Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of East Hanover held on Monday, June 1, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. in the Township Municipal Building, Township Council Room, 411 Ridgedale Avenue, East Hanover, New Jersey.

Council President Martorelli called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Councilmembers DeMaio, Jandoli, Brokaw, and Council President Martorelli and Mayor Joseph Pannullo

Also Present: Joseph Tempesta, Jr., Administrator
Kenneth Huelbig, Chief Finance Officer
M. Murphy Durkin, Township Attorney
Matthew Wielkotz, Township Auditor
Nicolette J. Calabro, R.M.C. Township Clerk

Councilman DeMaio led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation.

Council President Martorelli read the Public Announcement in which he stated that the meeting had been advertised, the press notified, and the notice posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and also on the Township Website www.easthanovertownship.com.

Adoption of Minutes: Regular Meeting May 4, 2026

Motion by Councilwoman Jandoli, seconded by Councilman DeMaio to adopt the said minutes.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeMaio, Jandoli, Brokaw, and Council President Martorelli

PROCLAMATION:

- None

PRESENTATION:

- 2026 USAW-NJ Youth State Wrestling
- Hanover Park 2026 NJISAA State Wrestling Tournament

Council President Martorelli, on behalf of Mayor Pannullo and the Township Council, proudly recognized the 2026 USAW-NJ Youth State Wrestlers and the Hanover Park 2026 NJISAA State Wrestlers for their outstanding performances and impressive state tournament placements. Certificates of Achievement were presented to each wrestler in recognition of their dedication, hard work, and exceptional accomplishments.

Motion by Councilman Brokaw, seconded by Councilman DeMaio to go back in session at 6:52 P.M.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeMaio, Jandoli, Brokaw, and Council President Martorelli and Mayor Pannullo

PUBLIC HEARING: **Special Improvement District 2026 Budget**

Council President Martorelli stated they would now hold a public hearing on the Special Improvement District Budget

110-2026- Resolution Re: Adopt the 2026 East Hanover Community Partnership (Special Improvement District) Budget and Assessment Roll

Motion by Councilman Brokaw, seconded by Councilman DeMaio that the public hearing be closed.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeMaio, Jandoli, Brokaw, Council President Martorelli and Mayor Pannullo

Motion by Council President Martorelli, seconded by Councilwoman Jandoli to adopt the said resolution.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeMaio, Jandoli, Brokaw, Council President Martorelli and Mayor Pannullo

Art Dorey, President of the Special Improvement District, stated that he is fortunate to work alongside a dedicated board whose members help organize outstanding events for the community. He expressed his appreciation for their continued efforts and shared his enthusiasm for the Township's future. Mr. Dorey noted that the Special Improvement District looks forward to hosting even more events for the community in the years ahead.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance 13-2026: Calendar Year 2026 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A.40a: 4-45.14)"

The Township Clerk announced she had **Ordinance No. 13-2026** , entitled ***"CALENDAR YEAR 2026 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)."***

Administrator Joseph Tempesta stated that this ordinance concerning CAP Bank is an annual procedural requirement.

Township Auditor Matthew Wilkotz explained that Ordinance No. 13-2026 establishes a CAP Bank, which allows the Township to preserve unused budget-appropriation authority for future years. This provides flexibility to increase appropriations later if additional funding is needed.

Motion by Councilman DeMaio, seconded by Councilwoman Jandoli that the public hearing be closed.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeMaio, Jandoli, Brokaw, Council President Martorelli and Mayor Pannullo

Motion by Councilwoman Jandoli, seconded by Councilman DeMaio that Ordinance No. 13-2026 be adopted on second and final reading.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeMaio, Jandoli, Brokaw, Council President Martorelli and Mayor Pannullo

Council President Martorelli advised that Ordinance No.13-2026 has been duly adopted and a notice of same shall be published according to law.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2026 Municipal Budget

111-2026– Resolution Re: Adoption of 2026 Municipal Budget

Council President Martorelli stated they would now hold a public hearing on the 2026 Municipal Budget.

Motion by Councilman Brokaw, seconded by Councilwoman Jandoli that the public hearing be closed.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeMaio, Jandoli, Brokaw, Council President Martorelli and Mayor Pannullo

Township Auditor Matthew Wielkotz explained that the State has been experiencing delays this year in reviewing and approving municipal budgets. He noted that this is a normal part of the budget approval process and that each municipality undergoes a State review approximately once every three years.

Mr. Wielkotz stated that East Hanover's 2026 Budget is subject to review by the State of New Jersey this year. Typically, the process involves introducing the budget and submitting it to the State. Shortly thereafter, a reviewer is assigned who may have questions, comments, or concerns. The Township then responds to those inquiries and receives approval before the budget adoption date, which is generally one month after the introduction date.

