

**Borough of Matawan
Public Session
June 20, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Matawan, New Jersey, was held at the Matawan Municipal Community Center, 201 Broad Street, Matawan, New Jersey on June 20, 2023, with Mayor Joseph Altomonte presiding. Pursuant to Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by publishing notification in the *Asbury Park Press* on January 6, 2023, by sending notice to the *Star Ledger*, and by posting. A copy of said notice is and has been made available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk. A copy of said notice has also been sent to such members of the public as have requested such information in accordance with the Statute. Mayor Altomonte called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, requesting a roll call.

On roll call the following members responded present:

Yes: Councilwoman Deana Gunn
Councilman Steven Russell
Councilwoman Stephanie Buckel
Councilman Brian Livesey
Councilwoman Melanie S. Wang
Councilman Charles Ross

Also present were Ryan L. Michelson, Borough Administrator, Pasquale Menna, Esq., Borough Attorney, and Robert R. Keady of T&M Associates, Borough Engineer.

Mayor Altomonte asked everyone to stand for a Salute to the Flag.

Mayor Altomonte asked everyone to stand for a Moment of Silence.

Mayor Altomonte acknowledged the passing of former Mayor Robert William Shuey asking everyone to keep him and his family in their thoughts.

Mayor Altomonte announced the addition of Resolution 23-06-23 to the New Business portion of tonight's meeting Agenda.

Privilege of the Floor for Agenda Items Only

Mayor Altomonte opened the Privilege of the Floor for Agenda Items Only.

There were no comments.

Mayor Altomonte requested a motion to close the Privilege of the Floor for Agenda Items Only. Councilwoman Gunn made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Buckel. Council agreed. Motion passed.

Police Department Appointments and Oaths of Office

Mayor Altomonte read by title Resolution: 23-06-20: Authorizing the Hiring of a Police Officer with the Matawan Police Department Austin G. Cheesman requesting a motion to adopt. Councilwoman Gunn made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Buckel. Council Agreed. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 23-06-20

***AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A POLICE OFFICER WITH THE MATAWAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
AUSTIN G. CHEESMAN***

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Matawan have been advised that there is a need for a Police Officer within the Borough of Matawan's Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Austin G. Cheesman has met the requirements as set forth in current Borough Ordinances governing the Initial Hiring of Police Officers and currently possess a New Jersey Police Training Commission Class II Special Law Enforcement Officer (SLEO) certification; and

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WHEREAS, Austin G. Cheesman is eligible for accelerated waiver training (Class II SLEO to Basic Course for Police Officer) and;

WHEREAS, Chief of Police Thomas J. Falco Jr. has recommended that Austin G. Cheesman be hired as a Police Officer to fill a current vacancy within the Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Matawan authorizes the hiring of Austin G. Cheesman as a Police Officer, at a rate of compensation per annum of Thirty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars and No cents (\$37,538.00) effective June 21, 2023, in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement between the Matawan Policeman's Benevolent Association #179 and the Borough of Matawan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the following Borough of Matawan Departments: Clerk, Finance, Payroll, Police as well as Officer Austin G. Cheesman.

Mayor Altomonte related the background of Officer Cheesman and issued the Oath of Office.

Mayor Altomonte read by title Resolution: 23-06-21: Authorizing the Hiring of a Police Officer with the Matawan Police Department Jeffrey V. Poland. Councilwoman Gunn made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Buckel. Council Agreed. Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 23-06-21
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A POLICE OFFICER WITH THE MATAWAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
JEFFREY V. POLAND**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Matawan have been advised that there is a need for a Police Officer within the Borough of Matawan's Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey V. Poland has met the requirements as set forth in current Borough Ordinances governing the Initial Hiring of Police Officers and has graduated from a Police Academy certified by the New Jersey Police Training Commission; and

WHEREAS, Chief of Police Thomas J. Falco Jr. has recommended that Jeffrey V. Poland be hired as a Police Officer to fill a current vacancy within the Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Matawan authorizes the hiring of Jeffrey V. Poland as a Police Officer, at a rate of compensation per annum of Thirty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars and No cents (\$37,538.00) effective June 21, 2023, in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement between the Matawan Policeman's Benevolent Association #179 and the Borough of Matawan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the following Borough of Matawan Departments: Clerk, Finance, Payroll, Police as well as Officer Jeffrey V. Poland.

