

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE TOWNSHIP OF WAYNE

AND

NEW JERSEY COUNCIL 63, LOCAL 2274, AMERICAN

FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO

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AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made this day of
by and between the TOWNSHIP OF WAYNE, hereinafter referred to as
"Employer" and LOCAL NO. 2274, COUNCIL NO. 63, AFSCME, NEW JERSEY
COUNCIL 63 AFL-CIO, hereafter referred to as the "Union", which has
as its purpose the promotion of harmonious relations between the
Employer and the Union, the establishment of an equitable and
peaceful procedure for the resolution of differences, and the
establishment of rates of pay, hours of work, and other conditions
of employment, mutually agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITION OF TERMS

The term "Employer" refers to the Township of Wayne, a
Municipal employer as defined in public Employees Statutes of New
Jersey.

The term "Employee" shall include all blue collar workers.

The term "Union" shall refer to Local No. 2274, Council No.
63, AFSCME, AFL-CIO.

The term "Administration" shall be construed to mean the
Office of Business Administrator and/or the Office of the Mayor.

The term "Emergency" is hereby defined as that period of time
when the health, safety and general welfare of the public is in
jeopardy and may be designated by the Administration or Department

heads in order to achieve more effective operations.

ARTICLE II

RECOGNITION

A. UNION RECOGNITION

The Employer recognizes the Union as the bargaining agent for the Blue Collar Workers referred to by title in Schedule A of the Agreement and employed in all divisions of the Department of Public Works and the Department of Parks and Recreation for the purpose of establishing salaries, wages, hours, and other conditions of employment and for such additional classifications as the parties may later agree to include. Included are all full-time permanent, and probationary employees.

A listing of all titles represented by the bargaining unit, showing the grade and pay for each title, shall be appended to this agreement and shall become part of the agreement.

B. EMPLOYER

The Union recognizes that the Employer is a public benefit corporation, that it was created and exists by virtue of statutory enactments, that it is in the nature of a political subdivision and that its operations are for the public benefit. By reason thereof, the Union acknowledges that the power of the Employer to enter into this Agreement or any of the provisions hereof is or may be subject to legal limitations and in the event all or any part of this

Agreement contravenes any statutory or legal requirements or exceeds the lawful powers of the Employer, then to the extent of such contravention, this Agreement or such of its provisions as are legally objectionable shall be null and void. The parties mutually agree that the nullity of any provisions shall not void the remainder of this Agreement, provided, however, that such provisions can be severed from the Agreement without substantially affecting the whole thereof.

ARTICLE III

RIGHTS

SECTION 1 - EMPLOYEES RIGHTS

To ensure that individual rights of employees in the Bargaining Unit are not violated, the following shall represent the Employees Bill of Rights.

- A. An employee shall be entitled to Union representation at each and every step of the grievance procedure set forth in this Agreement.
- B. An employee shall be entitled to Union representation at each stage of a disciplinary proceeding in the Union contract.
- C. No employee shall be required by the Employer to submit to an interrogation after charges have been served unless he or she is afforded the opportunity of having a Union representative present.

- D. No recording devices of any kind shall be used during such interrogation unless the Union is made aware of the fact prior to such interrogation.
- E. In a disciplinary hearing, the employee shall be presumed innocent until proven guilty.
- F. An employee shall not be coerced or intimidated or suffer any reprisals either directly or indirectly that may adversely affect his or her hours, wages or working conditions as the result of the exercise of his or her rights under this Agreement.

G. **PERSONNEL FILES**

- 1. The official personnel files located in the Personnel Office are the only official files.
- 2. All employees shall have access to their own official personnel file during working hours.
- 3. All documents contained in this official file shall be sequentially numbered and upon examination of said documents, each document shall be initialed by employees concerned.
- 4. The signature affixed to any document does not indicate in any way the employee agrees with the contents of this file. This signature is affixed to show only that this file has been reviewed in accordance with the contractual agreement between the Township and Union. The employee shall have the right to respond in writing to any document in the file. Such response

shall become part of the personnel file. The Employee reserves the right to grieve any material in this file dating from January 1, 1982 either in total or in part.

