Minutes of the Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of East Hanover held on Monday, October 5, 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

Council President Martorelli 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: September 8, 2026

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

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

PROCLAMATION:

The Township Clerk read into record:

PROCLAMATION
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, breast cancer is a significant public health concern affecting individuals and families throughout the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, October is recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in New Jersey pursuant to **N.J. Stat. § 36:2-86**, providing an opportunity to increase public awareness about breast cancer, risk factors, early detection, screening, treatment, and survivorship; and

WHEREAS, early detection and appropriate screening can help identify breast cancer at an earlier stage and connect individuals with timely medical care; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Health promotes breast cancer education, early detection, and access to screening through programs including the **New Jersey Cancer Education and Early Detection Program (NJCEED)**, which provides services to eligible uninsured and underinsured New Jersey residents; and

WHEREAS, Breast Cancer affects people of diverse ages, backgrounds, and circumstances, and awareness efforts can help encourage individuals to discuss their personal risk and appropriate screening with their healthcare providers; and

WHEREAS, Breast Cancer Awareness Month provides an opportunity to recognize breast cancer survivors, honor those whose lives have been lost to the disease, support individuals currently undergoing treatment, and acknowledge the families, caregivers, healthcare professionals, researchers, advocates, and organizations working to reduce the burden of breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey encourages its residents to learn about breast cancer, understand their individual risk, seek appropriate preventive and screening care, and support continued efforts in breast cancer education, research, treatment, and survivorship;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Joseph Pannullo and **Township Council** of the **Township of East Hanover,** do hereby proclaim **October 2026** as

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the **State of New Jersey**, and encourage all residents to participate in activities that promote breast cancer awareness, education, early detection, access to care, and support for those affected by breast cancer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,I/we have hereunto set my/ our hands and caused the official seal of the Township of East Hanover to be affixed this **5th** day of **October 2026**.

The Township Clerk read into record:

PROCLAMATION
FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, fire safety is a shared responsibility, and preventing fires protects the lives, homes, businesses, and property of residents throughout our community; and

WHEREAS, October is recognized as **Fire Prevention Month**, providing an opportunity to educate residents about fire hazards and encourage everyone to take simple, practical steps to prevent fires; and

Mayor Pannullo and the Township Council proudly recognized four Morris County Youth Soccer spring championship teams for their victories, strong performances, and impressive achievements. Certificates of Achievement were presented to each team in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments and dedication throughout the season.

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Hearing: **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."***

Administrator Joseph Tempesta provided a brief synopsis of Ordinance 19-2026, explaining that the amendment would authorize the Special Improvement District (SID) to accept donations. The SID intends to raise funds to establish scholarships that it plans to award in the near future. The proposed ordinance would provide the necessary mechanism for the SID to receive these donations and support its scholarship initiative.

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

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

Motion by Council President Martorelli, seconded by Councilman DeMaio, that Ordinance No. 18-2026 be adopted on second and final reading.

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

Mayor Pannullo advised Ordinance No. 19-2026 has been duly adopted and a notice of same shall be published according to law.

PUBLIC INPUT

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

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

Alan Axelrod 29 Katie Court concerns regarding the enforcement of the new e-bike and e-scooter laws, particularly in multi-unit residential properties such as apartment buildings, condominiums, and townhouses.

The resident questioned whether e-bikes and e-scooters are being stored outside or brought inside residential buildings and expressed concerns about individuals riding them within these properties without helmets or license plates, where applicable. He also raised concerns about potential fire hazards associated with storing and charging these devices inside residential buildings.

The resident noted that several members of the public have submitted photographs and videos of these incidents to the Police Department and asked whether the reported concerns are being investigated and what steps are being taken to address these issues. After presenting issues to the Hanover Park Condo Association, they stated it was the fire laws of East Hanover and not their responsibility.

The Mayor stated that he is aware of the ordinances regarding the proper storage of e-bikes and e-scooters and indicated that he would consult with Fire Director Centanni regarding the matter.

Mayor Pannullo stated that the East Hanover Fire Department takes fire safety issues very seriously. He referenced the Department's prior appearance before the Council in Trenton concerning the significant amount of development approved by the courts, noting that the concerns raised by Mr. Axelrod regarding fire safety and emergency response should be considered. The Mayor further stated that the Township has been waiting five (5) years for a fire truck.

Mr. Axelrod also raised concerns regarding fire safety hazards associated with individuals renting rooms and residing in basements. He noted that such arrangements may be illegal and could pose serious safety risks, particularly if occupants are unable to safely exit the basement in the event of a fire.

Mayor Pannullo stated that new laws regarding e-bikes and e-scooters will take effect in January 2027. He explained that he is unable to monitor the entire Hanover Park Condominiums and that access to individual units would generally be limited to fire inspections, which occur twice a year.