Mayor Altomonte related the background of Officer Cheesman and issued the Oath of Office.

Police Chief Thomas J. Falco, Jr. thanked the Governing Body, the Police Committee, the Borough Administrator as well as the Borough of Matawan Volunteer Fire Department for their support in the Borough of Matawan Police Department. We welcome these Officers and wish them long, healthy, safe careers with our Department.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on the welcome addition of Deputy Clerk Christina Medora who will join Council at our July 6 meeting to sit second chair. Our Clerk's Assistant, Raquel Roche, has been invaluable in this year's ABC License Renewals and helped prepare our Resolution 23-06-16 of renewal on tonight's Agenda, enabling the Clerk to take care of other backlogged business. The addition of these personnel is going to increase the efficiency of the Clerk's Office. Once everyone is well versed, particularly the Deputy Clerk, it is the intent to restructure and get more definitive guidelines of responsibilities for each member of the Clerk's Office. This will enable us to address long outstanding projects. The Clerk thanked the Governing Body for their support and staffing of the Clerk's Office.

Mayor's Report

No report.

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Administrator's Report

Mr. Michelson was thankful to welcome so many new faces to the Borough's team to continue moving in the direction of achieving the goals and mission of the Borough. Mr. Michelson thanked all the groups for the events all of the Council Liaison's will be reporting on this evening. My office is working with the Water Department to ensure standard operating procedures are in compliance with DEP whom I met with in late May; the Mayor has put myself and Chief Falco in contact with the NJ Film and Television Commission to attract worldwide TV and film industry and make them aware of Matawan. New Jersey has a very competitive tax incentive, and the additional benefit of film is an annual \$700 million worth of revenue to a State. There is a lot of opportunity with already having had two movies filmed in Matawan. Mr. Michelson has a meeting this week to talk about next steps in terms of certification.

Attorney's Report

No report. Mr. Menna informed he was the attorney for the producer of one of those movies and who said he loved filming in Matawan.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Keady reported on the status of the following projects:

- The 2022 Road Program is substantially complete.
- The sanitary sewer project has two sections of inspections left prior to the design phase.
- The Spring Street Viaduct and Outfall Project permit application will be submitted to DEP in the next couple of weeks.
- The water plant well upgrades permit application has been submitted to DEP with the design to be completed during the DEP's review.
- Lastly, the surveys for Clinton Street parking lot and Penniplede Park is scheduled for next week, and will be about a week before we move forward with both those projects.

Police, Economic Business Development, Planning & Zoning

Councilwoman Gunn cited the Borough of Matawan Police Department Operations report for the month of May 2023, specifically, 43% of overtime budget has been expended due to the hosting of Borough events. She then related the number of calls and arrests responded to by the Patrol Division including motor vehicle incidents. Councilwoman Gunn thanked Council for their support in tonight's hire of two Officers. These positions will fill the gaps with Captain Hourihan's retirement and Officer Mason's departure to the County. We have a young Department, and the Chief is working to ensure everyone is properly trained and mentored. The PBA is hosting a softball game vs. Aberdeen scheduled for this Saturday. We have a friendly wager with our friends in Aberdeen where the loser is going to deliver pizza to the other Council at a future meeting. National Night Out is scheduled for August 1 at Hourihan Field with further information forthcoming. Councilwoman Gunn reported on the success of the Blues and Cruise Night with \$600.00 donated to Bayshore EMS and Habitat for Humanity. She thanked all participants, especially Matawan Police, Public Works, the EBD Commission and Chamber of Commerce.

Historical Sites & Personnel

Councilman Russell reported the Personnel Committee reviewed two resumes of candidates for the position of Interim Deputy Chief Financial Officer. The Historical Sites Commission registered the Borough as a Revolution NJ Community to prepare New Jersey and Matawan residents for the upcoming 2026, 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. We, with the Matawan Historical Society, celebrated the 300th Anniversary of the Burrowes Mansion with the re-enactment of the 1778 British raid. Councilman Russell thanked the members of the Commission to wear the 18th Century costumes, and the members of the MHS for their many volunteer hours of preparation as well as the

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event's sponsors, specifically Cathy Zavorskas for her phenomenal work of putting everything together, and to Kurtis Roinestad, HSC Chair, who oversaw the reenactment, wrote the script, and directed the production. It is available on video if you missed the live action. There is continued celebration of the 300th Anniversary at 4 PM on August 5 with be a brass quintet concert in the backyard of the Mansion.

