CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Raffay called the June 2, 2025, meeting of the Green Township Committee to order at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADEQUATE NOTICE: Mr. Zschack read the statement of adequate notice.

ROLL CALL: Present: James DeYoung, Bader Qarmout, Margaret "Peg" Phillips, Michael Rose, and Mayor Virginia "Ginnie" Raffay

Also present: Mark Zschack, Township Clerk; Ursula Leo, Township Attorney; and Patty DeClesis, Deputy Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Raffay requested a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion: Rose

Seconded: DeYoung Discussion: None All were in favor.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #1 (Open to the public for any questions or comments concerning items on the agenda for which no public discussion is provided). Mayor Raffay opened the meeting for public comments. There being no public comments offered, Mayor Raffay closed Open Public Session #1.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO THE CLEAN COMMUNITIES DAY PARTICIPANTS - Mayor Raffay and Deputy Mayor Rose presented the certificates to the participating Clean Communities groups that were in attendance. Mayor Raffay thanked the participants.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. RESOLUTIONS: None
- 2. CORRESPONDENCE: (Acceptance for Filing of the Following)
 - a. Township of Byram Land Use Board Notice of Public Hearing on Adoption of Amendment to the 2025 Master Plan
 - **b.** Township of Andover Land Use Board Notice of Public Hearing on Adoption of Affordable Housing Plan Entitled "Andover Township Housing Element and Fair Share Plan"
- 3. REPORTS: (Acceptance for Filing of the Following)
 - a. Land Use Board Minutes April 10, 2025

Qarmout motioned to move Consent Agenda

Seconded: DeYoung Discussion: None

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: DeYoung, Phillips, Qarmout, Rose, Mayor Raffay

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

DISCUSSIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Public Hearing Ordinance 2025-05 - Capital Ordinance for Improvements to the Walking Path Located in EverGreen Park, by the Township of Green in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, Appropriating the Total of \$103,575.00 of Which \$22,575.00 is from the General Capital-Capital Improvement Fund, and \$81,000.00 from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Local Recreation Improvement Grant

Mayor Raffay opened the meeting for public comments.

There being no public comments offered, Phillips motioned to close Public Hearing adopt the ordinance.

Seconded: Qarmout Discussion: None Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: DeYoung, Phillips, Qarmout, Rose, Mayor Raffay

Nays: None Abstentions: None Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Resolution 2025-96 - Bills List (05/15/2025 to 05/28/2025)

Motion: Rose

Seconded: Qarmout Discussion: None Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: DeYoung, Phillips, Qarmout, Rose, Mayor Raffay

Navs: None

Abstentions: None Absent: None

b. Resolution 2025-97 - Rescind Petty Cash Fund

Motion: Phillips Seconded: Rose

Discussion: The Township Clerk noted that this is required to remove one petty cash fund.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: DeYoung, Phillips, Qarmout, Rose, Mayor Raffay

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

c. Resolution 2025-98 - Change in Custodian of Petty Cash Fund

Motion: Rose

Seconded: Qarmout

Discussion: The Township Clerk explained the reason is due to a name change.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: DeYoung, Phillips, Qarmout, Rose, Mayor Raffay

Nays: None

Abstentions: None Absent: None

d. Resolution 2025-105 - Approval to Submit a Local Recreation Improvement Grant Application to New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

Motion: Qarmout Seconded: DeYoung

Discussion: The Township Clerk explained that one word needed to be revised on the previous

resolution.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: DeYoung, Phillips, Qarmout, Rose, Mayor Raffay

Navs: None

Abstentions: None Absent: None

e. Minutes ready for approval - May 19, 2025, regular meeting and executive session

Motion: Rose

Seconded: DeYoung Discussion: None Upon roll call vote: All were in favor.

MATTERS FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK: The Township Clerk provided the following matters:

Lou Caruso Award - This year's winner has been chosen and will be announced at the Green Hills School graduation.

Green Township Day - Green Township Day is scheduled, rain or shine, for this Saturday, June 7th noon to 4:00 p.m.

Trinca Cell Tower RFP - We are finalizing the RFP for the construction of a cell tower at the former Trinca Airport site. We are working on determining the minimum bid amount.

Hunts Road Embankment Improvements - On May 27th the Township received approval from NJDEP for the Freshwater Wetlands General Permit to install a retaining wall along Hunts Road. The RFP is being prepared with a proposed opening date of July 15, 2025.

Natural Gas Expansion - Last week the Superintendent of Public Works and I were informed that there was a catch-basin collapse in the work zone and a water valve leak. We performed a site visit and determined that the work performed did not cause the collapse. The DPW will repair it once the

installation moves from this area. We recommended the contractor contact Aqua New Jersey concerning the water leak.

