BOROUGH COUNCIL AGENDA REGULAR MEETING MARCH 28, 2022 7:30 P.M.

READING OF SUNSHINE NOTICE

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

AGENDA SESSION

INTRODUCTION

Rick Perrine, Director of Recreation and Senior Services Wendi Richards, Recreation and Senior Services Program Coordinator

<u>PRESENTATION</u>

Gulton Tract Redevelopment Project Jim Constantine, Borough Planner, LRK

PUBLIC COMMENT

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ORDINANCE 2022-04

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF METUCHEN ADOPTING AN AMENDED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE GULTON TRACT WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF METUCHEN, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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- A. Receive and Accept Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2022
- B. Receive and Accept Human Relations Commission Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2021, January 4, 2022, and February 1, 2022
- C. Receive and Approve letter regarding Breaking the Chain Through Education's Sam Liss Memorial 5K on October 20, 2022
- D. Receive and Approve Block Party/Street Closing for Franklyn Place, Saturday, April 16, 2022

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REPORT OF THE MAYOR

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

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THE BILL LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF

\$625,073.05

ADJOURNMENT

The Borough of Metuchen does not discriminate against persons with disabilities. Those individuals requiring auxiliary aids and services were necessary must notify the ADA Coordinator of the Borough of Metuchen at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting or scheduled activity.

ORDINANCE 2022-04

Borough of Metuchen County of Middlesex State of New Jersey

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGHOF METUCHENADOPTING AN AMENDEDREDEVELOPMENT PLAN FORTHE GULTON TRACTWITHIN THE BOROUGH OF METUCHEN, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (the "LRHL"), via Resolution No. 2015-226 adopted on September 8, 2015, the Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen (the "Borough Council") designated Block 37, Lots 5.03, 5.05, 5.12, 5.22, 6, 7.01, 7.02, 13, 14, 15.01, 16.02, 16.03, 17.01 & 17.02; Block 42, Lots 1-7; and, Block 66, Lots 1-3 as a "Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area" (the "Gulton Tract"); and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council, pursuant to Resolution #2020-50, designated the entire Borough of Metuchen, County of Middlesex, including the Gulton Tractan "Area in Need of Rehabilitation" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 etseq. (the "Rehabilitation Area"); and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the redevelopment of the Rehabilitation Area, the Council adopted Ordinance 2020-10 on May 26, 2020, adopting a redevelopment plan entitled "Redevelopment Plan for Rehabilitation in the Borough of Metuchen, dated March 2020, ("Original Redevelopment Plan") after review by the Borough Planning Board (the "Planning Board"), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7; and

WHEREAS, by way of Ordinance No. 2021-19, adopted on September 27, 2021, the Borough Council adopted the "Gulton Tract Redevelopment Plan" prepared by LRK, Inc., dated September 10, 2021, which superseded the 2020 Redevelopment Plan in its entirety, as it relates to the Gulton Tract only ("Gulton Tract Redevelopment Plan"), and which set forth, inter alia, the plans for the planning, development, redevelopment, and rehabilitation of the Gulton Tract; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined it is necessary tocreate more specific design standards for the redevelopment and rehabilitation of the Gulton Tract to ensure high-quality site development and building designthat is appropriate and necessary given its highly visible gateway location as well as adjacent open spaces and residential areas; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that adoption of an amended redevelopment plan for the Gulton Tract is necessaryto incorporate these more specific design standards and has prepared an amended redevelopment plan entitled, "Amended Gulton Tract Redevelopment Plan," prepared by LRK, Inc. (the "Amended Gulton Tract Redevelopment Plan"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:12A-7, a governing body may adopt, revise or amend a redevelopment plan; and