5. A copy of subsequent documents placed in the personnel file shall be given to the employee.
6. After a three (3) year period from the issuance of a warning/disciplinary action the warning/disciplinary action may, upon written request of the employee, be removed from the employee's personnel file provided that no further warnings/disciplinary actions of any kind have been issued to the employee during the three (3) year period.

SECTION 2 - EMPLOYER RIGHTS

It is agreed that the Employer retains the right to direct employees, to hire, promote, transfer, assign and retain employees within the occupations covered by this Agreement, and to suspend, demote, discharge or take other disciplinary action against employees for just cause, to relieve employees from duties because of lack of work or funds or for other legitimate reasons, to maintain the efficiency of the operations entrusted to them, to determine the methods, means and personnel by which such operations are to be conducted, including subcontracting, if deemed necessary, and to take whatever action may be necessary to carry out the mission of the Employer. In situations of emergency, as determined by Employer, such rights shall not be exercised in violation of

other sections of this Agreement. The Union hereby acknowledges that the municipality, being a public agency, is free to use union or non-union subcontractors without interference from the Union, its officers or its members.

a. Work Rules

The Employer may establish reasonable and necessary rules of work and conduct for employees. Such rules will be equitably applied and enforced.

b. Contracting and Subcontracting

The Employer shall have the right, at its discretion, to apportion work by subcontract to others, as it may see fit, in order that the services to be performed by the Employer may be carried out for the benefit of the public, which determination shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.

c. New Titles

The Township may establish the initial salary for new titles or classifications and in the event the parties to this Agreement agree that such titles or classifications are to be covered under this Agreement, the Union may then negotiate for employees in such titles or classifications in accordance with the provisions of this section. In the event the parties do not agree that such new titles or classifications are to be covered by this agreement, the matter will be determined by the Public Employment Relations Commission.

1. In the event that the Township establishes a new

bargaining unit job title or classification, or changes the duties as described in the generic job description of an existing job title or classification, the Union shall be notified, in writing, of the proposed action. Such notice shall be provided prior to implementation date of the new title or classification, except in case of an emergency. The notice shall contain the new job description and/or the changed generic job description, and the proposed grade range.

2. If requested by the Union within fifteen (15) days of said notification, the Township and the Union shall negotiate the grade range assigned, subject to the Public Employment Relations Commission rules and law governing negotiations.

3. Should the parties fail to agree on an appropriate salary range for the new or changed job prior to implementation of the title or classification, the Township retains the right to set the initial grade range while continuing negotiations on the subject.

4. In the event the parties disagree as to whether a new or changed job should be placed in the bargaining unit, the parties retain their rights to pursue settlement of the dispute through procedures established by PERC, or through the contractual grievance procedure, as appropriate.

d. The Township shall comply with the New Jersey Workplace Democracy Enhancement Act.

ARTICLE IV

DUES AND FEES

A. The Employer agrees to deduct the Union monthly membership dues from the pay of those employees who individually request, in writing, that such deductions be made. The amounts to be deducted shall be certified to the Employer by the Treasurer of the Union and the aggregated deductions of all employees shall be remitted to the Treasurer of the Union, together with the list of the names of all employees for whom the deductions were made by the tenth (10th) day of the succeeding month after such deductions are made. This authorization shall be irrevocable during the term of this agreement, or as may otherwise be provided in applicable statutes.

B. Dues deduction for any employee in the bargaining unit shall be limited to AFSCME, the majority representative and employees shall be eligible to withdraw such authorization only as of July 1 of each year provided the notice of withdrawal has been filed timely.