Mayor Pannullo stated that he would look into the concerns raised by Mr. Axelrod.

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

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

COUNCIL INPUT:

Councilman DeMaio Councilman DeMaio congratulated Councilman Brokaw on being named the East Hanover Italian American Club's Man of the Year. Councilman Brokaw will be honored on the evening of Friday, October 9, 2026, at the Club's annual dance banquet.

Councilman DeMaio announced that the annual Columbus Day Parade will take place on Sunday, October 11, 2026, beginning at 2:00 p.m., and expressed his hope that everyone would attend.

He also announced that the East Hanover C.E.R.T. would once again participate alongside the East Hanover Police Department in the John Serrechia Observation, Observe and Report deployment on October 30, 2026, also known as Mischief Night.

Councilman DeMaio reminded residents that Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 1, 2026, and that clocks should be turned back one (1) hour. He also reminded residents that Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2026, and encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

Lastly, Councilman DeMaio wished everyone a Happy Columbus Day and a Happy Halloween.

Councilman Brokaw Councilman Brokaw encouraged residents to exercise their right to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2026, emphasizing the importance of participating in the electoral process.

He also expressed his excitement about attending the East Hanover Italian American Club's annual dance banquet on Friday, October 9, 2026, where he will be honored as the Club's Man of the Year.

Council President Martorelli Council President Martorelli congratulated all of the soccer teams on their accomplishments and thanked the parents and coaches for their support and dedication.

He also congratulated Councilman Brokaw on being named the East Hanover Italian American Club's Man of the Year and stated that he looked forward to celebrating with him on Friday evening, October 9, 2026.

Council President Martorelli expressed his hope to see everyone at the annual Columbus Day Parade on Sunday, October 11, 2026.

Lastly, he wished everyone a Happy Halloween.

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.

166-2026-Resolution Re:	A Resolution Urging The New Jersey State Legislature And Governor To Repeal The Gas Tax Escalator And Restore Accountability To Fuel Tax Increases
167-2026-Resolution Re:	Governing Body Certification Of The Annual Audit for The Year 2025
168-2026-Resolution Re:	Approval To Submit A Grant Application And Execute A Grant Contract With The New Jersey Department Of Transportation For The Deforest Ave Sidewalk Improvements Project
169-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Approving Employment Contract Between The Township Of East Hanover And Township Administrator Joseph Tempesta, Jr.
170-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Awarding A Contract To Schifano Construction Corp. For The Resurfacing Of Dixon Place, Ivy Court & Baybury Court Under The MCCPC
171-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Authorizing The Approval Of Change Order #2026-05 Between The Township Of East Hanover And Penn Bower, Inc. For The Mount Pleasant Avenue Water Main Replacement
172-2026-Resolution Re:	A Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The Township Of East Hanover, In The County Of Morris, State Of New Jersey Authorizing Tax Lein Redemption Blk. 39.03, Lot 6
173-2026-Resolution Re:	A Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The Township Of East Hanover, In The County Of Morris, State Of New Jersey Authorizing A Refund Due To Overpayment Of Taxes For Block 84, Lot 16
174-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Awarding Contract To Monster Tree Service Of Northern NJ For Tree Removal, Trimming & Stump Grinding Services
175-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Authorizing The Acceptance Of Donation From Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation For The 2026 Summer Concert Series, Parades & 4th Of July Celebration
176-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Approving Corrective Action Plan In Response To Recommendations In The 2025 Audit
177-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The Township Of East Hanover Authorizing The Execution Of A Water Sales Agreement

	By And Between Hanover Owner, LLC, And The Township Of East Hanover
178-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Authorizing The Approval Of Change Order #2026-06 Between The Township Of East Hanover And TTL Services LLC For The Former Presbyterian Church Community Center Building Demolition
179-2026-Resolution Re:	A Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The Township Of East Hanover, In The County Of Morris, State Of New Jersey Authorizing Tax Lein Redemption Blk. 96, Lot 47
180-2026-Resolution Re:	Resolution Of The Township Council Of East Hanover Authorizing The Township To Participate In The Hunterdon County Esc Cooperative Pricing System

Motion by Council man DeMaio, seconded by Council President Martorelli , to adopt the aforementioned resolutions.

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

COMMUNICATIONS & DISCUSSION ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS: None

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Motion by Councilman Brokaw, seconded by Council President Martorelli, to pay bills included in the attached claim list submitted by the Chief Finance Officer. The total amount authorized is $4,074,349 74.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council man DeMaio, seconded by Councilman Brokaw, to adjourn meeting at 7 :15 P.M.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicolette Calabro

Nicolette J. Calabro, RMC
Township Clerk

Approved: November 2, 2026