Recreation, Recycling & Sanitation

Councilwoman Buckel reported on the expansion of the Borough's Senior Program with our first bus trip scheduled for June 22 to the Titanic Exhibit in New York City. The day will begin with a 9:30 AM breakfast at the Community Center, an 11:00 AM bus departure, returning at approximately 4:30 PM. Anyone interested, please contact recreation@matawanborough.org. July 2 is the Borough's annual fireworks. Festivities include balloon art, Mickey and Minnie characters, a cartoon artist, a slide and bounce house, 3 in 1 sport, racket ball games, photobooth and the band coming alive starting at 6:00 PM. Shop Rite be there for the 2nd year in a row giving away free food as well as soft pretzel ice cream and glow stick vendors. August begins our Family Night Under the Stars of movies and music to be held this year on Thursdays. Our MMCC Farmers Market started June 9 and will run through October 27. We were lucky enough to distribute some of the meals this past June with a small grant provided from the County through Soup Kitchen 411. Please visit our website and Facebook pages for details. Lastly, on June 10, in coordination with the County we held our annual shredding event at the train station.

DPW, Fire Department, Shade Tree,

Councilman Livesey reported the Borough of Matawan Volunteer Fire Department will hold is coin toss on August 19 and 29. He, and Mr. Michelson, attended Black Sunday training. In January 2005, three NYC firefighters died in two separate fires. The Shade Tree Commission has achieved Tree City USA for our 5th year and is working on a grant opportunity for tree inventory. Public Works fire hydrants flushing is completed as of last week. The Police Department will have a security gate added this week to their MMCC parking lot; DPW is doing much needed park maintenance, ie, Terhune Park wall repair/replacement, soil regrading, MMCC landscaping, Lake Lefferts lakefront dock power washing, repairs and painting. Lastly, we are working with a local business, Main Street Donuts, to coordinate a 5K race for charity, possibly at the end of July. Details will follow.

ADA, Animal Welfare Advisory, Property Maintenance

Councilwoman Wang commended Mr. Michelson on what an excellent Borough Administrator he is and has been, and for always being available especially to tolerate her questions and providing a thorough explanation in answering questions.

She reported on the continued effort to coordinate a Property Maintenance meeting in order to respond to questions from the public on any such issues.

Councilwoman Wang reported she and the Borough Administrator are coordinating a Disability Accessibility Committee meeting. It is to be considered a possible public outreach to potential volunteers to assist the Committee for the eyes and ears on potential ADA issues.

Councilwoman Wang related the dynamite job by Loretta Windas, volunteer member of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC): From taking notes to coordinating getting the TNR program underway. Ross Lictra of the Monmouth County SPCA spoke at a special AWAC public session to address residents' concerns as well as the details of the program. Mr. Lictra introduced the SPCA's Animal Control Officer, Scott Halfor. It is the intent to ensure the public of our ability to work with cat colony caregivers without repercussions.

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Construction, Environmental, Finance

Councilman Ross thanked the members of the Governing Body who attended the recent Burrowes Mansion celebration. Councilman Ross related comments from some residents asking Council to consider a community garden behind Burrowes Mansion. Mayor Altomonte related a comment that the State division controlling historical sites may not allow a community garden on the Mansion property but asked Councilman Ross to confer with Kurtis Roinestad of the Borough’s Historical Sites Commission. Councilman Ross suggested if not at the Mansion perhaps another Borough location. Mayor Altomonte informed this subject was looked into some time ago and it is his understanding for an approximate \$15.00 annual fee an outside resident can participate in Marlboro Township’s community garden. Council discussed possible Borough locations.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Altomonte read by title Resolutions 23-06-16 through and including 23-06-19, requesting a motion to approve en masse. Councilwoman Gunn made the motion, seconded by Councilman Ross. Council agreed. Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 23-06-16
RENEWAL OF 2023-2024 ABC LIQUOR LICENSES**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Matawan that the following liquor licenses be renewed, subject however to the rules, regulations, receipt of Tax Clearance Certificates, statutes and ordinances affecting the same, said licenses to expire June 30, 2023:

**Plenary Retail Consumption License
\$1,600.00**

<u>LICENSE #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
1329-33-011-004	MJs of Matawan, LLC	845 Route 34
1329-33-001-011	Ginkaku, LLC	787 Route 34
1329-33-016-010	Mediterranean Chateau Corp.	27 Freneau Ave.