C. People

The Township agrees to deduct from the wages of all bargaining unit members a deduction for Public Employees Organizing for political and Legislative Equality ("P.E.O.P.L.E.") as provided for in a written authorization. Such authorization must be executed by the employee and may be revoked at any time by giving written

notice to both the Township and the Union. The Township agrees to remit any deductions made pursuant to this provision promptly to the Union, together with an itemized statement showing the name of each employee from whose pay such deduction has been made, and the amount deducted during the period covered by the remittance.

ARTICLE V

WORK STOPPAGES

A. GENERAL STATEMENT

It is agreed that during the term of this Agreement neither the Union, its officers or members, shall instigate, call, sanction, condone or participate in any strike, slowdown, stoppage of work, boycott, picketing or willful interference with production, transportation or distribution and that there shall be no lockout of employees by the Employer.

B. UNION RESPONSIBILITY

In the event that any of the employees violate the provisions of the above paragraph, the Union shall immediately order any of its members who participate in such action back to their jobs, forward copies of such order to the Employer and use every means at its disposal to influence the employees to return to work.

C. FAILURE TO RETURN TO WORK

Any employee failing to report back to work within twenty-four (24) hours of the strike, slowdown, stoppage, boycott or picketing

or failing to cease engaging in any of the above conduct, will be subject to discipline by the Employer. Discipline may include loss of seniority or discharge.

ARTICLE VI

SALARIES, HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME

Section 1

A. SALARY AND ADJUSTMENTS

1. Employees in the Bargaining Unit shall receive the wages set forth in Pay Schedule A annexed hereto which reflect the following wage adjustment.

Effective January 1, 2023	2.0% (retroactive)
Effective January 1, 2024	2.0% (retroactive)
Effective January 1, 2025	2.5%
Effective January 1, 2026	2.5%
Effective January 1, 2027	2.0%

2. Pay Periods shall change effective January 2017 to two times per month. Pay shall be received on the 15th and last day of each month (or first prior weekday if 15th or last day falls on a weekend or holiday). A notice or reminder of such change shall be given before implementation.

3. Any member employed prior to June 19, 2007 having served or upon serving twenty (20) years (consecutively from date of hire) with the Township shall receive a one-time increase of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars to their base pay. No payments shall be retroactive back to when an existing employee first reached the twenty (20) year mark.

This benefit is forward in nature.

4. A Grade B employee shall move to a Grade C position after 15 years of service.

B. PROBATIONARY PERIOD

1. All new employees and/or those transferring into the Bargaining Unit shall be subject to a six (6) month probationary period with no further extension of probation allowed.
2. Newly hired employees who are serving their probationary period shall accrue vacation and sick/personal time allowance from date of hire but shall not be entitled to compensation for vacation and sick/personal time allowance until the successful completion of the six (6) month probationary period. However, the probationary employee shall not receive retroactive compensation for any vacation, sick/personal time used during the probationary period.
3. Probationary employees shall receive bereavement time in accordance with the Article XI, Section 5. However, an employee who voluntarily leaves his/her employment with the Township prior to completing his/her probationary period shall reimburse the Township for any costs associated with the granting of leave, including, but not limited to, reimbursement for actual time taken during the probationary period. This will be done through the process of payroll

deduction from the final pay of the employee

4. An employee who voluntarily leaves his/her employment with the Township prior to completing his/her probationary period shall reimburse to the Township all costs associated with his/her pre-employment physical.
5. Termination during the probationary period is not subject to the grievance procedure.
6. Employees shall not be eligible for transfer or promotion during the probationary or trial periods.

C. APPRENTICE GRADE

Apprentice B and C will be combined into one apprentice grade with a pay scale as shown on Schedule A of this Agreement.

All employees working in the apprentice grade will be subject to the existing six (6) month probationary period for new employees.

The apprenticeship period shall be as follows:

- 1) All new employees - 1 year from date of hire.
- 2) Employees employed by the Township for less than one year who transfer into the bargaining unit - 1 year from date of transfer.
- 3) Employees employed by the Township for 1 year or more who transfer into the bargaining unit - 6 months from date of transfer.

