**BOROUGH OF CALIFON**

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**August 15, 2022**

Mayor Charles Daniel called the regular meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. with the reading of the following Sunshine Law announcement: “***I would like to announce and have placed in the minutes that adequate notice of this regular in person meeting of the Califon Borough Council has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by publication of the annual notice in the Hunterdon Review and the Hunterdon County Democrat.”***

**FLAG SALUTE**

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT: R. BAGGSTROM, J. COLLINS, E. HAVERSANG,**

 **L. JANAS, (VIA ZOOM), M. MEDEA, C. SMITH**

 **ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT: M. ANDERSON, BOROUGH ATTORNEY , CHIEF JEFFREY ALMER, WTPD**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by C. Smith seconded by L. Janas to approve the meeting minutes of July 18, 2022.

For: R. Baggstrom, J. Collins, E. Haversang, L. Janas, C. Smith

Opposed: None

Abstain: M. Medea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 2, 2022**

Motion was made by J. Collins seconded by L. Janas to approve the meeting minutes of the Special meeting held on August 2, 2022.

For: J. Collins, L. Janas, C. Smith, Mayor, C. Daniel

Opposed: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**LIST OF BILLS**

Motion was made by C. Smith seconded by E. Haversang to approve the list of bills in the amount of $770.691.62

For: Unanimous

Opposed: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**TAX COLLECTOR REPORT**

The Tax Collector report of July 28, 2022 was reviewed and filed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

\_\_Dept. of Environmental Protection- Notice that Califon has been reassigned from a Tier B to a Tier A under Reassignment from a Tier B to a Tier A under the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System NJDES Permit Program. Clerk, K. Mastro advised that she has forwarded this to the municipal engineer asking for a synopsis of the impact that this will have on our municipality and its residents. We will need to also understand what steps we will need to take and the timeline for these actions.

\_\_Email – Aqua-status update on water tank restoration. The painting has been completed however there are some metal reports that are needed on the bottom of the tank due to corrosion. Expected completion time is three weeks.

\_\_Email- Highlands- advising that the Highlands is preparing a Wastewater Management Plan. Draft was attached.

\_\_JCP&L- notice of Annual Compliance Filings for the Universal Service Fund Program

\_\_Email – from resident M. Taylor advising that his neighbor is still undergoing constant construction and he would like the Borough to check to see if there are any violations of existing codes.

\_\_Email- Lead Based Paint Hazard Law- The DCA notification of the implementation of the Lead Based Hazards Law which went into effect on July 22, 2022. This notification was on July 18, 2022. This law requires certain Municipalities, to perform a lead-based paint hazard inspections in certain rental dwellings. Mayor Daniel advised that the DCA is hosting webinars to provide municipalities with information regarding this new law and our enforcement requirements. Discussion took place on who will be responsible to hire a lead paint inspector, the Borough or the landlord.

\_\_From the NJLM news – Notice that Governor Murphy signed into law- S-1368 which requires all business owners and owners of multifamily rental units to maintain certain levels of liability

Insurance. The municipalities are responsible to enforce this policy and may charge an administrative fee to cover the cost. The NJLM notified the Governor’s office of their concerns with this law. We will need to include this in our landlord registration. Will have to refer to our municipal attorney for review.

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

Mayor Daniel asked Chief Almer if he had anything to report? Chief Almer reported that we had a good month. Chief Almer advised that one officer just retired after 21 years and another just put in for retirement and another officer is leaving, so they will be a little understaffed until they get those positions filled.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. River Road Part II Paving Project

Mayor Daniel advised that the application for the DOT grant that was already awarded to the Borough must be submitted by November 16th. This project began with the following roads to be paved: Philhower, Bank and part two of River Road. The agenda shows that the revised cost is $545.351. This amount seemed high so Mayor Daniel contacted the Borough engineer who advised that the cost for part II of River Road is between $380,000 to $400,000. The $545.351 was the last figure we were working on when the project included Bank Street.

Borough engineer advised that we have to make a decision as he is preparing the bid.

Discussion among council members concerning taking on additional debt of $196,000. Mayor Daniel advised that we have a little over $100,000 in the ARP funding so we could use this to pay for ½ of the project and finance the remaining.

Discussion on whether to utilize the ARP funds for a portion of this capital project took place.

