Municipal Clerk Amanda Macchia called the reorganization meeting of the Mine Hill Township Council to order at 7:30 pm and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE**

Ms. Macchia announced that adequate notice for this meeting had been given as required by law.

#### **INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Pastor Alan Pirello of Budd Lake Chapel.

**ROLL CALL:** Present – Mr. Bloom; Mr. Coranato; Ms. Kanzenbach; Mr. Pepperman; Mr. Willis

Absent -

Also Present – Mr. Morris, Mayor; Mr. Bucco, Township Attorney; Ms. Macchia, Township

Clerk

Public Present – Approximately 35

#### ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Ms. Macchia opened the floor to nominations for Council President.

Mr. Pepperman nominated Mr. Bloom. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Kanzenbach.

Seeing no further nominations, the floor was closed to nominations. The roll was called, and Mr. Bloom was elected by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Bloom; Mr. Coranato; Ms. Kanzenbach; Mr. Pepperman; Mr. Willis

Nays: none Absent: none Abstentions: none

#### **ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT**

Mr. Bloom opened the floor to nominations for Council Vice President.

Ms. Kanzenbach nominated Mr. Willis. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Pepperman.

Seeing no further nominations, the floor was closed to nominations. The roll was called, and Mr. Willis was elected by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Coranato; Ms. Kanzenbach; Mr. Pepperman; Mr. Willis; Mr. Bloom

Nays: none Absent: none Abstentions: none

## MAYORAL ADDRESS

Mr. Bloom presented Mr. Morris with a framed copy of an article about his accomplishments as Mayor.

Mr. Morris thanked the Council for their hard work, particularly in financial management. He acknowledged Senator Anthony Bucco, Morris County Clerk Ann Grossi, Freeholder Doug Cabana, Freeholder John Krickus, Freeholder John Cesaro, and Assemblyman Anthony Bucco.

Mr. Morris discussed several projects either completed last year or ongoing into 2015, particularly relating to the "Town Center" concept surrounding Town Hall. Gillen Street sewers and the West Randolph Sidewalk Project were also discussed. Mr. Morris discussed financial plans, natural gas expansion plans, and sewer expansion plans for the coming year.

Mr. Morris introduced his wife and daughter who presented their gift to the Food Pantry resulting from donations made during their holiday light display. Mr. Bucco presented a citation to Mrs. Morris for her work in pediatric physical therapy.

# OATHS OF OFFICE OF THE MINE HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND FIRST AID SQUAD OFFICERS

Mr. Morris swore in the officers and members of the Mine Hill Fire Department and First Aid Squad.

#### MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS REQUIRING COUNCIL CONSENT (CONSENT AGENDA #1)

Mr. Morris appointed Steven Rogut of Rogut McCarthy, LLC as Bond Counsel, Paul Sterbenz of Maser Consulting as Municipal Engineer/Planner, and various Township Officials as detailed below.

A motion was made by Mr. Pepperman and seconded by Ms. Kanzenbach to approve the consent agenda confirming these appointments. Seeing no discussion, the motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Coranato; Ms. Kanzenbach; Mr. Pepperman; Mr. Willis; Mr. Bloom

Nays: none Absent: none Abstentions: none

#### Resolution 001-15 Authorization of Professional Service Contract - Bond Counsel

WHEREAS, the Township of Mine Hill has a need to obtain the services of Bond Counsel and has determined to award this contract as a professional service without obtaining competitive bids or quotations pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A.* 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year; and

WHEREAS, Rogut McCarthy, LLC has submitted a proposal indicating that they will provide the legal services of Bond Counsel subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the attached proposal; and

WHEREAS, Rogut McCarthy, LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that he has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Mine Hill for the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit him from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the funds are available for this contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that the Township of Mine Hill hereby appoints Rogut McCarthy, LLC as Bond Counsel and authorizes the execution of a contract with Rogut McCarthy, LLC in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Entity Disclosure Certification associated with this contract be placed on file with this resolution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED a notice of this action shall be printed once in the legal newspaper of the Township of Mine Hill as required by law.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

