Minutes of the Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of East Hanover held on Monday, September 8, 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
M. Murphy Durkin, Township Attorney
Nicolette J. Calabro, R.M.C. Township Clerk

Councilmen DeMaio 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: August 3, 2026

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

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

PROCLAMATION: Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

The Township Clerk read into record:

OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer is the **fifth leading cause of cancer-related death among women in the United States**, and the **American Cancer Society estimates that in 2026 approximately 21,010 women** will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer and **12,450 will die** from the disease nationwide—including an estimated **650 new cases and 340 deaths in New Jersey**; and

WHEREAS, a woman's lifetime risk of being diagnosed with ovarian cancer is approximately **1 in 91**, and her lifetime risk of dying from the disease is approximately **1 in 143**; and

WHEREAS, due to vague, nonspecific symptoms and the **absence of a reliable early detection test**, the majority of women are diagnosed at **Stage III or later**, when the cancer has already spread beyond the ovaries; and

WHEREAS, although the **five-year survival rate for Stage I ovarian cancer exceeds 90 percent**, only **15 percent of cases are diagnosed at this early stage**. For those diagnosed in later stages, the **five-year survival rate drops below 30 percent**; and

WHEREAS, while screening tools such as mammograms and Pap tests exist for breast and cervical cancers, **no equivalent screening test exists for ovarian cancer**, making **awareness of symptoms and risk factors essential** for early intervention; and

WHEREAS, increased public education about ovarian cancer can help save lives by promoting earlier diagnosis, supporting access to gynecologic oncology care, and encouraging research funding for better detection and treatment options; and

WHEREAS, during the month of September, the Township of East Hanover joins survivors, families, healthcare professionals, advocacy organizations, and all those committed to raising awareness, remembering lives lost, and offering hope for a future with better outcomes and ultimately, a cure.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Mayor Joseph Pannullo and the Township Council,** do hereby proclaim **September 2026** as **OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in the Township of East Hanover, New Jersey, and encourage all residents to participate in awareness activities, wear teal in support, and engage in conversations that help save lives and support the thousands of families affected by this devastating disease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Township of East Hanover to be affixed this 8th day of September 2026.

PRESENTATION: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Hearing: **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."***

Mayor Pannullo advised Ordinance No. 18-2026 has been duly adopted and a notice of same shall be published according to law.

PUBLIC INPUT

Motion by Councilwoman Jandoli, seconded by Councilman DeMaio, to go into Public Input.

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

Sandy Verderame 124 Troy Road: Inquired about FEMA and the homes within the Township that had been added to the flood zones. Ms. Verderame stated that she recently heard on the news that FEMA would not be finalizing the revised flood maps until June 27, 2027.

The Township Administrator stated that the Township had not received any official notification regarding the matter. However, the Township Engineer had been advised that the homes were being removed from the flood zone.

Motion by Councilman DeMaio, seconded by Council President Martorelli, that Public Input be closed.

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

COUNCIL INPUT:

Councilman DeMaio I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. It is hard to believe that summer is almost over, and that autumn officially begins on September 22.

September is also an important month for our Jewish friends and neighbors. Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, begins this year on September 11 at sundown, with September 12 marking the first full day of the holiday. Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, begins at sundown on September 20 and continues through September 21.

I would like to wish all my Jewish friends and neighbors a very Happy and Healthy New Year, and a blessed High Holy Days season.

I also want to remind everyone that September 11 marks the 25th anniversary of one of the most devastating terrorist attacks in our nation's history.

We must never forget the 2,977 innocent people who were killed that day in New York City, at the Pentagon, and in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. We must also remember the many people who continue to suffer from the physical and emotional aftermath of that terrible day.

Today, I especially remember my friends Michael Joseph Sinzi, George Bishop, Port Authority Police Officer Bruce Reynolds, and Antonio Roscia, the brother of East Hanover CERT member Anthony Jason Roscia. They made the ultimate sacrifice on September 11, 2001.

There were countless acts of heroism that day, especially by our first responders. Many firefighters, police officers, emergency personnel, and ordinary citizens put their own lives at risk to help save others.