Other capital projects that have been identified that may be qualified for ARP funds are

* New Roof for Municipal Building- Roof is 25 years old and we have had one leak. Estimate to replace: $21,900
* Digitalization of Tax Maps- lowest bid from Suburban-$25,000
* Security Surveillance system- Balance not covered by Grant

After a lengthy discussion amongst all council members, the consensus was that the River Rd, part two paving project should be postponed for a year or two and the DOT should be notified we will not be utilizing the grant. With no further comments, Mayor Daniel asked that we move to vote on whether to adopt a Resolution to award the River Road Project utilizing the 2021 Municipal Grant Award.

The Following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION 2022-54**

**RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN DOT GRANT IDENTIFIED AS "MA-2021-Various Roads-00265"**

WHEREAS, in 2020 the Borough Council of the Borough of Califon by Resolution 2020-52 authorized application for municipal aid from the State of New Jersey in the amount of $550,000.00 to assist the Borough in essential road reconstruction projects; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Clerk were authorized to and did submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2021-Various Roads-00265 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the grant application identified as MA-2021-Various Roads-00265 was approved by the New Jersey Department of Transportation in the amount of $204,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the scope of the work proposed to be performed has been modified since the original application due to the Borough's inability to fund the scope of the original project; and

WHEREAS, the work proposed by the grant application, as modified, is a continuing and substantial need; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the work proposed to be performed under the grant, as modified, is estimated by the Borough Engineer to be $432,630.00; and

WHEREAS, the cost to the Borough in excess of the amount of the grant would be $228,630.00, which would be required to be paid by bonding and through the Borough budget; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the Borough has experienced unprecedented financial difficulties due to increasing costs and no ability to raise additional funds without a substantial negative impact on the Borough's taxpayers; and

WHEREAS; the Borough Council has determined that, notwithstanding the continuing need for the work proposed to be performed under the grant, additional costs in the local budget at this time would not be fiscally prudent; and

WHEREAS; the Borough Council has also determined that, notwithstanding the need for the work proposed to be performed under the grant, additional borrowing at this time would not be fiscally prudent;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Califon that the Borough hereby withdraws its grant application identified as MA-2021-Various Roads-00265; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Council takes this action with great regret, solely out of financial necessity, and notwithstanding the continuing need for the work proposed to be performed under the grant.

Roll Call Vote:

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| **Council Member** |  **Yes** |  **No** |  **Absent** |  **Abstain** |
| R. Baggstrom |  |  X |  |  |
| J. Collins |  |  X |  |  |
| E. Haversang |  |  X |  |  |
| L. Janas  |  |  X |  |  |
| C. Smith |  |  X |  |  |

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **RESOLUTION – PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND**

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

 **RESOLUTION 2022-55**

**AUTHORIZATING THE APPLICATION FOR THE 2022 SAFETY AND LOSS CONTROL GRANT PROGRAM FROM STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND**

**WHEREAS,** the Califon Borough municipal office currently offers no security systems,

**WHEREAS,** Statewide Insurance Fund is offering grants to members in good standing for funding purchases that will reduce the risk of injury, and offer increased security for the employees of the Borough,

**WHEREAS,** the municipal staff would like to apply for this grant to purchase the following security items for the municipal building:

* Electronic Locking device for the front and back door
* A surveillance camera for the front and back doors and
* Two panic buttons

**WHERAS,** if the grant is awarded to the Borough, and does not cover the entire cost of the purchase and installation of the above security devices, the Council will consider applying funds from the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund,

 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough of Califon Council that the Municipal Clerk is duly authorized to complete and submit this application to Statewide Insurance Fund.

Motion was made by R. Baggstrom seconded by C. Smith to adopt Resolution 2022-55 as read.

For: Unanimous

Opposed: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

1. **RESOLUTION – OPPOSING THE PROPOSED INCREASES TO THE STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM**

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION 2022-56**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED INCREASES TO THE STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP), governed by N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq., offers medical, prescription drug, and dental coverage to qualified State and participating local government public employees, retirees, and eligible dependents; and

**WHEREAS**, all SHBP plans are self-funded meaning that the money paid out for benefits comes directly from a SHBP fund supplied by the State, participating local employers, and member premiums; and

**WHEREAS**, the Division of Pensions and Benefits is responsible for the daily administrative activities of the SHPB, the State Health Benefits Commission is the executive organization responsible for overseeing the SHBP; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Health Benefits Commission, comprised of state officials and union representatives, annually consider the calendar year premium levels for the Local Government Employer Group of the SHBP based on recommendations found in the Rate Setting Recommendation Analysis of the Local Government Employee Group; and

**WHEREAS**, the preliminary rate increase for the 2023 Local Government Employer Group is 22.8%, which includes a 21.6% increase for Active, a 13% increase in Early Retiree, and a 0.7% increase for Medicare Retiree; and

