## FAIR HAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA MARCH 23, 2020, 7:00 P.M.

- 1. Call to Order: pm
- 2. Salute to the Flag:
- 3. Moment of Meditation:
- 4. Sunshine Law Notice:
- 5. Roll Call: Councilmembers Banahan McCue

Chrisner-Keefe Rodriguez Koch Sorensen

- 6. Proclamation -Autism Awareness Month (April)
- 7. Workshop Session -Coronavirus Update
- 8. Public Comment on Agenda Items

#### 9. Approval of Minutes -March 9, 2020 Regular Meeting

-March 9, 2020 Executive Session

# 10. New Business

<u>Council Committee Reports</u> Finance - Councilman Banahan Personnel - Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe Planning &Zoning - Councilwoman Koch Police, Fire & OEM - Councilman McCue Engineering, DPW and Borough Facilities - Councilman Rodriguez Parks and Recreation and Communications - Councilwoman Sorensen

# Consent AgendaResolutions2020-76Payment of Vouchers2020-77Oppose the Northeast Supply Enhancement Project, Request the NJDEP Extend<br/>Public Comment and Conduct a Public Hearing in the Bayshore Area2020-78Approve Interlocal Service Agreement with the County of Monmouth for Dispatch<br/>Services2020-79Appoint Rick Robbins as part-time employee - Custodial Assistance

# Department Reports <u>February 2020</u>

-Municipal Court -Tax Collector

- **11.** Good of the Borough Please identify yourself by clearly stating your name and address for the record (*Please observe a time limit of three minutes*)
- 12. Adjournment

# PROCEDURE FOR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Fair Haven Borough Council and the Mayor welcome comments, suggestions and inquiries from residents of Fair Haven. To that end, provision is made for a public discussion period at each meeting. It is listed as:

"Public Discussion" – near the end of the meeting where any topic may be addressed.

You must wait to be recognized by the Mayor. **IDENTIFY YOURSELF BY CLEARLY STATING YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD.** Limit your comments to three (3) minutes. Once a particular topic has been addressed by a member of the public, he/she will not be recognized to talk again on the same topic until all others have been heard a first time.

If you wish to reserve time to speak in advance, you may address your request to Allyson Cinquegrana at 732-747-0241 extension \*221, by noon on the Friday preceding the meeting.

# You will <u>NOT</u> be recognized, <u>NOR SHOULD YOU COMMENT OR CARRY ON A DEBATE OR</u> <u>DIALOGUE WHILE BUSINESS OF THE BOROUGH IS BEING ADDRESSED BY MAYOR AND</u> <u>COUNCIL.</u>

Motion by:

Second by:

AFFIRMATIVE: NEGATIVE: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-76** 

# TITLE: PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Fair Haven that the vouchers listed for payment on the March 23, 2020 agenda are hereby approved and the Finance Department is hereby authorized to release payment to the various vendors.

TOTAL	\$ 187,923.02
OTHER TRUST	\$ 8,237.10
2020 CURRENT ACCOUNT	\$ 167,377.47
2019 CURRENT ACCOUNT	\$ 12,308.45

Motion by:

Second by:

# AFFIRMATIVE: NEGATIVE: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-77** 

#### TITLE: OPPOSE THE NORTHEAST SUPPLY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT, AND REQUEST THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO EXTEND THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, AND CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE BAYSHORE AREA

**WHEREAS**, Williams-Transco is proposing to build a 23.4 mile methane gas pipeline through the Raritan Bay, Lower New York Bay, and Atlantic Ocean from Old Bridge, New Jersey to Rockaway, New York; called the Northeast Supply Enhancement Project; and,

**WHEREAS**, the alleged purpose of the proposed project is to transport 400 million cubic feet of methane gas, extracted through the environmentally destructive process of hydraulic fracturing, from the Marcellus Shale to New York thereby significantly contributing to climate change; and,

**WHEREAS**, on January 21, 2020 Williams-Transco submitted a new application for the proposed project to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, which marks the fourth time the applicant has sought approval by the Department for the project; and,

**WHEREAS**, the project will in no way serve the interests of the State of New Jersey, or its residents, and will only supply climate-altering-methane-gas to Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island New York; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Williams/NESE pipeline will have severe negative impacts to the Raritan and Lower New York Bays, such as disruption of roughly 14,165 acres of the seabed of the Raritan Bay, the discharge of 690,000 gallons of drilling fluid and chemicals into the bay, the re-suspending over 1,090,000 tons of toxic muck contaminated by PCBs, dioxin, lead, mercury, and arsenic, and the destruction of over 1,000 acres of benthic habitat that houses marine fish, shellfish, and larva; and,

**WHEREAS**, the project poses serious concerns related to environmental harm to marine and coastal ecosystems, as well as negative impacts to the safety, health and wellbeing of coastal communities, resulting in well documented public opposition; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Williams/NESE pipeline will endanger marine and wildlife through decreased water quality from re-suspended toxins, the sieving of over 3.5 million gallons of seawater destroying any living thing that is caught in the process, and the creation of loud sounds and powerful vibrations that accompany pipeline development which will impact migration patterns, communication systems and other important biological processes; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Williams/NESE pipeline will adversely impact industries important to the New Jersey communities, disturb commercial and recreational fishing and shell fishing activities, and potentially damage the tourism industry; and,

**WHEREAS**, on June 5, 2019, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection denied Williams-Transco's application for the development of the pipeline based, in part, on the significant impacts to the water quality and ecosystem of the Raritan and Lower New York Bay; and,