Clean Communities Grant - The Township received a check for \$16,134.34 in 2025 Clean Communities Grant Funds. This amount represents an approximate 22% increase in the grant amount since 2021. Kudos goes to the Clean Communities Coordinator for submission of the grant application.

County Connector Trail Kiosk - The kiosk located at the intersection of the EverGreen Trail and County Connector Trail was destroyed by a fallen tree. We will evaluate the condition and formulate a plan for repair.

Coin Toss Request - A request to prepare the traffic plan for the scheduled coin toss was received from the Green Fire Department. Tom Knutulsky, the Township Engineer, has informed us that Harold Pellow and Associates do create such plans for fire departments at no cost. I contacted the Risk Manager concerning liability. His response: The reason for having the Engineer create the traffic plan is they have design immunity when following accepted practices. In this case they would be following the MUTCD (Manual of Uniform Traffic Control). You have far less (if any) exposure if the engineer prepares the plan and would have far more exposure if a member of the Fire Department prepared it themselves. We will move forward with preparation of the plan.

MATTERS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY:

Qarmout wished everyone a great, successful Green Township Day.

Phillips provided no report. DeYoung provided no report. Rose provided no report.

Mayor Raffay stated that she attended the Eagle Scout induction ceremony for the scout that constructed the kiosk in the cemetery. It was an amazing event. The young man is so very well respected.

Mayor Raffay commented that residents are wondering if brush clean-up is happening. The Township Clerk responded that brush pickup is in progress. There were many rain delays. Anyone can call the Municipal Building for an update on the roads that have been canvassed. Phillips suggested an update on the website that brush pickup is ongoing would be helpful.

Mayor Raffay commented that the advertising signage at Wesley Field looks great, makes it look like a nice hometown.

Mayor Raffay commented that there have been many bear sightings lately and to be mindful of garbage cans.

Mayor Raffay encouraged everyone to vote on Primary Election Day, June 10th.

MATTERS FROM THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY: The Township Attorney added for Executive Session Attorney-Client Advice for the Seniors Club.

MATTERS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Not in attendance.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #2: Mayor Raffay opened the meeting for public comments. Scott Bozzone asked if there is a Stone Meadows bond. The Township Clerk responded that one was previously taken care of, he will look further if there is a second one. Scott asked if the bond is earmarked for improvements for the sign. The Township Clerk stated that it may be related to paving.

There being no further public comments offered, Mayor Raffay closed Open Public Session #2.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Resolution ES2025-10

- Purchase of Real Property Sussex Habitat for Humanity
- Attorney-Client Advice Seniors Citizens Club

Mayor Raffay stated that action is not anticipated to be taken when the Committee returns to the Open Public Session.

Phillips motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:20 pm

Seconded: DeYoung Discussion: None Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: DeYoung, Phillips, Qarmout, Rose, Mayor Raffay

Nays: None

Abstentions: None Absent: None

The Committee returned to Open Public Session at 7:49 p.m.

DeYoung motioned to close Executive Session and open Public Session.

Seconded: Phillips Discussion: None All were in favor.

Mayor Raffay noted the next Township Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 16, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Rose motioned to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Seconded: DeYoung Discussion: None All were in favor.

*ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES ARE ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THESE MINUTES

Mark Zschack, RMC Township Clerk

Date Approved: June 16, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-05 TOWNSHIP OF GREEN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

CAPITAL ORDINANCE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WALKING PATH LOCATED IN EVERGREEN PARK, BY THE TOWNSHIP OF GREEN IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL OF \$103,575.00, OF WHICH \$22,575.00 IS FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL-CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, AND \$81,000.00 FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GREEN, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvements to the walking path located in EverGreen Park, is hereby authorized as general improvements to be made or acquired by the Township of Green, New Jersey. For the said improvements or purposes stated in said Section 2, there is hereby appropriated the total sum of \$103,575.00; with \$22,575.00 from monies available in the General Capital – Capital Improvement Fund, and \$81,000.00 in funding being provided by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Local Recreation Improvement Grant.

Section 2. The improvements hereby authorized and the purpose for which said appropriation is made are for the improvement of the walking path located in EverGreen Park, in the Township of Green.

Section 3. The capital budget or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget or temporary capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services are on file with the Township Clerk and are available for public inspection.

- Section 4. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited, and stated:
- (a) The said purposes described in Section 2 of the capital ordinance are capital expenses and are each a property or improvement which the Township may lawfully acquire or make as a general

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-05 TOWNSHIP OF GREEN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX

improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specifically assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of said purposes within the limitations of said Local bond Law and taking into consideration the respective amounts of the said obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed by this capital ordinance, is fifteen (15) years.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect after publication after final adoption, as provided by law.