**Club License
\$188.00**

1329-31-020-001	Washington Engine	176-178 Jackson Street
1329-31-024-001	Shore Knights SAC	21 Orchard Street

**RESOLUTION 23-06-17
AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE FOR HIRING OF A
PART-TIME RECORDING SECRETARY
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, there is a need for a Part-Time Recording Secretary for the Environmental Commission within the Borough of Matawan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Matawan that the Borough Administrator of the Borough of Matawan, is hereby authorized to advertise (in print or electronic media), interview, and make recommendations for the position of Part-Time Recording Secretary for the Environmental Commission to the Mayor and Council, for authorization by Mayor and Council and subject to a Certification as to Available Funding from the Chief Financial Officer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the following Borough of Matawan Departments: Clerk, Finance, Payroll as well as the Environmental Commission.

**RESOLUTION 23-06-18
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME HOURLY SEASONAL PERSONNEL
2023 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM COUNSELORS**

WHEREAS, the Council has been advised that there is a need for part-time personnel for the Summer Recreation Program for the year 2023 within the Borough of Matawan; and

WHEREAS, the rate of pay will be as follows:

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Junior Summer Counselors	\$13.00 per hour
Senior Summer Counselors	\$14.00 per hour

WHEREAS, the number of Summer Counselors will be determined by the Recreation Commission.

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director has recommended the hire of the following as part-time seasonal personnel as junior and senior counselors for the 2023 Summer Recreation Program:

<i>Junior Counselors \$13.00/Hour</i>	<i>Senior Counselors \$14.00/Hour</i>
<i>Lexi Anderson</i>	<i>Kasey Antos</i>
<i>Kate Devlin</i>	
<i>Corey Joseph Pitts</i>	
<i>Lily Wiley</i>	

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Matawan that the Matawan Borough authorizes the hiring of the above part-time personnel, each at their respective rate as outlined above, for the Summer Recreation Program for the year 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the following Borough of Matawan Departments: Clerk, Finance, Payroll and Recreation.

**RESOLUTION 23-06-19
MEMORIALIZING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE
HIRING OF PART-TIME 2023 SEASONAL EMPLOYEE(S) FOR THE
BOROUGH OF MATAWAN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
DANIEL HUGHES
MICHAEL SPORER**

WHEREAS, Resolution 23-04-03 authorized the advertisement, interview and recommendations for the position(s) for Part-Time Seasonal Employee(s) for the Borough of Matawan Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, with the recommendation of the Borough Administrator and the Public Works Superintendent, Daniel Hughes and Michael Sporer, have been hired as Part-Time Seasonal Employee(s) for the Borough of Matawan Department of Public Works to assist current staff for spring clean-up and summer maintenance of parks and other Borough-owned grounds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Matawan hereby memorializes authorization of the hire of Daniel Hughes and Michael Sporer as Part-Time Seasonal Employee(s) for the Borough of Matawan Department of Public Works at the hourly rate of \$18.00 per hour, not to exceed 20 to 25 hours per week.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the following Borough of Matawan Departments: Clerk, Finance and Public Works.

New Business

Mayor Altomonte read by title Resolution 23-06-23: Renewal of 2023-2024 ABC Liquor License A Salute My 5 Sons, LLC DBA A Salute Restaurant NJS ABC License #1329-33-006-008 With Conditions Attached to the Renewal of Said License. Councilwoman Gunn made the motion, seconded by Councilman Russell. Mayor Altomonte requested a voice vote. Council agreed. Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 23-06-23
RENEWAL OF 2023-2024 ABC LIQUOR LICENSE
A SALUTE MY 5 SONS, LLC DBA A SALUTE RESTAURANT
NJS ABC LICENSE #1329-33-006-008
WITH CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE RENEWAL OF SAID LICENSE**