But I would also like to recognize some of the unsung heroes of September 11th — the people who answered a call for help from the water.

Shortly after the second plane struck the South Tower, the situation in Lower Manhattan became increasingly difficult. With bridges, tunnels, and mass transit unavailable or severely restricted, thousands of people made their way toward the waterfront.

The United States Coast Guard put out a call for all available boats to help evacuate people from Manhattan.

Ferries, tugboats, yachts, fishing boats, commercial vessels, and pleasure boats responded. In a matter of minutes, boat owners and crews from across the region came forward to help complete strangers.

The response became the largest waterborne evacuation in American history. An estimated 300,000 to 500,000 people were carried to safety in less than nine hours.

It is a remarkable story of ordinary people responding to an extraordinary crisis.

There is also a powerful historical parallel. During World War II, when Allied troops were surrounded at Dunkirk, Great Britain called upon civilian boat owners to help evacuate the troops. More than 338,000 Allied soldiers were ultimately brought to safety during the Dunkirk evacuation.

Both stories remind us that in moments of great danger, people can come together, put aside their differences, and help one another.

As we mark the 25th anniversary of September 11th, let us remember the victims, honor the first responders and all those who sacrificed, and remember the countless acts of courage and compassion that emerged from one of the darkest days in our nation's history.

We must always remember.

Never forget.

Mayor Pannullo thanked Councilman DeMaio for his heartfelt remembrance of September 11th.,

Councilman Brokaw Councilman Brokaw commended Councilman DeMaio for his remarks and reflection on the events of September 11th, 25 years ago. He also extended birthday wishes to Mayor Joseph Pannullo and Superintendent Marc Macaluso.

Councilwoman Jandoli thanked Councilman Frank DeMaio for his reflection on September 11th, noting that she cannot believe how far we have come and that, unfortunately, many people have forgotten the significance of that day. She encouraged everyone to visit and support the Farmers Market held every Monday at Lurker Park so that it will continue to be successful. Councilwoman Jandoli stated that, now that fall has arrived, there are many events to look forward to. She also welcomed back the students, teachers, faculty, aides, and support staff, wishing everyone their best year yet.

Council President Martorelli stated that we all remember September 11th and where we were that morning. He offered special prayers for those who lost their lives and for the individuals who continue to suffer from illnesses related to the events of that day.

Council President Martorelli announced that the annual Battle of the Badges will take place on Saturday, September 12th, at 9:00 A.M. He encouraged everyone to come out and support the cause, which has been organized by Director John Centanni for the past 11 years.

He also announced that a Narcan training session will be held on September 16th from 6:45 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Fire House, in the Joseph Pannullo Multipurpose Room. He encouraged residents to participate in the training, noting that the information is valuable even for those who do not have a loved one struggling with substance use. He stated that carrying Narcan, including in one's vehicle, can allow individuals to assist someone in an emergency and emphasized the importance of being trained to administer it. He thanked the Morris County Sheriff's Office and the Office of Emergency Management (O.E.M.) for providing the training.

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.

148-2026-Resolution Re:	Authorizing The Municipal Engineer Craig Zimmermann, Of Colliers Engineering & Design To Sign Treatment Works Approval (TWA) Applications On Behalf Of The Township Of East Hanover
149-2026-Resolution Re:	A Resolution Rejecting All Bids And Authorizing The Re-Bid For The Township Municipal Building Addition Project

