MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEEHAWKEN, COUNTY OF HUDSON, MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN SAID TOWNSHIP ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25TH 2026

CONVENED: 7:01 PM

Mayor Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilpersons , Silvestri-Ehret, Lavagnino, Curtis, Turner
Absent: Councilman Sosa

Mayor Turner: The notice requirements provided for in the "Open Public Meetings Act" have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given in the Annual Notice which was adopted by the Township Council on **December 22ND 2025.** Said Resolution was transmitted by the Township Clerk and a notice is posted in the Council Chambers of this Municipal Building.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

DISCUSSIONS FROM OFFICIALS:

Mayor Turner: Moment of silence for retired Polica Captain Michael Avoletta

Two officers, Officer Annesse & Officer Ampudia, responds to incident where mother calls 911 about her son having a mental health crisis. The situation escalated when the officers arrived and they were able to unarm the male that was holding a 12-inch knife. I would like to commend these officers

Present: Director Jeff Welz

Mayor Turner: We all want to commend the DPW for a great job during the snow storm. The worst since 1996. Police & DPW have been out non stop.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Roger Desmond
Faye Boatright

Mayor Turners explains, D,E,,F

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None to be heard

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Lavagnino introduced the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Weehawken that the person(s) listed below be, and are hereby, reappointed to serve as **Commissioners of the Weehawken Parking Authority** for the term(s) set forth next to their name(s), and until their respective successor(s) shall be appointed and qualified:

TRUSTEE	TERM	EXPIRATION DATE

Eleazar Nunez	5 Years	2/27/2031

On motion by Councilwoman Lavagnino, seconded by Councilman Curtis, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilpersons Lavagnino, Curtis, Turner
Nays: None
Absent: Councilman Sosa
Abstain: Councilwoman Silvestri-Ehret

Councilwoman Lavagnino introduced the following resolution;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Weehawken that the person(s) listed below be, and are hereby, reappointed to serve as **Commissioners of the Weehawken Housing Authority** for the term(s) set forth next to their name(s), and until their respective successor(s) shall be appointed and qualified:

TRUSTEE	TERM	EXPIRATION DATE
Sylvia Mendez	5 Years	2/27/2031
Anthony Bez	5 Years	2/27/2031
Catherine Marchetti	5 Years	2/27/2031

On motion by Councilwoman Lavagnino, seconded by Councilman Curtis, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilpersons Lavagnino, Silvestri-Ehret, Curtis, Turner
Nays: None
Absent: Councilman Sosa

Councilwoman Silvestri-Ehret introduced the following resolution;

WHEREAS, there is a need for the **Acquisition, Installation and Programming of Communications Equipment for six (6) Police Vehicle** for the Township Department of Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, these items, which are more particularly described and listed in the accompanying Certifications of State Contract Items and the attachments thereto provided by the Township Chief Financial Officer (the Equipment, Installation and Programming Services), can be acquired without the necessity of public bidding, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12), as follows:

1. from State Contract Vendor, **PMC Wireless**, 8 Crown Plaza, Suite 106, Hazlet, New Jersey 07730, under **State Contract** identified as **NJSTART Contract T-0109 #83900**, for a total cost of **$12,502.00**; and

2. from State Contract Vendor, **Mobile Techtronics, Inc.**, 1127 Lake Avenue, Clark, New Jersey 07066, under **State Contract** identified as **NJSTART Contract T-0109 #83924**, for a total cost of **$6,493.21.**

WHEREAS, the maximum cost of this acquisition of the Equipment, Installation and Programming Services is **$18,995.21** and the Chief Financial Officer of the Township has certified that sufficient funds are available for these acquisitions in the Township's Current Fund (Multi-Year Financing) account, as evidenced by the said Certificate attached hereto,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Weehawken that the Township Manager and the Finance Department are hereby authorized and directed to prepare, approve and forward:

1. a Purchase Order to **PMC Wireless** for the acquisition, by Lease, of the said Equipment and Installation Services, for a total cost of a total cost of **$12,502.00**; and