WHEREAS, the Licensee, is the holder of a License issued by the State of New Jersey Alcohol Beverage Commission for the consumption and sale of alcoholic beverages in the Borough of Matawan, which license bears # 1329-33-006-008; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee is located at 74 Main Street, Matawan, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee has submitted an application for the annual renewal of said license for the 2023-2024 License term; and

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WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Matawan is statutorily empowered to review all applications for renewal of ABC licenses to insure that the licensee complies with the rules and regulations of the host municipality in a manner that is not injurious to the public health, safety and wellbeing of the residents of the Borough of Matawan; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee is located in an area that is immediately adjacent to and in close proximity to a residential community; and

WHEREAS, over the course of the operation of the Licensee’s business, the actions of the Licensee, with multiple Noise complaints and Nuisance violations at inconvenient hours as a result of the spill over of audible live and amplified music on the exterior of the licensed establishment; and its patrons and invitees have impacted the peace, security and stability of the residential neighborhood adjacent to the Licensee; and

WHEREAS, Borough of Matawan Code, Chapter 28, Section 28-1 Limitation states:

“Any place of public accommodation that plays any music or provides live entertainment, whether pre-recorded or live, for the entertainment of its guests or invitees shall close its windows, doors, and exterior openings, and shall cease all exterior transmissions or broadcasts of such music at 10:00 PM Sunday through Thursdays (and not reactivate such activity prior to 7:00 AM.); and shall cease such activity at 11:00 PM on Friday and Saturday (and not reactivate such activity prior to 7:00 AM.).”; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee, in addition to the service calls set forth above, was served with four complaints on Summonses for the violation of Chapter 28, Section 28-1; and

WHEREAS, unless Conditions are attached to the operations of the Licensee, the quality of life of the residents of the Borough of Matawan will be further impacted in a negative fashion and the resources of the Police Department will be taxed to the limit by the increasing number of service calls to the establishment.

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Matawan that it recommends to the Director of the New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage Commission the Renewal of the Licensee’s License, subject to the following Restrictions and Conditions that should be made part of the License:*

- 1. The Licensee shall comply with the terms and conditions of Borough of Matawan Code Chapter 28 at all times while operating.*
- 2. The Licensee shall be strictly limited to the occupancy limit for its premises as permitted by the Fire Marshall, and same may be inspected as to compliance at any time during normal business hours by the Marshall or his designee.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a true certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the following Borough of Matawan Departments: Administration, Clerk, Construction, Finance, Fire Department, Fire Prevention, Police as well as Director of the New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission.*

Mayor Altomonte read by title Ordinance 23-14: Amending and Supplementing the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Matawan – Chapter XXXIV: “Development Regulations,” Section 34-58: “Zoning Map” to Change the Zoning District Designation of Block 6, Lot 1 to the “Railroad Improvement District.” Mayor Altomonte requested a motion to introduce. Councilwoman Gunn made the motion, seconded by Councilman Russell. Mayor Altomonte requested a roll call. A roll call vote was taken.

- Yes:
- Councilwoman Deana Gunn
 - Councilman Steven Russell
 - Councilwoman Stephanie Buckel
 - Councilman Brian Livesey
 - Councilwoman Melanie S. Wang
 - Councilman Charles Ross

Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 23-14
AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF MATAWAN – CHAPTER XXXIV: “DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS”, AT SECTION 34-58: “ZONING MAP” TO CHANGE THE ZONING DISTRICT DESIGNATION OF BLOCK 6, LOT 1 TO THE “RAILROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT”

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WHEREAS, the Borough of Matawan (the "Borough") is empowered by the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law to establish certain zoning districts within the Borough and comprehensive development regulations attendant thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has worked for many years to foster the redevelopment and improvement of the area surrounding its train station, as well as adjacent properties leading to the Borough's downtown Main Street; and

WHEREAS, the Borough finds that the redesignation of 58 Main Street, identified on the Tax Map of the Borough as Block 6, Lot 1, to the Railroad Improvement District will help advance the Borough's goals in improving the area surrounding its train station.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Matawan as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 34-58: "Zoning Map" of Chapter 34: "Development Regulations" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Matawan is hereby amended as follows (~~stricken text~~ indicates deletions, underlined text indicates additions):

§ 34-58 ZONING MAP.