- WHEREAS,in order to facilitate the rehabilitation and redevelopment of the Gulton Tract, the Planning Board, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7,reviewedthe Amended Gulton Tract Redevelopment Planwhich will support and promote the adaptive reuse, rehabilitation and redevelopment of the Gulton Tract; and
- **WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7, the Planning Board recommended to the Borough Council that the Amended Gulton Tract Redevelopment Plan, which is on file with the Borough Clerk's office, be adopted, as it provides for improved planning, development, redevelopment, and rehabilitation of the Gulton Tract and is consistent with the Borough Master Plan; and
- WHEREAS, the Amended Gulton Tract Redevelopment Planshall supersede the development regulations of the Borough's Zoning Ordinance, to the extent set forth therein, and the Borough Zoning Map is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of the Amended Gulton Tract Redevelopment Plan; and
- WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to adopt the Amended Gulton Tract Redevelopment Plan, as recommended by the Board, to effectuate the rehabilitation and redevelopment of the Borough.
- **NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED,** by the BoroughCouncil of the Borough of Metuchen, Middlesex County, State of New Jersey, as follows:
- <u>Section 1.</u> The Borough hereby adopts the "Amended Gulton Tract Redevelopment Plan" to facilitate the rehabilitation and redevelopment of the Borough of Metuchen.
- <u>Section 2.</u> The Borough Council declares and determines that said Amended Gulton Tract Redevelopment Planmeets the criteria, guidelines, and conditions set forth in <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:12A-7, provides realistic opportunities for the rehabilitation and redevelopment of the Borough, and is otherwise in conformance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:12A-1, <u>etseq</u>.
- Section 3. The Borough Council shall have, be entitled to, and is hereby vested all power and authority granted by the aforementioned statutory provisions to effectuate the Amended Gulton Tract Redevelopment Plan.
- <u>Section 4.</u>The Amended Gulton Tract Redevelopment Plan shall supersede the development regulations of the Borough's Zoning Ordinance, to the extent set forth therein, and the Borough Zoning Map is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of the Amended Gulton Tract Redevelopment Plan.
- <u>Section 5.</u> All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
- <u>Section 6.</u> In the event any clause, section or paragraph of thisOrdinance is deemed invalid or unenforceable for any reason, it is the intent of the Borough Council that the balance of the Ordinance remains in full force and effect to the extent it allows the Borough to meet the goals of the Ordinance.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication according to law.

Introduction:

Date of Publication:

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO	NV	AB	COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO	NV	AB
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I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an ordinance introduced by the Borough
Council of the Borough of Metuchen, Middlesex County, New Jersey at a regular meeting held
on March 14, 2022.

Deborah Zupan	
Acting Borough Clerk	

Adopted:

Date of Publication:

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Deborah Zupan Acting Borough Clerk	-
ATTEST:	BOROUGH OF METUCHEN
Deborah Zupan	Jonathan M. Busch

Acting Borough Clerk

Mayor

Borough of Metuchen County of Middlesex State of New Jersey

RESOLUTION APPOINTINGTHE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE BOROUGH OF METUCHEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has submitted his letter of retirement to be effective June 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have expressed the importance of the effective transition in the Office of the Chief of Police from the current Chief of Police to his successor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Section 37-1 of the Code of the Borough of Metuchen, the "Police Chief shall be appointed by the Mayor in consultation with the Appropriate Authority/Borough Administrator upon confirmation by the Borough Council".

NOWTHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Metuchen that it hereby confirms the appointment of Arthur M. Flaherty, Sr. to the position of Chief of Police of the Borough of Metuchen Police Department effective June 1, 2022.

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Borough of Metuchen County of Middlesex State of New Jersey

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2022 TEMPORARY BUDGET

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 of the Local Budget Act provides that temporary appropriations shall be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following additional temporary emergency appropriations shall be made for the year 2022, effective March28, 2022:

Administrative & Executive	S&W	20,000.00
Administrative & Executive	OE	50,000.00
Clerk	S&W	10,000.00
Financial Administration	S&W	30,000.00
Tax Assessment	OE	1,000.00
METV Cable	OE	10,000.00
Zoning	S&W	10,000.00
Uniform Construction Code	S&W	30,000.00
Group Insurance		100,000.00
Police	OE	25,000.00
Fire	S&W	1,000.00
Uniform Fire Safety	S&W	6,000.00
Public Works Administration	S&W	30,000.00
Public Works Administration	OE	1,000.00
Streets & Roads	S&W	40,000.00
Streets & Roads	OE	10,000.00
Solid Waste Collection		20,000.00
Buildings & Grounds	S&W	10,000.00
Buildings & Grounds	OE	30,000.00
Sewers	S&W	10,000.00
Garbage & Trash	S&W	30,000.00
Recycling	OE	10,000.00
Forestry	S&W	10,000.00
Forestry	OE	3,000.00
Board of Health	OE	200.00
Recreation	S&W	20,000.00
Library		100,000.00
Library Consortium		5,000.00
Woodbridge Shared Services-Assessor		31,000.00
Street Lighting		10,000.00
Utilities		30,000.00
Telephone		10,000.00
Defined Contribution Retirement Plan		5,000.00
Municipal Court	S&W	20,000.00
Municipal Court	OE	3,000.00
PERS		514,100.00
PFRS		1,026,400.00
	TOTAL	2,271,700.00
Pool Social Security		5,000.00

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	Deborah Zupan	
Acting Borough Clerk	•	

Borough of Metuchen County of Middlesex State of New Jersey

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RESERVE TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, there are unexpended balances in various 2021 appropriation reserve accounts not required for the balance of 2021; and

WHEREAS, additional sums are required for the operating expenses of other Borough accounts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following transfers be approved:

APPROPRIATION		TRANSFER IN	TRANSFER OUT
Streets & Roads	OE	10,000.00	
Joint Insurance Fund	OE	4,600.00	
Recycling	OE	600.00	
Municipal Court	S&W	18,000.00	
Municipal Court	OE		9,000.00
Administrative & Executive	OE		24,200.00
	TOTALS	33,200.00	33,200.00

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I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen, Middlesex County, New Jersey at a regular meeting held on March 28, 2022.

Deborah Zupan
Acting Borough Clerk

Borough of Metuchen County of Middlesex State of New Jersey

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MOA AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE A 2022-2026 COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT WHICH INCORPORATES THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN THE MOA INTO THE NEW COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF METUCHEN AND P.B.A. LOCAL #60

WHEREAS, the Borough of Metuchen is in need of a new Collective Negotiation Agreement with the Borough of Metuchen and PBA Local #60; and

WHEREAS, the Police Negotiation Committee, representing Mayor and Council, and PBA Local #60 have negotiated a new agreement; and

WHEREAS, the parties have executed a Memorandum of Agreement setting forth the terms of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Governing Body of the Borough of Metuchen have reviewed the MOA; and

WHEREAS, PBA Local #60 has ratified said Memorandum of Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Governing Body of the Borough of Metuchen, in the County of Middlesex, in the State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Memorandum of Agreement, as ratified by PBA Local #60, is hereby approved and that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to prepare and execute on behalf of the Borough of Metuchen a new Collective Negotiations Agreement incorporating the terms of the ratified MOA.

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Deborah Zupan Acting Borough Clerk

Borough of Metuchen County of Middlesex State of New Jersey

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD AND EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES TO AAA FACILITIES SOLUTIONS LLC

WHEREAS, the Borough of Metuchen has determined that it is necessary to retain the services for Janitorial Services for the Borough of Metuchen; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-4.1 *et seq.*, provides for the utilization of a process called competitive contracting in lieu of public bidding for procurement of specific goods and or services, such as janitorialservices; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.*11-4-3(a), by way of Resolution No. 2021-289, the Borough Council authorized the use of competitive contracting for the procurement of Janitorial Services for the Borough of Metuchen; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Metuchen prepared, issued, and publicly advertised a Notice of a Request for Proposals for the provision of JanitorialService for the Borough of Metuchen; and

WHEREAS, the Borough received five (5) proposals to provideJanitorialServices to Metuchen; and