**WHEREAS**, subsequent news accounts have Department of Treasury noting “rates for active members and early retirees would likely be increase between 12-20% across the various plans for the upcoming year”; and

**WHEREAS**, such proposed exorbitant rate increases will fall upon the local property taxpayer along with the local public employees at a time where there is record inflation, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed premium increase for most active employees will take thousands more out of their paychecks annually and lead to huge costs for local governments that will translate into higher property tax bills for struggling families; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the governing body of the Borough of Califon in the county of Hunterdon call up the State Health Benefit Commission to reconsider the rate increase and strike a rate increase that is appropriate in the current economic conditions; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the governing body of the Borough of Califon in the county of Hunterdon urge the legislature to adopt legislation expanding the composition of the State Health Benefits Commission to include representatives from both municipal and county government management; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Murphy, State Treasurer Muoio, Senate President Scutari, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Senator Menendez, Senator Booker, Congressman Malinowski, and New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

This Resolution agreed to on the 15 day of August, 2022, by a vote of:

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| Council Member | Motion | Second | Yes  | No | Abstain  | Absent |
| M. Medea |  |  | X |  |  |  |
| R. Baggstrom  | X |  | X |  |  |  |
| J. Collins |  |  | X |  |  |  |
| E. Haversang |  |  | X |  |  |  |
| L. Janas |  | X | X |  |  |  |
| C. Smith |  |  | X |  |  |  |

**MOTION CARRIED**

1. **RESOLUTIONS 2022-57- RESOLUTION TO RENEW THE FUND**

**RESOLUITON 2022-58-INDEMNITY AND TRUST AGREEMENT**

**RESOLUTION 2022-59- APPOINTING OF RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT**

**RESOLUTION 2022-60 – APPOINTMENT OF FUND COMMISSIONER**

The following Resolutions were introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2022-57

# RESOLUTION TO RENEW THE FUND

 WHEREAS, a number of local units have joined together to form the Statewide Insurance Fund (“FUND”), a joint insurance fund, as permitted by N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36, *et seq.*; and

 WHEREAS, The Borough of Califon (“LOCAL UNIT”) has complied with relevant law with regard to the acquisition of insurance; and

 WHEREAS, the statutes and regulations governing the creation and operation of joint insurance funds contain elaborate restrictions and safeguards concerning the safe and efficient administration of such funds; and

 WHEREAS, the LOCAL UNIT has determined that membership in the FUND is in the best interest of the LOCAL UNIT.

 WHEREAS the LOCAL UNIT agrees to be a member of the FUND for a period of three (3) years, effective from **January 1, 2023** terminating on **January 1, 2026** at 12:01 a.m. standard time; and

 WHEREAS, the LOCAL UNIT has never defaulted on claims, if self-insured, and has not been canceled for non-payment of insurance premiums for two (2) years prior to the date of this Resolution.

 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LOCAL UNIT does hereby agree to join the Statewide Insurance Fund; and

 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to the extent required by law, the Local Unit shall provide notice of the Indemnity and Trust Agreement to the Office of the State Comptroller; and

 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LOCAL UNIT’s Fund Commissioner is authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and such other documents signifying the membership in the FUND as required by the FUND’s Bylaws and to deliver same to the Administrator of the FUND with the express reservation that said documents shall become effective only upon the LOCAL UNIT’s admissions to the FUND following approval of the FUND by the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance.

BOROUGH OF CALIFON

RESOLUTION 2022-58

# INDEMNITY AND TRUST AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made this 15TH Day of AUGUST 2022, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, by and between the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter “FUND”), and Borough of Califon in the County of Hunterdon a duly constituted local unit of government (hereinafter “LOCAL UNIT”);

 WHEREAS, two or more local units have collectively formed a joint insurance fund as such an entity is authorized and described in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et seq.; and

 WHEREAS, the LOCAL UNIT has agreed to become a member of the FUND in accordance with and to the extent provided for in the Bylaws of the FUND and in consideration of such obligations and benefits to be shared by the membership of the FUND; and

 WHEREAS, the LOCAL UNIT has complied with relevant law with regard to the acquisition of insurance;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