NOTICE

The above-entitled Ordinance was introduced and passed at first reading by the Green Township Committee at a meeting held on May 19, 2025, and after publication and a public hearing was finally adopted by the Green Township Committee at a meeting held on June 2, 2025.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF GREEN, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX

Mark Zschack, RMC, Township Clerk

Virginia Raffay, Mayor

Record of Vote - Introduction:

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
DeYoung			√			
Phillips	$\sqrt{}$		√			
Qarmout			\checkmark			
Rose			\checkmark			
Mayor Raffay			\checkmark			

Record of Vote - Adoption:

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
DeYoung			V			
Phillips	V		$\sqrt{}$			
Qarmout		√	$\sqrt{}$			
Rose			$\sqrt{}$			
Mayor Raffay			$\underline{\checkmark}$			

INTRODUCED: May 19, 2025
ADOPTED: June 2, 2025
ADVERTISED: May 23, 2025
ADVERTISED: June 6, 2025

RESOLUTION 2025-96 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE - TOWNSHIP OF GREEN COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NJ

BILLS LIST (05/15/2025 to 05/28/2025)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GREEN IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY that the List of Bills dated from 05/15/2025 to 05/28/2025 attached to and made a part of this Resolution is hereby accepted and approved for payment.

DATED: June 2, 2025

I, Mark Zschack, Township Clerk of the Township of Green, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee at a regular meeting held on June 2, 2025.

Mark Zschack, RMC, Township Clerk

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
DeYoung			V			
Phillips			V			
Qarmout			V			
Rose	√		1			
Mayor Raffay			V			

BILLS LIST TOTALS

Township of Green

List of Bills - CLEARING ACCOUNT (FUND 01 02 04 12 19) Meeting Date: 06/02/2025 For bills from 05/15/2025 to 05/28/2025

	Meeting Date: 06/02/20)25 F0	r bills from 05/15/2025 to 05/26/2025		
(v# Vendor	Descri	ption	Payment	Check Total
1352	21 167 - Allamuchy-Green First Aid Squad	PO 17101	2025 Budget	22,500.00	22,500.00
135	-		2025 Clean Communities Program	400.00	
1352			Clean Communities Day 2025	249.60	249.60
135	24 2107 - Art Sink	PO 17019	Face Painter for Green Twp Day 2025	690.00	690.00
1352	25 14 - Blue Diamond Disposal, Inc.	PO 16834	2025 Waste & Recycling Collection	30,000.00	30,000.00
135	26 2068 - Central Jersey Equipment LLC	PO 16935	2025 Vehicle & Equipment Parts & Repair	425.41	
1352	27 1763 - Colleen McLean	PO 16600		35.66	
			Reimbursement for Cany Purchased for Mov	63.53	
1352	The Description of the Control of th		Signs & Posts 2025	986.30	
1352			Field treatment	3,490.00 400.00	(5)
135			Clean Communities Program 2025 Clean Communities Program 2025	400.00	
1353 1353			Clean Communities Program 2025	400.00	
135			Clean Communities Day 2025	400.00	
135			2025 Clean Communities Program	400.00	
135			Clean Communities Program 2025	400.00	
135			2025 Budget	90,000.00	
155.	of the state of th		2025 Clean Communities Program	400.00	
135	37 528 - Griffith-Allied Trucking LLC	PO 16940		1,246.57	A NO. 16 ACC 160000
135	4. A promotion of the p		2025 Vehicle Repair	495.00	
135	Control of the contro		Clean Communities Program 2025	400.00	
135			Clean Communities Program 2025	400.00	400.00
135			RECYCLING SERVICES 2024	314.50	314.50
135		PO 16881	Hardware, Small Tools & Supplies	147.61	147.61
135		PO 17086		300.00	300.00
135	1889 - Newton Braves Youth Football Cheerl	PO 17088	Clean Communities Day 2025	400.00	400.00
135	15 177 - RoNetco Supermarkets Inc.	PO 17105	Refreshments for Clean Communities Day 2	372.68	372.68
135	16 1210 - SK Paper Shred Inc.	PO 17002	Paper Shredding Service for Clean Commun	1,200.00	1,200.00
5-	17 123 - Staples Advantage	PO 17120	Office Supplies for May 2025	368.85	368.85
_35	18 2290 - Taylor Oil Company	PO 16941	Diesel Delivery 2025	1,618.41	1,618.41
135	19 2154 - The Weekend Bag Program Inc.	PO 17107	2025 Clean Communities Program	400.00	400.00
135	50 1400 - Tranquility United Methodist Church		Clean Communities Program 2025	400.00	
135	2078 - UniFirst Corporation	PO 16863	Uniform Rentals 2025	163.39	
135	52 105 - W.E. Timmerman Equipment Co., Inc.		Vehicle Repair 2025	586.65	
135	172 - Western Hills Christian Church	PO 17093	Clean Communities Program 2025	400.00	400.00
	TOTAL				160,854.16
Total	to be paid from Fund 01 CURRENT FUND	153	3,117.38		
	to be paid from Fund 02 FEDERAL & STATE GRANTS	7	7,736.78		
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		160),854.16		
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				97,864.73	
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	Fund 02 FEDERAL & STATE GRANTS	100	7,736.78 7,736.78		
	rund of teneral a state grants		1,130.10		