2. a Purchase Order to **Mobile Techtronics, Inc.** for the acquisition, by Lease, of the said Equipment, Installation and Programming Services, for a total cost of a total cost of **$6,493.21**

On motion by Councilwoman Silvestri-Ehret, seconded by Councilman Curtis, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilpersons Lavagnino, Silvestri-Ehret, Curtis, Turner
Nays: None
Absent: Councilman Sosa

Councilwoman Lavagnino introduced the following resolution:

AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING REQUEST TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, GREEN ACRES - STEWARDSHIP GRANT PROGRAM, FOR THE SOUTH PARK SHORELINE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program ("State"), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Weehawken has previously obtained a 2019 Green Acres Stewardship grant of $406,222 from the State to fund the following project: South Park Shoreline Enhancement Project 0911-19-012 ; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Weehawken desires to further the public interest by requesting an additional Green Acres grant of $1,260,000 from the State to fund the above-referenced project due to documented cost increases associated with inflation and unforeseen permitting and regulatory requirements; and

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the supplemental funding request is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Weehawken is willing to use the State's funds in accordance with its rules, regulations, and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an Amendment of the Agreement with the State for the above-named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Weehawken, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that:

1. The Township Manager, Giovanni D. Ahmad, or the successor to the office of the Township Manager, is hereby authorized to:

    a. Request such a grant;
    b. Provide additional information and furnish such documents as may be required; and
    c. Act as the authorized correspondent of the Township of Weehawken; and

2. The Township of Weehawken agrees to provide the required local government share if a match is required; and

3. The Township of Weehawken agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

On motion by Councilwoman Lavagnino, seconded by Councilman Curtis, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilpersons Lavagnino, Silvestri-Ehret, Curtis, Turner
Nays: None
Absent: Councilman Sosa

Councilwoman Lavagnino introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Township Manager has requested authorization from the Township Council to **have a sale conducted at public auction of certain personal property**, more specifically identified below, some of which belonging to the Township was utilized by either the **Department of Public Safety** (DPS) or the **Building Department** (BD) and which is no longer needed by, or useful to, the Township (**Surplus Property**), and the balance thereof constitutes **Found Property**, that is property that was found by the Township and is now considered abandoned and belongs to the Township under law; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council is desirous of selling said Surplus Property (listed in the schedule below) and the Found Property (listed on the attached Schedule A, attached hereto and made a part hereof) in "as is / where is" condition without express or implied warranties and with certain Minimum Bids / Reserve Prices, as set forth,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Weehawken, County of Hudson, as follows:

(1) The following listed personal property of the Township of Weehawken is hereby determined to be surplus property (and may hereinafter be referred to as the "Surplus Property"), is no longer needed or desired to be owned or maintained by the Township, and therefore, is hereby authorized to be sold.

(2) A list of the Surplus Property to be sold is as follows:

Veh. No.	MAKE - VIN or S/N	Year	Model - Mileage Condition	DEPT	Min. Bid / Reserve Price
MC 221	Harley Davidson 1HD1FMW175Y605442	2004	Electra Glide – 22,020 Fair / Runs	DPS $1,000.00	
MC 222	Harley Davidson 1HD1FMW135Y609374	2005	Electra Glide – 14,529 Bad transmission	DPS $1,000.00	
202A	FORD – 1FM5KAR7DGC16271	2013	Explorer – 94,064 Check engine light and multiple other warnings Poor condition	DPS $500.00	
211A	DODGE - 1CARDJFG8LC308753	2020	Durango – 36,202 Check engine light Vehicle won't start Electrical issue	DPS $500.00	
212A	FORD - 1FM5K8ARXJGB34109	2018	Explorer - UNK Check engine light and multiple other warnings engine misfiring	DPS $500.00	
	FORD - 1FTNF21586EB30002	2006	F250 Pickup – 47,398	DPS $500.00	
	FORD – 1FMCUOD76BKB69662	2011	Escape – UNK	BD $500.00	
	FORD - 2FAFP71W06X148781	2006	Crown Victoria – UNK Check engine light and multiple other warnings engine misfiring	DPS $500.00	

(3) The sale of the Surplus Property and the Found Property shall be conducted through **Municibid** pursuant to **State Contract** in accordance with the terms and conditions of the State Contract, which is hereby approved and adopted by the Township. The sale will be conducted online. The terms and

conditions of the said auction and the address of the auction site can be made available by the Township Clerk.