- a. *The boundaries of all zone districts set forth in this chapter shall be shown on a map bearing date of adoption. The map shall be filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and shall hereafter be the Official Zoning Map of the Borough. Such map is hereby declared a part of this chapter and shall be duly certified by the Borough Clerk.*
- b. *Amendments to Zoning Map. The Zoning Map is amended to change the zoning district designation of new Block 120, Lot. 5.01 (formerly Block 120, Lot 5 and part of Lot 6) to "R-C Residential Cluster Multifamily."*
- c. *Amendment to Zoning Map. The Zoning Map is amended to change the zoning district designation of Block 40, Lots 6 and 7 to MUD, Mixed Use Development.*
- d. *Amendment to Zoning Map. School Free Drug Zone Map adopted by Ordinance by the Borough and re-affirmed as applicable to the within changes as well as a map of the official zoning Map of the Borough of Matawan.*
- e. *Amendment to Zoning Map. The Zoning Map is amended to change the zoning district designation of Block 6, Lot 1 to RID, Railroad Improvement District.*

SECTION 2. *If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect.*

SECTION 3. *In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Borough, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other parts, portions and provisions of The Revised General Ordinances of the Borough are ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.*

SECTION 4. *After introduction, the Borough Clerk is directed to submit a copy of the within Ordinance to the Planning Board of the Borough for its review under N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26 and N.J.S.A. 40:55D-64. The Planning Board is directed to make and transmit to the Mayor & Council, within 35 days after referral, a report including identification of any provisions in the proposed ordinance which are inconsistent with the master plan and recommendations concerning any inconsistencies and any other matter as the Board deems appropriate.*

SECTION 5. *This Ordinance shall take effect upon (1) adoption; (2) publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey; and (3) filing of the final adopted Ordinance by the Clerk with the Monmouth County Planning Board pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-16.*

The Clerk announced the public hearing is scheduled for 7:00 PM on July 18, 2023.

Mayor Altomonte read by title Resolution 23-06-22: Payment of Bills. Councilwoman Gunn made the motion, seconded by Councilman Russell. Mayor Altomonte requested a voice vote. Council agreed. Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 23-06-22
PAYMENT OF BILLS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Matawan, New Jersey. That the following numbered vouchers be paid to the persons therein respectively and hereinafter named, for the amounts set opposite their respective names, and endorsed and approved on said vouchers and that warrants be issued therefore, directed to the Borough Collector signed by the Mayor and attested by the Borough Clerk as required by law.

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<i>Current</i>	\$251,349.89
<i>Water/Sewer</i>	\$382,131.76
<i>Borough Capital</i>	\$112,176.85
<i>Water Capital</i>	\$112,176.85
<i>Grant</i>	\$242.15
<i>Borough Trust</i>	\$38,916.65
<i>Dog Tax Trust</i>	\$20.40
<i>Recreation Trust</i>	\$1,381.00
Total	\$786,217.70

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the following Borough of Matawan Departments: Finance.

Privilege of the Floor

Mayor Altomonte opened the Privilege of the Floor.

Carmine Rivera, Owner of Original Scarlet Reserve, Route 34, Matawan. Ms. Rivera stated she received planning and zoning approval and asks for the Borough's guidance on obtaining a Resolution approving the proposed new location. Mr. Menna asked Ms. Rivera if she filed an application with the Borough Clerk. She replied, yes, adding she does not wish to engage an attorney due to the cost, and the Borough gives the impression of not wanting her to open a cannabis business. Mr. Menna related the Borough cannabis application process stating her application is in review by Special Counsel. Once complete, a Borough Resolution can be considered. Ms. Rivera expressed concern over the extent of time the Borough's consideration of her original application which was denied as well as the current application for a new location. Mr. Menna answered, Counsel elected not to adopt a Resolution of support for the original application with said Resolution stating the reason for that denial. The law provides avenue of appeal in Superior Court. Your new application has just been filed with the Clerk, the Special Counsel will advise the Mayor and Council with a public decision to follow. Mr. Menna will speak with Special Counsel on the application's status.

Mayor Altomonte requested a motion to close the Privilege of the Floor. Councilwoman Gunn made the motion, seconded by Councilman Russell. Council agreed. Motion passed.

Mayor Altomonte requested a motion to Adjourn. Councilwoman Gunn made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Buckel. Council agreed. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Karen Wynne

Karen Wynne, RMC
Municipal Clerk