1. The LOCAL UNIT, upon entering the FUND, agrees to be bound by and to accept and comply with each and every provision of the FUND’s Bylaws, Risk Management Program, as it applies to the LOCAL UNIT and the applicable statutes and administrative regulations pertaining to joint insurance funds.
2. The LOCAL UNIT agrees to participate in the FUND with respect to the coverage listed in the LOCAL UNIT’s “Resolution to Join” in accordance with the FUND’s Bylaws and Risk Management Program.
3. The LOCAL UNIT agrees to become a member of the FUND until **January 1, 2026, at 12:01 a. m.** eastern standard time. The commencement date shall be the effective date as established by the FUND’s Bylaws and policies.
4. The LOCAL UNIT certifies that it has not been canceled for non-payment of insurance premiums for a period of at least two (2) years prior to the date hereof, or, if self-insured, that it has never defaulted on any claims.
5. In consideration of membership in the FUND, the LOCAL UNIT agrees that it shall jointly and severally assume and discharge the liability of each and every member of the FUND in accordance with statute and regulation, and by execution hereof the full faith and credit of the LOCAL UNIT is pledged to the punctual payment of any sums which shall become due to the FUND in accordance with the Bylaws thereof, this Agreement or any applicable statute or regulation.
6. If the FUND, in the enforcement of any part of this Agreement, shall incur necessary expense or become obligated to pay attorney’s fees and/or court costs, the LOCAL UNIT agrees to reimburse the FUND for all such reasonable expenses, fees and costs on demand.
7. The LOCAL UNIT and the FUND agree that the FUND shall hold in trust all monies paid by the LOCAL UNIT to the FUND and those monies will be used in accordance with all applicable statues, the FUND’s Bylaws and the Risk Management Program.
8. If required by the Commissioner of Insurance or applicable statutes or regulations, the FUND shall establish separate trust fund accounts in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36, et seq. and any other statutes or regulations that may be applicable. Said trust accounts shall be used solely for the payment of claims made against members of the FUND, excess insurance premiums and/or the administration of the FUND, or for such other purposes as now or hereunder permitted by statute or regulation.
9. Each LOCAL UNIT which shall become a member of the FUND shall be obligated to execute an agreement similar in form to this Agreement.
10. To the extent required by law, the LOCAL UNIT shall provide notice of this Agreement to the Office of the State Comptroller.

**RESOLUTION 2022-59**

# RESOLUTION APPOINTING RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

**2023 Fund Year**

**WHEREAS**, The Borough of Califon (hereinafter “Local Unit”) has joined the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter “Fund”), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 *et seq*.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Risk Management Consultant, as those positions are defined in the Bylaws, if requested to do so by the “Fund”; and

**WHEREAS,** the Local Unit has complied with relevant law with regard to the appointment of a Risk management Consultant; and

**WHEREAS**, the “Fund” has requested its members to appoint individuals or entities to that position; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of “Local Unit”, in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Borough of Califon (Local Unit) hereby appoints

Groendyke Associates its Risk Management Consultant.

1. The Borough Clerk/Administrator (*authorized representative of the public entity*) and Risk Management Consultant are hereby authorized to execute the Risk Management Consultant’s Agreement for the year **2023** in the form attached hereto.

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON**

**STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND**

**RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT’S AGREEMENT**

 **2023 Fund Year**

 **THIS AGREEMENT** entered into this 15th day of August 2022 , among the Statewide Insurance Fund (“FUND”), a joint insurance fund of the State of New Jersey, Borough of Califon (“MEMBER”) and Groendyke Associates (“RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT”) through a fair and open process, pursuant to N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4.

 **WHEREAS,** the CONSULTANT has offered to the MEMBER professional risk management consulting services as required by the Bylaws of the FUND; and

**WHEREAS,** the CONSULTANT has advised the FUND that he/she is familiar with the terms, conditions and operations of the FUND; and

 **WHEREAS,** the MEMBER desires these professional services from the CONSULTANT; and

 **WHEREAS**, the MEMBER has complied with relevant law in regard to the appointment of a Risk Management Consultant; an

 **WHEREAS,** the Bylaws of the FUND require that members engage a CONSULTANT and that the CONSULTANT comply with certain requirements set forth therein.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the parties in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants set forth herein, agree as follows:

1. For and in consideration of the amount stated hereinafter, the CONSULTANT shall:
	1. assist in evaluating the MEMBER’S exposures and advise on matters relating to the Member’s operation and coverage.
	2. explain to the MEMBER, or its representatives, the various coverages available from the FUND.
	3. explain to the MEMBER, or its representatives, the terms of the member’s commitment and obligations to the FUND.
	4. explain to the MEMBER, or its representatives the operation of the FUND.
	5. prepare applications, statements of values, etc., on behalf of the MEMBER, if required by the FUND.
	6. review the MEMBER’S assessment and assist in the preparation of the MEMBER’S insurance budget.
	7. review losses and engineering reports and provide assistance to the MEMBER’S safety committee, if required.
	8. assist in the claim settlement process, if required, by MEMBER or FUND.
	9. attend the majority of meetings of the Fund Commissioners or Executive Committee, if requested, and perform such other services as required by the MEMBER or the FUND.
	10. comply with the obligations imposed upon Risk Managers in the FUND’s Bylaws.
	11. act in good faith and fair dealing to the FUND.
	12. perform other duties for the FUND as may be required from time to time by the FUND.

