Minutes of the Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of East Hanover held on Monday, July 6, 2026, at 6:300 P.M. in the Township Municipal Building, Township Council Room, 411 Ridgedale Avenue, East Hanover, New Jersey.

Mayor Pannullo called the meeting to order.

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

Absent: Councilwoman Jandoli

Also Present: Joseph Tempesta, Jr., Administrator
M. Murphy Durkin, Township Attorney
Nicolette J. Calabro, R.M.C. Township Clerk

Councilwoman Jandoli led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation.

Mayor Pannullo 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 June 1, 2026
Special Meeting June 23, 2026

Motion by Council President Martorelli, seconded by Councilman DeMaio to adopt the said minutes.

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

PROCLAMATION: None

PRESENTATION: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC INPUT **None**

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

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

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

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

COUNCIL INPUT:

Councilman DeMaio shared the true meaning of the Fourth of July, which this year marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

When the leaders of the American colonies wrote and signed the Declaration, they were doing far more than expressing a political disagreement. They were openly rejecting the authority of the British government. In the eyes of Britain, this act was considered treason—one of the most serious crimes—and could have resulted in their execution.

Had the fight for independence failed the signers of the Declaration would not have been remembered as the founders of a new nation. More likely, they would have been condemned as rebels and traitors.

Fortunately, they succeeded. Today, the Fourth of July is more than a celebration of American independence. It is a time to reflect on our nation's history, honor the contributions and sacrifices of generations of Americans, and renew our shared commitment to liberty, democracy, and the promise of a better future.

This milestone invites all Americans to remember where our country began, recognize how far we have come, and consider the responsibilities we carry as we help shape the next 250 years.

He announced Summer Concerts begin tomorrow, **Tuesday, July 7, at 7:00 p.m.**, featuring **Hazard County** playing Country Rock immediately following the fireworks.

In addition, on **July 21**, our annual Car Show will be held in conjunction with the Summer Concert Series.

We hope to see you there for two great evenings of music, classic cars, and community fun!

Councilman Brokaw Councilman Brokaw thanked Leah and Tia Nigro for once again organizing the Township's patriotic American flag display this year.

He noted that the American flags lining nearly every street throughout the Township is the result of a true community effort. The process begins with Greg Berberian and Troop 128, who procure the flags from the VA the previous year. The flags are first placed at the Township's cemeteries for Memorial Day observances. Afterward, Leah and Tia Nigro collect the flags and distribute them to residents who have requested them, resulting in flags proudly displayed throughout the Township.

Councilman Brokaw also expressed his appreciation to the CERT Team, the Knights of Columbus, the Elks, and the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in making the event such a success. "God Bless!"

Council President Martorelli. wished everyone a happy 250th birthday to America. He acknowledged that the past weekend had been very challenging for residents and recognized the tremendous efforts of the Police Department, Office of Emergency Management (OEM), Department of Public Works (DPW), and First Aid Squad, thanking them for their outstanding work during the storm response. He also noted that he was aware that a few residents were still without power.

Council President Martorelli concluded with several important safety reminders. He encouraged residents to ensure their carbon monoxide and smoke detectors are installed and functioning properly. He also reminded those using portable generators to place them outdoors, facing away from the home and at least 20 feet from the building. He noted that while driving through several neighborhoods, he observed some generators positioned unsafely and urged residents to follow proper generator safety guidelines.

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.

20-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Accepting the Bid of and Awarding a Contract for the Presbyterian Church Property Improvements to Covino & Sons Construction Co.
121-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Accepting the Bid of and Awarding a Contract for the Lurker Park Phase III Improvements to Gallen Contracting, Inc.
122-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Approving the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in 2026 Municipal Budget: Fy 2023 Recycling Tonnage Grant
123-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Approving the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in 2026 Municipal Budget: Fy 2026 Clean Communities Program
124-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Approving the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in 2026 Municipal Budget: Fy 2026 Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Grant Program
125-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Approving the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in 2026 Municipal Budget: Fy 2026 Enhancing Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant
126-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution of the Township of East Hanover Awarding a Contract to Schifano Construction Corp. for the Resurfacing of Fairway Drive & River Road Under the MCCPC

127-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution of the Township of East Hanover Awarding a Contract to Cifelli & Son for the Removal & Installation of Granite Curbing Including Restoration Of Fairway Drive Under The MCCPC
128-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Awarding Contract to Frank Galbraith & Son Excavation and Demolition LLC for Onsite Vegetation Grinding and Removal Services
129-2026-Resolution Re:	A Resolution Reappointing Nicolette Calabro, RMC, as Municipal Clerk and Granting Tenure Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40a:9-133.7
130-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Authorizing the Approval of Change Order #2026-3 Between the Township of East Hanover and Dakota Excavating Contractor, Inc. for the Lurker Park Phase 2b Project

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS & DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction:	**Ordinance 15-2026**: Amending Subsection 68.1 "Affordable Housing Development Fees" Of Article V "Zoning", Chapter 95 "Land Use And Zoning", To Modify The Development Fee Related To Residential Expansions

The Township Clerk read into record **Ordinance No. 15-2026**: entitled: ***"(AMENDING SUBSECTION 68.1 "AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FEES" OF ARTICLE V "ZONING", CHAPTER 95 "LAND Use AND ZONING", TO MODIFY THE DEVELOPMENT FEE RELATED TO RESIDENTIAL EXPANSIONS")."***

The Township Administrator provided a brief synopsis of Ordinance No. 15-2026. He explained that the ordinance establishes the fees to be billed to homeowners constructing additions of 1,000 square feet or more. He noted that the fee has been reduced to one-half percent to make it fair and proportional for everyone. The Administrator stated that this amendment is a refinement of the ordinance that was introduced several months ago and represents the simplest and most effective solution.

Motion by Councilman Brokaw, seconded by Council President Martorelli, that Ordinance No. 15-2026 be introduced by title, adopted on first reading, placed on file in the Clerk's Office, and set down for public hearing on August 3, 2026.

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

Introduction: **Ordinance 16-2026**: An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing The Table Of Organization And Ranges Of Compensation For Employees Of The Township Of East Hanover

The Township Clerk read into record **Ordinance No. 16-2026**: entitled: ***"(AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION AND RANGES OF COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST HANOVER)."***

The Township Administrator provided a brief synopsis of Ordinance No. 16-2026. He explained that this type of ordinance is adopted routinely to establish new positions and update the Township's salary ordinance as needed. He noted that some positions require adjustments to their salary ranges to reflect current needs.

The Administrator also stated that the ordinance includes several newly hired career EMT/Firefighter positions. As these employees advance in their careers over the next few years, the Township must establish the appropriate positions to accommodate their progression. Additionally, the ordinance creates the position of a Land Use Advisor/Consultant, which the Township may utilize in the future as needed.

Motion by Councilman DeMaio, seconded by Council President Martorelli, that Ordinance No. 16-2026 be introduced by title, adopted on first reading, placed on file in the Clerk's Office, and set down for public hearing on August 3, 2026.

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

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 $8,755,401.07.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council President Martorelli, seconded by Councilman DeMaio, to adjourn meeting at 6:40 P.M.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicolette Calabro

Nicolette J. Calabro, RMC
Township Clerk

Approved: August 3, 2026