WHEREAS, Metuchen through a Committee comprised of the Borough Administrator, the Public Works Director and the QPA evaluated the proposals submitted based upon the criteria set forth in the RFP and have determined and recommended the award of contract to AAA Facilities Solutions LLC for the provision of JanitorialServices in the total amount not to exceed Thirty-four Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Dollars (\$34,840.00) for Janitorial Services for a contract term of one year to be effective upon passage of this resolution of contract award, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen have determined that it to be in the best interest of Metuchen to authorize the award of contract for JanitorialServices to AAA Facilities Solutions LLC; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount for Janitorial Services for the Borough of Metuchen for the 2022 portion of this contract award is \$34,840.00 and that the Chief Financial Officer certifies that there are sufficient funds for such award and is available and is designated from 2022 Temporary Budget and 2022 Adopted Budget Current Fund appropriation Buildings & Grounds-Contractual Services 2-01-26-772-

109 in the amount of \$28,250.00, and Library-Building Maintenance 2-01-29-800-024 in the amount of \$6,590.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Metuchen that it hereby authorizes the award of contract for JanitorialServices toAAA Facilities Solutions LLC for a total amount not to exceed Thirty-four Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Dollars (\$34,840.00); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Metuchen that the Borough Administrator and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement, withAAA Facilities SolutionsLLC, 111 Kinderkamack Road, Suite 300B, River Edge, NJ 07661 consistent with the terms of the within Resolution, the RFP and the proposal submitted to the Borough; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Administrator, and other officials and employees are hereby authorized to take all necessary actions in order to effectuate the terms and provisions of this Resolution and the award and implementation of the contract awarded herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the within contract was awarded pursuant to a "Fair and Open Process" pursuant toNew Jersey Local Unit Pay-To-Play Law (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et. seq.).

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Deborah Zupan Acting Borough Clerk

Borough of Metuchen County of Middlesex State of New Jersey

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING THE CENTRAL JERSEY JOINT INSURANCE FUND'S 2022 SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, theBorough of Metuchen is a member of the Central Jersey Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (CENTRAL JIF); and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the CENTRAL JJIF to achieve the best and most practical degree of freedom from accidents and / or injuries; and

WHEREAS, the CENTRAL JJIF endeavors to ensure that all their members' employees, volunteers, and public are provided with a safe and healthy environment, free from any recognized hazards; and

WHEREAS, the CENTRAL JJIF endeavors to ensure that all their members are in compliance with applicable safety and health requirements; and

WHEREAS, the CENTRAL JJIF's Safety Committee is made up of representatives of the Fund's Municipalities, along with the professionals employed by the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the new Program will assist all the Central JJIF members in becoming or maintaining compliance with all Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH) Requirements; and

WHEREAS, the CENTRAL JJIF has adopted the new 2022 SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM which should succeed in providing a safe, healthful, and pleasant environment.

NOWTHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Central JerseyJoint Insurance Fund SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM be adopted by the Borough of Metuchen.

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Borough of Metuchen County of Middlesex State of New Jersey

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 2022 'UDRIVE. UTEXT. UPAY' DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN APRIL 1-30, 2022

WHEREAS, distracted driving is a serious, life-threatening practice that is preventable; and

WHEREAS, distracted driving can result in injuries and deaths to all road users (motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists); and

WHEREAS, distracted driving occurs when drivers divert their attention away from the task of driving to focus on another activity instead; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 alone distracted driving-related crashes resulted in 3,142 deaths and 400,000 injuries on our nation's roads; and

WHEREAS,in New Jersey distracted driving was listed as a contributing circumstance in 49-percent of all motor vehicle crashes in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide Distracted Driving 2022Crackdown from April 1 - 30, 2022in an effort to raise awareness and decrease driver distraction through a combination of enforcement and education; and

WHEREAS, the national slogan for the campaign is *UDrive*. *UText*. *UPay*; and

WHEREAS, a reduction in distracted driving in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,thatthe Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchendeclare their support for the Distracted Driving 2022Crackdown both locally and nationally from April 1 - 30, 2022 and pledge to increase awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.

