Minutes of the Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of East Hanover held on Monday, August 3, 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, Jandoli, Brokaw, and Council President Martorelli, and Mayor Joseph Pannullo

Also Present: Joseph Tempesta, Jr., Administrator
Kenneth Huelbig, Director of Finance
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: July 6, 2026

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

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

Abstain: Councilwoman Jandoli

PROCLAMATION: None

PRESENTATION: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Hearing: 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: ***"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 stated that the proposed adjustment is intended to help residents by reducing fees associated with affordable housing development. Councilman Brokaw added that the adjustment is instrumental in making the fee structure fairer for homeowners.

Councilman Brokaw explained that Ordinance No. 15-2026 addresses affordable housing requirements and the State's requirements concerning the use and replenishment of COAH funds. He stated that the Township is using COAH funds as necessary and where they are most needed.

Councilman Brokaw further stated that he believes it is unfair to charge homeowners a 1.5% fee when they are making an addition of more than 1,000 square feet to their homes. He supported changing the fee to 0.5%, which would reduce the financial burden on homeowners and create a fairer fee structure.

Motion by Councilman Brokaw, seconded by Council President Martorelli, 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. 15-2026 be adopted on second and final reading.

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

Mayor Pannullo advised Ordinance No. 15-2026 has been duly adopted and a notice of same shall be published according to law.

Public Hearing: Ordinance 16-2026: An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing the Table of Organization and Ranges of Compensation for Employees of the Township Oo East Hanover

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

The Township Administrator stated that Ordinance No. 16-2026 is an action the Township undertakes from time to time upon the recommendation of Chief Financial Officer Kenneth Huelbig. He explained that the ordinance addresses several positions, including several newly created positions for career EMT firefighters. He further stated that Ordinance No. 16-2026 establishes the positions and sets forth the corresponding salary ranges.

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 Councilman Brokaw, seconded by Councilman DeMaio, that Ordinance No. 16-2026 be adopted on second and final reading.

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

Mayor Pannullo advised Ordinance No. 16-2026 has been duly adopted and a notice of same shall be published according to law.

PUBLIC INPUT

Motion by Council President Martorelli, seconded by Councilwoman Jandoli, that Public Input be closed.

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

COUNCIL INPUT:

Councilman DeMaio announced that the summer concert series will resume tomorrow evening after multiple rainouts, featuring Joey Amino and Family performing a patriotic oldies concert, along with the Township's annual car show. He encouraged everyone to attend and said he hopes to see everyone there.

Councilman DeMaio also wished everyone a safe and happy Labor Day. Lastly, he wished Mayor Joseph Pannullo a very happy birthday.

Councilman Brokaw is pleased to announce that the East Hanover Fire Department is now providing services seven days a week, from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., in conjunction with its dedicated volunteers.

The goal is to have this program operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week within the next year.

Councilman Brokaw thanked Director John Centanni for all his hard work in making this program possible, as well as everyone who has contributed to its success. He looks forward to seeing the program continue to grow and provide expanded services to the East Hanover community.

He also wished everyone a happy Labor Day and said, "God bless!"

Councilwoman Jandoli reminded everyone about the Farmers Market at Lurker Park, held every Monday from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. She encouraged residents to come out and support the local farmers, noting that the market has been gaining more attention and participation. With increased community support, the farmers may be able to continue the market even further into the fall months.

She asked everyone to consider stopping by the Farmers Market and supporting the vendors by doing business with them.

Councilwoman Jandoli also wished everyone a Happy Labor Day. She hoped everyone had a wonderful summer and, for all the students returning to school, wished them a successful and enjoyable school year ahead.

Council President Martorelli commented on the ongoing affordable housing crisis, stating that he is not aware of anyone on the Township Council, including the Mayor, who wants these projects to be built in the manner currently being required by the State.

He expressed frustration with what he described as the State's approach to affordable housing and said the requirements being imposed on municipalities are "just unbelievable." Council President Martorelli noted that Township officials have traveled to Trenton multiple times to explain their concerns, particularly regarding height restrictions that exceed the Township's existing restrictions and are not feasible for East Hanover.

He explained that, in response to the Township's concerns, officials were told to purchase a new fire truck. The Township is now in the process of purchasing one. He noted that the Township began the purchase process approximately two years ago and that it may still be another year before the new truck is received, explaining that these purchases can be approximately three years from start to delivery.

Council President Martorelli thanked God for mutual aid, which has helped the Township while working through the process of obtaining the new fire truck.