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RESOLUTION 2025-97 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE - TOWNSHIP OF GREEN SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESCIND PETTY CASH FUND

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township of Green, County of Sussex that the petty cash fund for the Administrative Petty Cash account be rescinded.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Green, County of Sussex hereby authorizes such action and that two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

DATED: June 2, 2025

I, Mark Zschack, Township Clerk of the Township of Green, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee at a regular meeting held on June 2, 2025.

Mark Zschack, RMC, Township Clerk

cc: Linda Di Lorenzo, CFO

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
DeYoung						
Phillips	√		$\sqrt{}$			
Qarmout			$\sqrt{}$			
Rose		$\sqrt{}$	\checkmark			
Mayor Raffay			$\sqrt{}$			

RESOLUTION 2025-98 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE - TOWNSHIP OF GREEN SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

CHANGE IN CUSTODIAN OF PETTY CASH FUND

WHEREAS, Linda Padula was custodian of the Petty Cash Fund, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:5-21, the Township of Green is changing custodians to Linda DiLorenzo; and

WHEREAS, Linda DiLorenzo is bonded under the blanket amount of \$1,000,000.00 by virtue of a surety bond.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Green, County of Sussex hereby authorizes such action and that two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

DATED: June 2, 2025

I, Mark Zschack, Township Clerk of the Township of Green, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee at a regular meeting held on June 2, 2025.

Mark Zschack, RMC, Township Clerk

cc: Linda DiLorenzo, CFO

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
DeYoung			1			
Phillips						
Qarmout		√	V			
Rose	1		1			
Mayor Raffay			V			

RESOLUTION 2025-105 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE – TOWNSHIP OF GREEN SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT APPLICATION TO NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (NJDCA)

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs has announced an opportunity to apply for a Local Recreation Improvement Grant to fund improvements to recreational facilities, provide quality outdoor recreational space and assist local units in achieving unmet recreational obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Advisory Committee recommends the grant application submission in the amount not to exceed \$100,000 to pay for improvements and expansion to the existing asphalt walking trail located in EverGreen Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Township Committee of the Township of Green, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey formally approves the grant application submittal to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign and submit the grant application on behalf of Green Township and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement.

DATED: June 02, 2025

I, Mark Zschack, Township Clerk of the Township of Green, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee at a regular meeting held on June 02, 2025.

Mark Zschack RMC, Township Clerk

cc: Gwen Santos, Grant Manager Linda Di Lorenzo, CFO

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
DeYoung		√	\checkmark			
Phillips			\checkmark			
Qarmout	√		$\overline{}$			
Rose			\checkmark			
Mayor Raffay			1			

RESOLUTION ES2025-10 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE - TOWNSHIP OF GREEN COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NJ

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975 (N.J.S.A. 10:13-12) permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 requires the adoption of a resolution prior to the Township Committee going into Closed Session stating the general nature of the subject matter to be discussed and generally the time and circumstances under which the discussion conducted in Closed Session can be disclosed to the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Green, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1.	The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon and hereinafter specified subject matter(s)
2.	The general nature of the subject matter(s) to be discussed is as follows:
	Personnel Contract Negotiation X Real Property
	Public SafetyLitigation/Potential LitigationX Attorney-Client
3.	It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter(s) will be made public at the conclusion of each individual specified subject matter.
4.	This resolution shall take effect immediately.
Dated:	June 2, 2025
	I, Mark Zschack, Township Clerk of the Township of Green, County of Sussex, State of New do hereby certify the foregoing resolution to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by with the committee at a meeting held on June 2, 2025.
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Record of Vote

Mark Zschack, RMC, Township Clerk

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
DeYoung		√	V			
Phillips	√		√			
Qarmout			\checkmark			
Rose			\checkmark			
Mayor Raffay			V			