He explained that the Township submitted its budget to the State approximately one month ago; however, as of this evening, a reviewer had not yet been assigned, which he described as highly unusual. As a result, although the Township was required by law to advertise and hold the public hearing on the budget, it had not yet received State authorization to adopt it.

Motion by Councilman DeMaio, seconded by Councilwoman Jandoli to carry the said Resolution 111-2026 Municipal Budget.

Vote to Carry: Councilmembers DeMaio, Jandoli, Brokaw, Council President Martorelli and Mayor Pannullo

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Hearing: **Introduction: Ordinance 11-2026**: "Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements in and by the Township of East Hanover, in the County of Morris, New Jersey Appropriating $11,972,395, Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of $11,205,725. Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof"

The Township Clerk read into record **Ordinance No. 11-2026**: entitled: ***"BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST HANOVER, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING $11,972,395. THEREFOR AND AUTHRIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $11,205,725. BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF."***

The Township Administrator provided a brief explanation of Ordinance No. 11-2026, stating that it authorizes funding for various capital improvement projects throughout the Township. These projects include improvements to Lurker Park, street and road improvements, and other related capital projects.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeMaio, Jandoli, Brokaw, Council President Martorelli and Mayor Pannullo

Motion by Councilman Brokaw, seconded by Councilwoman Jandoli that Ordinance No. 11-2026 Carry on second and final reading.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeMaio, Jandoli, Brokaw, Council President Martorelli and Mayor Pannullo

Council President Martorelli advised that Ordinance No. 11-2026 has been duly adopted and a notice of same shall be published according to law.

Public Hearing: **Ordinance 12-2026**: "Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Improvements to the Water/Sewer Utility and by the Township of East Hanover, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Appropriating $1,035,000. Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of $1,035,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance the Cost Thereof"

The Township Clerk read into record **Ordinance No. 12-2026**: entitled: ***"AN BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER/SEWER UTILITY AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST HANOVER, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING $1,035,000. THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $1,035,000 BONDS NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF."***

The Township Administrator provided a brief explanation of Ordinance No. 12-2026, stating that it authorizes funding for various improvements to the water/sewer utilities by the township.

Motion by Councilman Brokaw, seconded by Councilwoman Jandoli, that the public hearing be closed.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeMaio, Jandoli, Brokaw, Council President Martorelli and Mayor Pannullo

Motion by Councilman Brokaw, seconded by Councilman DeMaio, that Ordinance No. 12-2026 be adopted on second and final reading.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeMaio, Jandoli, Brokaw, Council President Martorelli and Mayor Pannullo

Council President Martorelli advised Ordinance No. 12-2026 has been duly adopted and a notice of same shall be published according to law.

Public Hearing: **Ordinance 14-2026**: "An Ordinance in the Township of East Hanover, County of Morris, State of New Jersey Amending and/or Supplementing the Provisions of Township Code Chapter 78A – Emergency Management System"

The Township Clerk read into record **Ordinance No. 14-2026**: entitled: ***"ORDINANCE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST HANOVER, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND/OR SUPPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 78A - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM)."***

Director John Centanni reported that the East Hanover Emergency Management Team currently consists of five Deputy Coordinators. As state statutes allow only three Deputy Coordinators, the Township established two Assistant Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator positions. Director Centanni stated that Ordinance No. 14-2026 would authorize the Township to implement this organizational structure.

Motion by Councilman Brokaw, seconded by Councilwoman Jandoliu, that the public hearing be closed.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeMaio, Jandoli, Brokaw, Council President Martorelli and Mayor Pannullo

Motion by Councilman DeMaio, seconded by Councilwoman Jandoli, that Ordinance No. 14-2026 be adopted on second and final reading.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeMaio, Jandoli, Brokaw, Council President Martorelli and Mayor Pannullo

Council President Martorelli advised Ordinance No. 14-2026 has been duly adopted and a notice of same shall be published according to law.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Motion by Councilman Brokaw, seconded by Councilman DeMaio, that Public Input be closed.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeMaio, Jandoli, Brokaw, Council President Martorelli and Mayor Pannullo

COUNCIL INPUT:

Councilman DeMaio congratulated the 2026 USAW-NJ Youth State Wrestlers and the Hanover Park High School 2026 NJISAA State Wrestling Tournament participants. He also reported that the East Hanover Office of Emergency Management recently graduated its 8th CERT class, including its fourth teen member. He stated that these volunteers completed a 12-week intensive training program and a practical drill to fulfill all requirements.

Councilman DeMaio further noted that, since the program's inception in 2009, East Hanover has graduated 171 CERT volunteer members. He also thanked Mayor Joseph Pannullo and Director John Centanni for their vision and support of the program.