# Resolution 002-15 Authorization of Professional Service Contract Municipal Engineer/Planner

WHEREAS, the Township of Mine Hill has a need to obtain the services of Municipal Engineer/Planner and has determined to award this contract as a professional service without obtaining competitive bids or quotations pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A.* 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined and certified in writing that the value of the service will exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year; and

WHEREAS, Paul Sterbenz or Maser Consulting has submitted a proposal indicating that he will provide the services of Municipal Engineer/Planner subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the attached proposal; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sterbenz has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that he has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Mine Hill for the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit him from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the funds are available for this contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that the Township of Mine Hill hereby appoints Paul Sterbenz of Maser Consulting as Municipal Engineer/Planner and authorizes the execution of a contract with Mr. Sterbenz in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and the Determination of Value associated with this contract be placed on file with this resolution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED a notice of this action shall be printed once in the legal newspaper of the Township of Mine Hill as required by law.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

## **Resolution 003-15 Appointment of Municipal Officials**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the Township Council confirms the following appointments of the Mayor:

Recycling Coordinator – Ms. Macchia
Housing Officer – Mr. Trapasso
Plumbing Subcode Official – Mr. Citarella
Zoning Officer – Ms. Blouse
Animal Cruelty Officer – Ms. Blanchard
Morris County League Member – Mr. Morris
Morris County League Alternate – Ms. Kanzenbach
NJ Intergovernmental Insurance Fund Commissioner – Ms. Wild
Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee Members – Mr. Morris / Ms. Wild

#### MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS NOT REQUIRING COUNCIL CONSENT

Mr. Morris made the following appointments to the Planning Board:

Class II: Jason Gonsalves

Class IV: Gary Frank; Tony Gallerano

#### **COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS (CONSENT AGENDA #2)**

A motion was made by Mr. Pepperman and seconded by Mr. Coranato to approve this consent agenda. Seeing no discussion, the motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Coranato; Ms. Kanzenbach; Mr. Pepperman; Mr. Willis; Mr. Bloom

Nays: none Absent: none Abstentions: none

#### Resolution 004-15 Authorization of Professional Service Contract – Municipal Auditor

WHEREAS, the Township of Mine Hill has a need to obtain the services of Municipal Auditor and has determined to award this contract as a professional service without obtaining competitive bids or quotations pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A.* 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined and certified in writing that the value of the service will exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year; and

WHEREAS, Ardito & Co, LLP has submitted a proposal indicating that s/he will provide the services of Municipal Auditor subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the attached proposal; and

WHEREAS, Ardito & Co, LLP has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that s/he has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Mine Hill for the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit him/her from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the funds are available for this contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that the Township of Mine Hill hereby appoints Ardito & Co, LLP as Municipal Auditor and authorizes the execution of a contract with Ardito & Co, LLP in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and the Determination of Value associated with this contract be placed on file with this resolution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED a notice of this action shall be printed once in the legal newspaper of the Township of Mine Hill as required by law.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

#### Resolution 005-14 A Resolution Reestablishing the Committees of the Township Council

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the following Committees of the Township Council are hereby reestablished for the year 2015:

Council Community Awareness Committee - Ms. Kanzenbach / Mr. Coranato

Council Finance Committee - Mr. Willis / Mr. Bloom

Council Interlocal Committee – Mr. Coranto / Mr. Pepperman

Council Police Committee – Mr. Pepperman / Mr. Willis

Council Taxi Review Committee – Mr. Coranato / Mr. Pepperman

#### Resolution 006-15 A Resolution Appointing Council Liaisons

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the following Township Council Members are hereby appointed as liaisons for 2015:

Council Representatives to the Board of Education – Mr. Coranato / Ms. Kanzenbach

Council Senior Citizen Liaisons - Mr. Coranato / Ms. Kanzenbach

Council Fire and First Aid Liaisons – Mr. Pepperman / Ms. Kanzenbach

Council Representatives to the Joint Court Committee – Mr. Bloom / Mr. Wills

Council Representatives to the Open Space Committee – Mr. Bloom / Ms. Kanzenbach

Council Representatives to the Community Committee – Ms. Kanzenbach / Mr. Coranato

#### Resolution 007-14 A Resolution Appointing Township Council Member of the Planning Board

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the Township Council appoints Fred Willis to be the Township Council Representative Member of the Planning Board (Class III Member) for the year 2015.