**WHEREAS**, Williams-Transco is seeking to dump over 735,000 cubic yards of contaminated dredged material produced from the construction of the NESE pipeline off the coast of New Jersey at the Historic Area Remediation Site which was designed to remediate the former Mud Dump Site; and,

**WHEREAS**, the ocean disposal of the contaminated material would harm the marine environment by leaving the contaminated sediment exposed and subject to bioaccumulation in the food chain, and would utilize the limited remaining capacity at the Historic Area Remediation Site which must be preserved for needed maintenance dredging for navigational projects; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Williams/NESE pipeline will have significant upstream environmental impacts that will directly harm the Raritan Bay, such as negatively affecting 41 acres of wetlands, including approximately 20 acres of forested wetland; and,

**WHEREAS**, the NESE project also calls for the construction of a new methane-gas-powered compressor station in Franklin Township, called Compressor Station 206 which will emit known harmful air pollutants such as Carbon Monoxide, Particulate Matter 2.5, Nitrogen Oxides, Sulfur Dioxide, Volatile Organic Compounds, and Formaldehyde;

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey has never achieved federal air quality standards for ground-level ozone, which is a pollutant that is unhealthy for children, the elderly and those with respiratory ailments, and the construction of the proposed Compressor Station 206 will further reduce air quality by increasing ground-level ozone; and,

**WHEREAS**, the American Lung Association's 2019 "State of the Air" report gave Monmouth County an F for the second consecutive year for ozone pollution, and notes that ozone can cause respiratory problems, including worsening of asthma and other respiratory diseases, and cardiovascular effects, including cardiac arrhythmia, heart attacks, and stroke; and,

**WHEREAS**, despite being directly affected by the proposed Williams/NESE pipeline, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has failed to conduct a public hearing in the coastal communities on the proposed project during any of the previous three permit evaluations; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Williams/NESE pipeline will increase dependency on fossil fuels, thereby contributing significantly to climate change through increased carbon dioxide and methane emissions; and,

**WHEREAS**, the companies Williams and associate Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company (Transco) demonstrate a history of mismanaged facilities that resulted in explosions and fires, and do not show results of pipeline tests to governing bodies in any municipalities through which the existing pipeline runs; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that on this date, March 23, 2020, the Borough of Fair Haven hereby strongly opposes the construction and installation of a 23.4-mile methane gas pipeline through Raritan Bay from Old Bridge, New Jersey, to Rockaway, New York. Construction of the pipeline will negatively

impact the health of Monmouth County residents, coastal ecosystems, marine life, benthic habitats, and coastal communities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Fair Haven urges the company Williams-Transco to eliminate any further consideration for a pipeline.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Fair Haven urges the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to deny any permit application for the project and any other pipeline, and urges its representatives of the New Jersey Legislature, United States Congress and United States Senate, as well as the Governor of New Jersey to oppose this pipeline and the current applications pending at the state and federal level.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Borough of Fair Haven urges the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to extend the public comment period for the pending applications related to the proposed NESE Project by sixty days as to allow for increased public engagement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Fair Haven urges the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to conduct a public hearing on the proposed NESE Project in the Monmouth County Bayshore area to allow for the residents, whom will be directly adversely affected by the proposed pipeline, to voice their opinions on the applications.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution be certified and forwarded to New Jersey Governor Philip D. Murphy, Commissioner Catherine R. McCabe of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Joslin Tamagno, Environmental Supervisor of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Division of Land Use Regulation, Senator Declan O'Scanlon and Assemblypersons Sereno DiMaso and Gerry Scharfenberger.

Motion by:

Second by:

# AFFIRMATIVE: NEGATIVE: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-78** 

# TITLE: AUTHORIZE INTERLOCAL SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR DISPATCH COMMUNICATION SERVICES WITH THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

**WHEREAS**, the "Shared Services and Consolidation Act" at N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. (The "Act") allows a local unit to enter into an agreement with any other local unit or units to provide or receive any service that each local unit participating in the agreement is empowered to provide or receive within its own jurisdiction, including services incidental to the primary purposes of any of the participating local units; and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough of Fair Haven and the County of Monmouth desire to share facilities, equipment and staff in order to converse resources and to provide for a more efficient and more economically sound local dispatch service for police, fire and emergency medical services; and

**WHEREAS,** Monmouth County has agreed to allow Fair Haven to continue to utilize Monmouth County's local dispatch facilities retroactive to January 1, 2020 in accordance with the terms of an Agreement to Share Local Dispatch Services to be entered into by each party.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** with the foregoing incorporated herein by this reference and in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

1. Fair Haven shall enter into a Shared Service Agreement for Dispatch Communication Services with the County of Monmouth commencing on January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022.

2. Fair Haven will pay \$62,813.00 per year to Monmouth County for the year 2020 with at 1.5% increase for the year 2021 and a 1% increase for 2022 in accordance with said agreement.

3. The Mayor shall be and is hereby authorized to execute the Shared Service Agreement for Dispatch Communications Services on behalf of the Borough of Fair Haven, attached as Exhibit A.

Motion by:

Second by:

AFFIRMATIVE: NEGATIVE: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-79** 

### TITLE: HIRE A PART-TIME CUSTODIAL ASSISTANT FOR CLEANING BOROUGH HALL AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – RICK ROBBINS

WHEREAS, due to the Coronavirus pandemic, it has been determined that additional custodial services are required to deep clean the Borough Hall and Police Department, by sterilizing touch points on a daily basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator and Chief of Police recommend that this position be filled by Rick Robbins.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that Rick Robbins, 127 Park Road, Fair Haven, is hereby appointed as a part-time Custodial Assistant at an hourly rate of \$18.00 per hour retroactive to March 13, 2020.