2. In exchange for the above services, the CONSULTANT shall be compensated in the following manner:

* + 1. The CONSULTANT shall be paid by the FUND, on behalf of the MEMBER, a fee as compensation for services rendered. Said fee, an apportionment of the MEMBER’s assessment: 6% of workers’ compensation (excluding any fees, PLIGA, and loss ratio apportionment); 7.5% of non WC assessment (excluding any fees, PLIGA, and loss ratio apportionment);
		2. The CONSULTANT shall be entitled to compensation for services provided during any calendar year only if the CONSULTANT has been appointed and holds the position of Risk Management Consultant, as of January 31 of the said calendar year for counties and municipalities holding general elections and July 30 for municipalities holding regular elections.

* + 1. For any insurance coverages authorized by the MEMBER to be placed outside the FUND, the CONSULTANT shall receive as compensation the normal brokerage commissions paid by the insurance company. The premiums for said policies shall not be added to the FUND’s assessment in computing the fee set forth in 2(a).
		2. If the MEMBER shall require of the CONSULTANT extra services other than those outlined above, the CONSULTANT shall be paid by the MEMBER a fee at a rate to be negotiated by the parties

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1. The term of this Agreement shall be from **January 1, 2023** to **January 1, 2024**. However, this Agreement may be terminated by either party at any time by mailing to the other thirty (30) days written notice, certified mail return receipt.
2. The CONSULTANT shall comply with all laws applicable to producers who provide insurance products to public entities and shall comply with all applicable statutes and regulations relating to joint insurance funds.
3. The CONSULTANT agrees to comply with all affirmative action laws applicable in accordance with Exhibit A and to submit all necessary documentation establishing compliance within seven (7) days of this Agreement.

**RESOLUTION 2022-60**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONER**

**2023 Fund year**

WHEREAS, The Borough of Califon (hereinafter “Local Unit”) is a member of the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter “Fund”), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et seq.; and

 WHEREAS, the Fund’s Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Fund Commissioner;

 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Califon (Local Unit) that Karen Mastro (*entity’s elected official or employee)* is hereby appointed as the Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit for the **Fund Year 2023**; and

 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Barbara Thomas (second elected official or employee) is hereby appointed as the Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit for the **Fund** **Year 2023**; and

 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Local Unit’s Fund Commissioner is authorized and directed to execute all such documents as required by the Fund.

Motion was made by C. Smith seconded by E. Haversang to adopt Resolutions 2022-57 to 2022-60 as read.

For: Unanimous

Opposed: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilman Medea advised that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony dedicating the new batting cage on Sunday, September 18th at the Califon Island Park.

Councilman Haversang advised that he noted in the local paper about a grant available to local municipalities to promote local events. This grant is made available through the County
Commissioners Office and is managed through the tourism board.

Councilwoman Smith advised that she attended the July 20th Board of Education meeting.

There are 3 new students and one new tuition student enrolled for the fall.

The summer camp that the Califon School hosted had 20 students participate and was a big success. August 31st is the first day of school.

A new three-year contract with the teachers was just passed.

Councilman Baggstrom reported that police calls were up in July. The WTPD had over 700 calls.

Councilman Baggstrom noted that we need to find out if any of the crosswalks need painting.

Councilman Collins advised that the Environmental Commission members were not in favor of placing an electric vehicle charging station across from Rambo’s along the edge of the new open space. They will be looking at alternative sites for an EV charging station as this coincides with

actions in the sustainable NJ program. One of the locations mentioned was the Fireman’s parking lot across the street from the train station.

Councilman Collins advised that members are currently in the process of planning the pollinator garden location and type of plants they will be using. Construction will begin this fall with plantings probably occurring in the spring of next year.

**MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Daniel advised he did not have anything to report at this time.

With no further business to attend Councilwoman C. Smith made a motion adjourn the meeting a seconded by E. Haversang and unanimously accepted to adjourn the meeting at 8:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Mastro, RMC