150-2026-Resolution Re:	Authorizing The Renewal Of A Shared Services Agreement By And Between The Township Of Hanover and the Township Of East Hanover Concerning A Shared Violations Bureau And Municipal Court With The Township Of Hanover Serving As The Lead Agency For A Five (5) Year Period Commencing On September 1, 2026 Through August 31, 2031 And Further Authorizing The Mayor And Township Clerk To Execute The Agreement, All In Accordance With N.J.S.A. 40a:65-1 Et Seq.
151-2026-Resolution Re:	A Resolution Requesting Permission For The Dedication By Rider For The East Hanover Community Partnership Scholarship Fund As Required By N.J.S.A. 40a:5-29
152 - 2026- Resolution Re:	Authorizing The Execution Of A Developer's Agreement With EH-NIKE, LLC For The Property Commonly Known As The Property Located On The South Side Of Nike Drive And Designated As Block 96 Lots 50.02, Formerly Lots 50.01 And 47.03 On The Official Tax Map Of The Township Of East Hanover
153 - 2026- Resolution Re:	Authorizing A Bond Release For 19 Ridgedale Avenue East Hanover LLC, 28 Rt. 10 East Hanover LLC, & 14 Rt. 10 East Hanover LLC, For The Property Located NJSH Route 10, Block 129, Lots 8, 8.01, 9, 10 & 11 (Wawa) In The Township Of East Hanover
154 - 2026- Resolution Re:	Authorizing The Sale Of Surplus Personal Property No Longer Needed For Public Use On An Online Auction Website
155 - 2026- Resolution Re:	Resolution Approving The Insertion Of A Special Item Of Revenue In 2026 Municipal Budget: Fy 2026 Alcohol Education & Rehabilitation Fund
156 - 2026- Resolution Re:	Resolution Approving The Insertion Of A Special Item Of Revenue In 2026 Municipal Budget: Fy 2026 Opioid Settlement Fund
157 - 2026- Resolution Re:	Resolution Of The Township Council Of East Hanover Authorizing Acquisition Of A Trackless Tractor Under The Sourcewell National Cooperative Contract
158 - 2026- Resolution Re:	Resolution The Provision And Installation Of A New Picnic Shelter For Lurker Park Phase III Project Under The Educational Services Commission Of New Jersey
159 - 2026- Resolution Re:	Resolution Of The Township Council Of East Hanover Authorizing A Contract Award To Schifano Construction Corp. Under The MCCPC For The Resurfacing Of River Road, Dixon Place, Ivy Court & Baybury Court
160 - 2026- Resolution Re:	Resolution Authorizing The Provision Of New Synthetic Field Turf At Lurker Park Fields Under The Educational Services Commission Of New Jersey

161 - 2026- Resolution Re:	Resolution Of The Township Council Of East Hanover Authorizing The Provision Of New Athletic Field Lighting For Lurker Park Phase III Under The Educational Services Commission Of New Jersey
162 - 2026- Resolution Re:	Resolution Authorizing The Provision And Installation Of Voice, Data & Surveillance Network Maintenance Under The Bergen County Cooperative Pricing Council
163-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Of The Township Council Of East Hanover Authizing The Cancellation Of 2026 Taxes On Block 99, Lot 12.01 Assessed To Novartis Pharmaceuticals
164-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Of The Township Council Of East Hanover Authorizing Refund Of Taxes For 14 Valley View Drive For Overpayment
165-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Awarding Contract To Nature's Choice NJ LLC For The Loading, Removal, And Recycling Of Un-composted Leaves Bid#26-06

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS & DISCUSSION ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction: **Ordinance 19-2026**: Amending And Supplementing The Township Code Chapter 129a "Special Improvement District," Sections 129a-4 "District Management Corporation" And 129a-6 "Annual Budgets; Reports" To Include Amongst The Powers Of The District Management Corporation The Ability To Fundraise For Scholarships And All Attendant And Necessary Provisions

The Township Clerk read into record **Ordinance No. 19-2026**: entitled: ***"AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 129A "SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, "SECTIONS 129A-4 "DISTRICT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION" AND 129A-6"ANNUAL BUDGETS; REPORTS" TO INCLUDE AMONGST THE POWERS OF THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION THE ABILITY TO FUNDRAISE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND ALL ATTENDANT AND NECESSARY PROVISIONS."***

Motion by Council President Martorelli, seconded by Councilman Brokaw, that Ordinance No. 19-2026 be introduced by title, adopted on first reading, placed on file in the Clerk's Office, and set down for public hearing on October 5, 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 $11,777,068.97 .

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 6:50 P.M.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicolette Calabro

Nicolette J. Calabro, RMC
Township Clerk

Approved: October 5, 2026