorney are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the residents of **1 East Saddle River Road.** on the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, to connect to the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus sanitary sewer system so long as the resident has met the requirements of this Resolution, including complying with all municipal and NWBCUA requirements.

A motion was offered by Council President Troast and seconded by Councilman Crossley to approve Resolutions #23-124 through #23-133. Motion carried on a roll call vote – All present voting "Aye".

LIAISON REPORTS

<u>Recreation</u> – Councilman Iannelli reported on December 1st was the Annual Tree Lighting which had a good turnout considering the weather. He thanked everyone who participated. The scouts who served smores, we had the Fire Department & Ambulance Corp. serving hot chocolate, the PBA serving donuts & cider and the DPW who set up this great event.

<u>Library</u> – Councilman Policastro reported circulation in November decreased 6% from October which is a 9% increase from last year at the same time.

<u>Board of Education</u> – Councilman Policastro reported the Winter Concerts have been continuing at various grade levels since last week. The 7^{th} and 8^{th} Grade is the final concert and is scheduled for tomorrow evening. There is a minimum day on Friday, December 22^{nd} . The school will be closed for Winter Recess December 25^{th} through January 1^{st} .

<u>10 Orvil Court</u> – Councilman Policastro reported, the Mayor and Council and the Library Board of Trustees have made substantial progress with the contract negotiations. The process is taking longer than anticipated, however we hope to have a resolution in short order—at which point the public will be duly informed.

Ambulance Corps – Councilman Crossley acknowledged Gary & Carol Tyler. Councilman reported last week the Mayor & several Council Members attended the Ceremony for the 5th district "Hometown Hero Award" presented by Congressman Josh Gottheimer. This Special award recognizes citizens for their outstanding work in their community. The award focuses on their outstanding contribution to their commitment to bettering the lives of others. HHK hit the jackpot with these two recipients, Gary & Carol Tyler who were each presented this special award. Carol was recognized for her 35 years of volunteer service to the HHK Ambulance Corp. Carol has served all levels of service in the Corp and answering over 2500 EMT calls over the years. Gary was recognized for serving 39 years of service on the HHK Ambulance Corp. He also served all levels on the corp. and amazingly answered over 3000 EMT calls during this time and has been #1 HHK EMT first responder for the last 15 years. Carol & Gary's compassion & commitment to helping others set the bar extremely high. Councilman asked everyone to join in and thanked them for their service.

<u>Beautification</u> – Councilman Crossley reported they have completed phase II with the exception of the HHK sign that should be coming in January. Will be meeting with the committee to discuss phase III.

<u>Fire Department</u> – Councilman Shell reported the Fire Department participated the tree lighting event & delivered Santa Clause. They had a very successful day for Santa Sunday despite the weather. Councilman thanked them for their service.

<u>Chamber of Commerce</u> – Council Shell reported the Chamber also participated in the tree lighting event. They are in the process of planning their member holiday party. They have a holiday gift basket giveaway going on

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right now on Instagram, go to their page for more details.

<u>Police</u> – Police Chief reported in late November they had a couple of attempted robberies in town, the bureau have a few leads. He applied for a grant that Bergen County is offering for camera's at all Ho-Ho-Kus County intersections. Lastly Chief LaCroix thanked the Mayor & Council for the gift basket he received acknowledging the death of his father.

<u>DPW</u> – Jeff Pattman, DPW Supervisor reported leave pick-up ended today. They are in the process of doing storm clean-up this week and next.

MAYOR REMARKS

<u>CLOSED SESSION</u> - On a motion by Councilman Crossley, seconded by Councilman Shell, the Mayor and Council approved entering into Executive Session closed to the public. Motion Carried by voice vote – all present voting "Aye".

A Resolution - providing for a meeting not open to the public in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. NJSA 10:4-12

Whereas, the Borough Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6; and

Whereas, the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-12 provides that an Executive Session not open to the public may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by resolution; and

Whereas, it is necessary for the Borough Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by NJSA 10:4-12 (b) as follows:

7-Pending or anticipated litigation/Contract negotiations

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus assembled in public session on December 19, 2023 that an Executive Session closed to the public be and the same is hereby authorized for discussion of matters relating to the specified items designated above.

Closed Session began at 7:30 p.m. and ended at 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Crossley, seconded by Councilman Iannelli, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m. Motion Carried by voice vote – all present voting "Aye".

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Herve, RMC/CMR Borough Clerk