He once again emphasized that none of the Council members, including the Mayor, are participating in or supporting what is being imposed on municipalities by the State regarding affordable housing. He stressed that this issue is not unique to East Hanover and affects every municipality in New Jersey.

Council President Martorelli encouraged residents who want to better understand the issue to read the Mount Laurel Doctrine. He emphasized that the affordable housing requirements being imposed by the State are a statewide issue and not something affecting East Hanover alone.

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.

131-2026-Resolution Re:	Approval To Submit A Grant Application And Execute A Grant Contract With The New Jersey Department Of Transportation For The 2027 Jaclyn Drive & East Harvest Avenue Roadway Improvement Project
132-2026-Resolution Re:	A Resolution Establishing A Fee Schedule For Emergency Medical Services (Ems) Provided By The East Hanover Fire Department
133-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Urging A Comprehensive Independent Investigation And Performance Audit Of New Jersey's Electric Utilities
134-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Authorizing The Award Of A Contract For Emergency Medical Services Billing And Collection Services To Maverick RCM, LLC 4400 Route 9 South, Suite1000, Freehold, NJ 07728
135-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Authorizing Acquisition Of Police Interceptor SUVs Under The Morris County Cooperative Pricing System
136-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Authorizing Acquisition Of A Street Sweeper Under The Sourcewell National Cooperative Contract
137-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Authorizing Acquisition Of Public Works Pickup Trucks And Administration SUV Under The Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council
138-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Authorizing The Provision And Installation Of Voice, Data & Surveillance Network Maintenance Under The Bergen County Cooperative Pricing Council
139-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Authorizing Acquisition Of A Mobile Stage Under The HGAC National Cooperative Contract
140-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Authorizing A Contract To Pump And Process, Inc. For The Installation Of Mission MyDro M850 RTU's At Sewer Pump Stations Under The NJWCPS
141-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Awarding Contract To Cecere Mechanical LLC For HVAC Repair And Maintenance Services
142-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Awarding Contract To D.T. Allen Contracting Company, For The Loading, Removal, And Disposal Of Soil Bid #26-01
143-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Awarding Contract To TSUJ Corporation For Electrical Services

144-2026-Resolution Re:	A Resolution Authorizing Bond Reductions For KRE For The Property Located At 100 DeForest Avenue In The Township Of East Hanover
145-2026-Resolution Re:	A Resolution Authorizing Bond Release For Eric-Richard D.R. Company, LLC For The Property Located At 130 Route 10 W In The Township Of East Hanover
146-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Authorizing The Approval Of Change Order #2026-4 Between The Township Of East Hanover And Midwest Construction Inc. For The NJDOT Grove Avenue Improvement Project

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

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

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS:

147-2026-Resolution Re: Mayoral Appointments To Land Use Planning Board

COMMUNICATIONS & DISCUSSION ITEMS: 2026 Note Sale Award

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction: **Ordinance 17-2026**: Amending And Supplementing Chapter 5, "Administration," Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of East Hanover To Create The Executive Position Of Director Of Finance Combining The Joint Offices Of Chief Financial Officer Municipal Tax Collector, And Qualified Purchasing Agent, And Prescribing Pension Compliance Policies

The Township Clerk read into record **Ordinance No. 17-2026**: entitled: ***"AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 5, "ADMINISTRATION," OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHJIP OF EAST HANOVER TO CREATE THE EXECUTIVE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCE COMBINING THE JOINT OFFICES OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTOR, AND QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT, AND PRESCRIBING PENSION COMPLIANCE POLICIES."***

Motion by Councilwoman Jandoli, seconded by Council President Martorelli, that Ordinance No. 17-2026 be introduced by title, adopted on first reading, placed on file in the Clerk's Office, and set down for public hearing on September 8, 2026.

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

Introduction: **Ordinance 18-2026**: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 155 "Vehicles And Traffic", Article V "Parking, Stopping And Standing" Of The Township Code.

The Township Clerk read into record **Ordinance No. 18-2026**: entitled: ***"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 155 "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", ARTICLE V "PARKING, STOPPING AND STANDING" OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE."***

Motion by Councilman DeMaio, seconded by Councilwoman Jandoli, that Ordinance No. 18-2026 be introduced by title, adopted on first reading, placed on file in the Clerk's Office, and set down for public hearing on September 8, 2026.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeMaio, Jandoli, Brokaw, 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 $12,723,942.00.

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 6:58 P.M.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicolette Calabro

Nicolette J. Calabro, RMC
Township Clerk

Approved: September 8, 2026