Councilman DeMaio announced that the PBA will host its annual food truck event on June 6 at Lurker Park, and that the Independence Day fireworks celebration will take place on July 4.

He also noted that Hanover Park High School is holding its Senior Awards Program and congratulated the recipients on their well-deserved honors.

Councilman DeMaio stated that Friday, June 6, marks the 81st anniversary of Normandy Landings, the largest military invasion in history, commonly known as D-Day during World War II.

He wished the fathers a Happy Father's Day, Congratulated the 2026 Graduates, and lastly reminded everyone of Primary Election to go out and vote.

Councilman Brokaw stated that both wrestling teams have achieved extraordinary success, placing highly in the state tournaments year after year.

He announced that East Hanover Boy Scout Troop 128, Knights of Columbus, CERT Team and the Elks placed over 2,000 flags on veterans' graves in honor of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and the freedoms we enjoy today. He extended his wishes for a Happy Father's Day to all fathers and Happy Flag Day to everyone.

Councilwoman Jandoli also congratulated the wrestling teams and their coaches, stating that their success is truly an amazing achievement. She said she is pleased to see the youth programs remain so strong.

She announced that the Farmers Market began on June 1 and is held every Monday. She encouraged residents to support local farmers, noting that they offer excellent produce, especially during the summer months.

Councilwoman Jandoli shared that she attended a wonderful event as the liaison for the East Hanover Senior Citizens, celebrating members who are 90 years of age or older. This year, thirty-eight seniors from the club were recognized for reaching this remarkable milestone. It was an amazing event.

She extended her congratulations to all graduates and wished everyone a great start to summer.

Council President Martorelli stated that SID President Art Dori will be overseeing several new projects, including renovations at Town Square Park. The improvements will include up-lighting, downlighting, painting, and various repairs.

He extended his congratulations to the wrestlers on their accomplishments.

Council President Martorelli thanked Director Centanni for organizing Public Safety Day, noting that it provides residents with an opportunity to interact with the trucks and equipment and learn more about the work performed by the Township's volunteers and emergency services personnel.

He wished all fathers a Happy Father's Day and extended his wishes for a Happy Fourth of July to everyone.

Mayor Pannullo Mayor Pannullo congratulated the wrestlers.

He expressed his gratitude to the residents of East Hanover, noting that he has always known the community has a big heart. He said he was deeply thankful for the overwhelming outpouring of support he received from people throughout the Township and described it as unbelievable.

Mayor Pannullo sincerely thanked everyone for their prayers and support, which helped make this challenging time pass more quickly. He shared that, according to his doctors, the prognosis is exceptionally good. He asked everyone to continue keeping him in their prayers.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been referred to members of the Township Council for reading and study, are considered to be routine, and will be enacted by one motion of the Township Council with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, the item may be removed from the Consent Agenda by Council action and placed on the regular agenda under new business.

112-2026-Resolution Re: Authorizing A Public Auction Sale Of Personal Property Not Needed For Public Use (N.J.S.A. 40a:12-13)

113-2026-Resolution Re: Authorizing The Release Of Performance Bond # Cic1918640 As Posted By E. Han, LLC For Site Improvements At 72 Eagle Rock Avenue, Designated As Block 1.01, Lots 53.01 & 53.02 On The Official Tax Map Of The Township Of East Hanover

114-2026-Resolution Re: Renewal Of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for 2026 - 2027 License Term

115-2026-Resolution Re: Authorizing The Purchase Of Natural Gas Supply Services For Public Use On An Online Auction Website

116-2026-Resolution Re: Authorizing The Approval Of Change Order #2026-2 Between The Township Of East Hanover And Aurora Environmental Inc. For The Tank Remediation And Monitoring Project

117-2026-Resolution Re: Authorizing Refund For Overpayment Of Taxes For Block 96 – Lot 47

Motion by Councilman Brokaw, seconded by Councilman DeMaio, to adopt the aforementioned resolutions.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeMaio, Jandoli, Brokaw, Council President Martorelli and Mayor Pannullo

COMMUNICATIONS & DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Motion by Councilman Brokaw, seconded by Councilman DeMaio, to pay bills included in the attached claim list submitted by the Chief Finance Officer. The total amount authorized is $12,793,231.59.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeMaio, Jandoli, Brokaw, Council President Martorelli and Mayor Pannullo

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilwoman Jandoli, seconded by Councilman Brokaw, to adjourn meeting at 7:21 P.M.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeMaio, Jandoli, Brokaw, Council President Martorelli and Mayor Pannullo

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicolette Calabro

Nicolette J. Calabro, RMC
Township Clerk

Approved: July 6, 2026