# Resolution 008-14 A Resolution Appointing Township Council Member to the Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the Township Council appoints Kristine Kanzenbach to be the Township Council Representative Member of the Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee for the year 2015.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS (CONSENT AGENDA #3)

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Pepperman to approve the consent agenda. Seeing no discussion, the motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Coranato; Ms. Kanzenbach; Mr. Pepperman; Mr. Willis; Mr. Bloom

Nays: none Absent: none Abstentions: none

# Resolution 009-15 Meeting Notice For The Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill January 2015 Through January 2016.

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-19 requires that every public body shall post and maintain posted throughout the year for the purpose of public inspection, a schedule of the regular meetings of the public body to be held during the succeeding year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINE HILL IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that public meetings of the Mine Hill Township Council shall be held during 2015 at the Municipal Building, 10 Baker Street in said Township at 7:30 p.m. (unless otherwise indicated) on the following dates:

January 8, 2015 – Reorganization January 22, 2015 February 5, 2015 February 19, 2015 March 5, 2015 March 19, 2015 April 2, 2015

April 16, 2015

May 7, 2015
May 21, 2015
June 4, 2015
June 18, 2015
July 16, 2015
August 13, 2015
September 3, 2015
September 17, 2015
October 1, 2015
October 15, 2015
November 12, 2015
December 3, 2015
December 17, 2015

January 1, 2016 – Reorganization (12 Noon)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above schedule and any revision thereof shall be posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and mailed to the Daily Record, and upon prepayment of mailing and processing costs, to all persons requesting copies of such schedule or any revision thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

# Resolution 010-15 A Resolution Designating the Official Newspapers of the Township of Mine Hill and Fixing a Charge to Persons Requesting Individual Notice

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et. seq. known as the "Open Public Meetings Act" requires notices to be given on meetings of public bodies, as defined and prescribed in said statute and further provides for the fixing of a reasonable charge to be paid by any persons requesting such notices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that:

- 1. The Morris County Daily Record and the Newark Star Ledger, the newspapers having the greatest likelihood of informing the public of meetings to be held by the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill, are hereby designated as the newspapers to receive notices of all meetings of this Township Council for the calendar year 2014 as required by the Open Public Meetings Act.
- 2. The bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building located at 10 Baker Street, Mine Hill, New Jersey, is hereby designated as the place where all official notices of public meetings of this Township Council are to be posted for the calendar year 2015.
- 3. A fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per annum is hereby fixed as the charge to any person requesting individual notice of public meetings of the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill as provided for under the Open Public Meetings Act, but as provided in N.J.S.A. 10:4-19, no charge shall be made to any newspaper requesting the mailing of such notices to its business office.
- 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

## Resolution 011-15 Cash Management Plan

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township of Mine Hill to earn additional revenue through the investment and prudent management of it cash receipts; and

WHEREAS, the Local Fiscal Affairs Law N.J.S.A. 40A:5-2, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 and N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 requires that each local unit shall adopt a cash management plan,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following shall constitute the Cash Management Plan for the Township of Mine Hill and the Treasurer shall deposit and manage its funds pursuant to this plan.

# Definitions

- 1. Treasurer shall mean the Treasurer of the Township of Mine Hill.
- 2. Fiscal Year shall mean the twelve month period ending December thirty-one.
- 3. Cash Management Plan shall mean that plan as approved by resolution.

#### Designation of Depositories

At least once each fiscal year the governing body shall by resolution designate the depositories for the Township of Mine Hill in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14. The depositories shall be GUDPA approved depository banks and the New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

#### Audit Requirement

The Cash Management Plan shall be designed to assure to the extent practicable the investment of local funds in interest bearing accounts and other permitted investments as allowed by Statute. The Cash Management Plan is subject to the annual audit conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4.