(5) The Surplus Property and the Found Property shall be sold in an "as-is" condition without express or implied warranties of any kind. The successful bidder shall be required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement in favor of the Township concerning the ownership, operation and use of the Surplus Property and/or the Found Property purchased. Bidding for the Found Property will be conducted by Lot. The Lot numbers are listed on Schedule A, with a minimum opening bid per Lot of $50.00.

(6) It shall be the responsibility of the successful bidder in each instance to pay the bid amount as required under the terms and conditions of the auction and to pick the item(s) up from the Township within thirty (30) days following the end of the auction.

(7) The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.

On motion by Councilwoman Lavagnino, seconded by Councilman Curtis, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilpersons Lavagnino, Silvestri-Ehret, Curtis, Turner
Nays: None
Absent: Councilman Sosa

Councilman Curtis introduced the following resolution;

WHEREAS, there is a need for the acquisition of the following Vehicle(s) and Equipment for the Township **Department of Public Works (DPW)**:

One (1) New Model Year 2025 GMC Canyon T4C43 – Crew Cab Pickup 4x4 – 4VL Elevation Package / Optional Equipment

WHEREAS, the vehicle(s) and equipment listed can be purchased through The Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (formerly known as The Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission), to which the Township belongs, the Vehicle(s) and certain Optional Equipment through **Frank's Truck Center, Inc.** under **CO-OP Contract ESCNJ CO-OP #65 MCESCCPS 23/24-11** without the necessity of public bidding, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)); and

WHEREAS, the maximum cost and the vendors for the purchase of these items is as follows:

Frank's Truck Center, Inc.	2025 GMC Canyon T4C43	$ 42,688.86
	CO-OP Contract Options	5,611.00
	Delivery Charge	155.00
	TOTAL COST	$ 48,454.86

The Chief Financial Officer of the Township has certified that sufficient funds are available for this purchase in account # 424-842-6705 (Capital Fund), as evidenced by the attached Certificates of State / CO-OP Contract Items and Availability of Funds; and

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.A.C. 5:34-1.2) require that a purchase under a pricing / purchasing cooperative as an exception to the public bidding laws be authorized by a resolution of the Township Council,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Weehawken that the Township Manager and the CFO are hereby authorized and directed to prepare, approve and forward a Purchase Order to **FRANK'S TRUCK CENTER, INC.**, 325 Orient Way, Lyndhurst, New Jersey 07071 in the amounts shown above for the purchase of the vehicle(s) with equipment and accessories referred to above, as more particularly described in the quotes for same, which are on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

On motion by Councilman Curtis, seconded by Councilwoman Silvestri-Ehret, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilpersons Lavagnino, Silvestri-Ehret, Curtis, Turner
Nays: None
Absent: Councilman Sosa

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

On motion by Councilwoman Lavagnino , seconded by Councilwoman Silvestri-Ehret , all bills found to be correct and properly audited with all proper exemptions and recusals be paid provided funds are sufficient and appropriated.

Ayes: Silvestri-Ehret, Lavagnino, Curtis, Turner
Nays: None
Absent: Councilman Sosa

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

At this time Mayor Turner asked the public if anyone wished to address the Council;

Faye Boatright	***9 Bellevue Terrace- Low credit rating, transparency, no starbucks***
Tina Iordamlis	***104 Jefferson- Commended DPW for a great job during snowstorm***
Roger Desmond	***Sterling Avenue– Commended DPW for a great job during snow storm***
Zach Forstot	***949 Blvd. East- Snow shoveling steps and crosswalks- Pershing rd***
Kate Delgado Reilly	***2 Louisa Pl- DPW did a great job, very impressed***

There being no further business to come before the Township Council, motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn. So moved.

Mayor Turner announced the next Regular Meeting will be held on February 25, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:20 PM