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	Deborah Zupan	
Acting Borough Clerk	-	

Borough of Metuchen County of Middlesex State of New Jersey

RESOLUTION TO GRANT EXEMPTION FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN AND TO REFUND AND CANCEL 2022 TAXES

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor of the Borough of Metuchen has been provided sufficient proof that the owner of the property known as 64 Home Street, Block184, Lot 79, in the Borough of Metuchen is owned by a 100% Permanently & Totally Disabled Veteran, as noted in a letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs dated March17, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the property owner Aaron Kent, being determined to be totally and permanently disabled by the Department of Veteran Affairs applied to the Borough of Metuchen for the tax exemption on March17, 2022, for Block 184, Lot 79, effective March 17, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,by the Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen that the Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector is hereby authorized to refund the homeowner the monies already paid for the 20221st quarter taxes, prorated for the period of exemption in the amount of \$532.58, and to cancel the remaining taxes for 2022.

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Borough of Metuchen County of Middlesex State of New Jersey

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF 2020 TAXES

WHEREAS, the following has madean overpayment of taxes:

Name	Block/Lot	Address	Amount		Year
Inamdar, Prasad & Deshmukh, Dipti	74/26	673 New Durham Road	\$3,393.77	Refinance-tax overpayment	4th qtr 2020, cancelled by reso 2021-291

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the above listed property owner or agent be refunded property taxes as described in the amount of \$3,393.77.

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Acting Borough Clerk		

Borough of Metuchen County of Middlesex State of New Jersey

RESOLUTION TOTRANSFER2021 TAXOVERPAYMENT DUE TO PARCELS AFFECTED BY SUBDIVISION, LAND BOUNDARY CHANGES OR COMBINING PARCELS

WHEREAS, Block 144, Lot 13.1 was affected by subdivision, boundary changes or combining parcels where parcels are being combined/eliminated; and

WHEREAS, payments for quarters one and two on both parcels were credited to the mother lot Block 144, Lot 13.1; and

WHEREAS, to properly account for taxes billed and paid, the following transfers of payments is requested from the Tax Collector.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen, that the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to make transfer adjustments for 2021 tax payments on the following properties due to subdivision, boundary changes or combining parcels where parcels are being combined/eliminated, in the amount of \$4,146.53.

Block/Lot/Qual	Address	Owner	Amount to Transfer	Quarter of Transfer
144/13.1	21-23 Halsey Street	Gulberg Builders LLC	(2,073.27)	1/2021
144/13.1	21-23 Halsey Street	Gulberg Builders LLC	(2,073.27)	2/2021
144/13.01 C-01	21 Halsey Street	Bikash Shrestha Mukta Gupta	2,073.27	2/2022
144/13.01 C-02	23 Halsey Street	Kinjal Patel & Yogesh	2,073.27	2/2022
		Sharma		

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF FEES FOR BINGO LICENSE #2022-01 AND RAFFLES LICENSE #2022-03 - METUCHEN MUSIC ENRICHMENT AND DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, Metuchen Music Enrichment and Development Organization filed applications for a Bingo License and a Raffles License with the Borough of Metuchen for an event to be held February 26, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the applications were erroneously submitted to the Borough of Metuchen instead of the Township of Edison, where the event was being held; and

WHEREAS, the \$20.00 municipality fee for Bingo License #2022-01 and the \$20.00 municipality fee for Raffles License #2022-03 was deposited by the Borough of Metuchen before the error was noted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to issue a refund to Metuchen Music Enrichment and Development Organization in the amount of \$40.00 from Anticipated Revenue, and shall forward same to Metuchen Music Enrichment and Development Organization, 400 Grove Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840.

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO	NV	AB	COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO	NV	AB
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF THE BILL LIST

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen that the proper warrants be drawn, and all bills be paid totaling **\$625,073.05**.

I, Rebecca Cuthbert, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Metuche	n do hereby
certify that funds are available for the payment of bills for the Borough of Metuchen.	

Rebecca Cuthbert, CFO	

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