#### **Investment Instruments**

The Treasurer shall invest at his/her discretion in any investment instrument as approved by the State of New Jersey in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1.

## Records and Reports

The Treasurer shall report all investments in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.2.

At a minimum, the Treasurer shall:

- 1. Keep a record of all investments.
- 2. Keep a cash position record which reveals, on a daily basis, the status of the cash in its bank accounts
- 3. Confirm investments with the governing body at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- 4. Ensure all moneys are deposited in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.

#### Cash Flow

The Treasurer is authorized and directed to invest surplus funds of the Township of Mine Hill as the availability of the funds permit. In addition, it shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer to minimize the possibility of idle cash by depositing the monies in interest bearing accounts wherever practical and in the best interest of the Township of Mine Hill.

The Treasurer is charged with the custody of monies of the Township of Mine Hill and shall deposit them as designated by the Cash Management Plan and shall thereafter be relieved of any liability for loss of such monies due to the insolvency or closing of any depository designated by, or the decrease in value of any investment authorized by, the Cash Management Plan pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14F.

#### Resolution 012-15 Designation of Official Depositories for Funds of the Township of Mine Hill

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill that the Official Depositories for the Township Funds shall be:

Lakeland Bank
Bank of America
Provident Bank
Valley National Bank
Hudson Savings Bank
TD Bank
Sovereign Bank

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following persons be authorized to transfer funds by wire, sign Township Bank Account checks and transfer to and from Township Bank Accounts:

Sam Morris, Mayor

Katelyn Wild, Acting Chief Financial Officer

Amanda G. Macchia, Municipal Clerk

Jennifer Blouse, Technical Assistant to the Construction Official

# Resolution 013-15 A Resolution Fixing the Rate of Interest to Be Charged for Delinquent Payment of Municipal Charges Including But Not Limited to Taxes, Assessments, Water and Sewer Charges and Other Amounts That May be Assessed By the Township

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 54:4-67 permits the governing body of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for non-payment of Taxes, Assessments, Water and Sewer charges and other amounts that may be assessed by the Township (hereinafter referred to as "Municipal Charges") subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of Municipal Charges as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 54:4-67 has been amended to permit fixing of said rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 and 6% year end penalty on any delinquent Municipal Charges due the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in excess of \$10,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of Municipal Charges becoming delinquent after the due date and 18% per annum on any amount of Municipal Charges in excess of \$1,500.00 becoming delinquent after the due date and if a delinquency is in excess of \$10,000.00 and remains in arrears beyond December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year an additional penalty of 6% shall be charged against the delinquency.
- 2. The ten (10) day grace period for Municipal Charges will remain in effect for 2015.
- 3. Any payments not made in accordance with paragraph 2 of this resolution shall be charged interest from the date set forth on paragraph 1 of this resolution.
- 4. This resolution shall be published in its entirety once in the official newspaper of the Township.

# Resolution 014-15 Authorizing Automatic Cancellation of Overpayments or Delinquencies Under \$10.00 Without Benefit of Specific Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that on the recommendation of the Township Auditors all overpayments or delinquencies of taxes, water or sewer in the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00) or less be automatically cancelled by the Tax Office when they occur anytime during the current year without benefit of a specific resolution so canceling.

## Resolution 015-15 A Resolution Authorizing Defense of Tax Appeals by the Township Attorney

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the Township Attorney is hereby authorized to file counterclaims with the Tax Court of New Jersey regarding any tax appeal filed with the Tax Court of New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Attorney will do what is necessary or desirable to effectuate settlement of any case, without prejudice to the Township's interest in any other pending or future tax assessment appeals.

Resolution 016-15 A Resolution Authorizing Establishment and Maintenance of a Petty Cash Fund WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Petty Cash Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that a petty cash fund shall be established and maintained in the Municipal Clerk's Office in the amount of \$300.00. Such petty cash shall be used for purchases not to exceed \$25.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a petty cash fund shall be established and maintained in the Finance Office in the amount of \$150.00. Such petty cash shall be used purposes of making change at the Township of Mine Hill Beach.

#### Resolution 017-15 Authorizing Temporary Appropriations as Provided by N.J.S.A.40A:4-19

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19, Local Budget Law, provides that temporary appropriations may be made prior to the adoption of the 2015 Budget for the purposes and amounts required, in the manner therein provided, and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2014 budget, less appropriations made for Capital Improvement Fund, Debt Service and Public Assistance are as follows:

CURRENT FUND	\$4,056,834.00
WATER UTILITY	\$ 415,500.00
SEWER UTILITY	\$ 195,000.00
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT	\$ 397,000.00

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2014 Budget, less appropriations made for Capital Improvement Fund, Debt Service and Public Assistance is as follows:

CURRENT FUND	\$1	,064,919.00
WATER UTILITY	\$	109,069.00
SEWER UTILITY	\$	51,187.00
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT	\$	104,212.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the temporary appropriations be made and a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for her records.

# CONSIDERATION & APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS Bills List

Following brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Pepperman to approve the bills list as presented. Seeing no discussion, the motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Coranato; Ms. Kanzenbach; Mr. Pepperman; Mr. Willis; Mr. Bloom

Nays: none Absent: none Abstentions: none

# INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance 01-15 Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A 40A: 4-45.14)

A motion was made by Mr. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Pepperman to introduce the ordinance.

The roll was called and the ordinance will be further considered for adoption at the Township Council Meeting scheduled for January 22, 2015 at 7:30 pm:

Ayes: Mr. Coranato; Ms. Kanzenbach; Mr. Pepperman; Mr. Willis; Mr. Bloom

Nays: none Absent: none Abstentions: none

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 1.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill in the County of Morris finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2015 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council hereby determines that a 1.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$28,310.07 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Township Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill, in the County of Morris, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2015 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Mine Hill shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$66,056.83, and that the CY 2015 municipal budget for the Township of Mine Hill be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

## CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Pepperman to approve the consent agenda. Seeing no discussion, the motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Coranato; Ms. Kanzenbach; Mr. Pepperman; Mr. Willis; Mr. Bloom

Nays: none Absent: none Abstentions: none

# Resolution 018-15 Redemption of Third Party Lien – Block 1503, Lot 1, C0602

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate #2014-016, was sold to Tayntor Emp Profit Sharing Plan 401K on September 5, 2014 on Block 1503, Lot 1, Qual C0602 known as 602 Daren Lane; and

WHEREAS, the amount required to redeem was received by the Tax Collector on the aforementioned property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, that the Treasurer shall refund \$1,927.03 to Taynter Emp Profit Sharing Plan 401K. This includes the redemption amount of \$527.03 and the return of premium paid at time of sale in the amount of \$1,400.00

## Total \$1,927.03

Taynter Emp Profit Sharing Plan 401K 157 Owatonna Street

Haworth, NJ 07641

#### Resolution 019-15 Redemption of Third Party Lien – Block 1407, Lot 2

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate #2013-015, was sold to Iron Hills Capital Partners LLC on October 24, 2013 on Block 1407, Lot 2 known as 153 Randolph Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the amount required to redeem was received by the Tax Collector on the aforementioned property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, that the Treasurer shall refund \$78,655.49 to Iron Hills Capital Partners LLC. This includes the redemption amount of \$37,655.49 and the return of premium paid at time of sale in the amount of \$41,000.00.

Total \$78,655.49

Iron Hills Capital Partners LLC 8 Ash Lane Randolph, NJ 07869

#### NON-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

None.

#### OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Morris noted that ordinances will be forthcoming to restructure the local law regarding fire safety and restructure a few items in construction and zoning.

Mr. Morris noted that he applied for two grants, one for the fire house roof and one for the American Legion building roof.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully Submitted,

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Pepperman to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Amanda G. Macchia, RMC Mine Hill Municipal Clerk

Approved on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_