Termination during this probationary period is not

subject to the grievance procedure.

Upon the satisfactory completion of the apprenticeship period the employee's rate of pay will be increased to the regular starting salary of the grade in which their job title appears.

While working in the apprentice grade, employees shall receive full medical coverage for employee and dependents and will not be subject to medical insurance premium co-payment as provided in Article X, Section G until apprenticeship has ended. On the date that the apprenticeship is completed the medical insurance premium co-payment as provided in Article X, Section G will become effective.

The apprenticeship provision does not apply to employees who are promoted from one grade to a higher grade, who are recalled to their jobs following a layoff, or who are reinstated to their employment pursuant to an arbitrator's award.

Section 2

HOURS OF WORK

- A. The work week shall consist of any five (5) consecutive days.
- B. Except as otherwise provided herein, the hours of work for all employees covered by this Agreement shall be as follows:

First Shift	7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Second Shift	3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Third Shift	11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

C. Work Week

- 1. Div. of Water Pollution Control: Monday thru Friday
Wednesday thru Sunday
Saturday thru Wednesday
- 2. Recycling: Monday thru Friday
Wednesday thru Sunday
- 3. All Other Divisions Monday thru Friday

- D. The regular starting time of work shifts will not be changed without reasonable notice to the affected employees and without first having discussed such change and the need for same, with representatives of the Union, except as to such requirements as may, in the judgment of the Administration, be necessary in a period of emergency. The determination of the existence of such an emergency shall be within the full discretion of the Employer and shall not be the subject of any grievance as hereinafter set out.

- E. A ten (10) minute rest period shall be given to all personnel during both the a.m. shift and p.m. shift, normally in the middle of shift periods but subject to rescheduling as job

conditions require at the discretion of the foreman.

SECTION 3 - OVERTIME

A. Time and one-half of the employee's regular rate of pay shall be paid for authorized work under any of the following conditions:

1. Work performed prior to the employee's assigned starting time or after his/her assigned quitting time on any assigned work day to the nearest one-quarter (1/4) hour.

2. All work performed by an employee on the first (1st) day following his/her assigned five (5) day work week, exclusive of premium time, Saturday, Sundays and holidays.

B. Double time the employee's regular rate of pay shall be paid for work performed by an employee on the second (2nd) day following his/her assigned five (5) day work week.

C. Effective upon the date of signing of this contract; triple time will be paid for all work performed on holidays as set forth in this Agreement, providing:

1. The employee has worked both his/her assigned day/shift prior to, and assigned day/shift after holiday worked, or:

2. The employee has worked either his/her assigned day/shift prior to, or assigned day/shift after the

Holiday work performed, and the other prior to or after day/shift, was an approved vacation, jury duty or bereavement day (personal and sick days will not be considered).

Otherwise, treatment of the Holiday worked for pay purposes will be the same as Sunday.

- D. Employees on non-pay or unauthorized leave status the work day prior to call out for double or triple time will forfeit their call out seniority status for this call out only and will be called out last.
- E. Overtime work shall be distributed by the Shop Steward as equally as possible among employees within the same classification with their division rotation through seniority. In the event the shop steward or assistant shop steward cannot be contacted in the customary manner, the employer reserves the right to contact employees as needed. No supervisory personnel will perform work normally performed by an employee during the normal work day or work week in said employee's division, except during emergency, while training employees, or when all available employees in the division are working.
- F. No seasonal or part time employees will be called in on premium overtime until permanent employees are called first.
- G. Any employee who is requested and returns to work during periods other than his/her regularly scheduled shift shall be

paid time and one-half for such work and be guaranteed not less than four (4) hours pay regardless of the number of hours actually worked. If the employee call-in time work assignment and his regular shift overlap, he shall be paid time and one half for the first four (4) hours of work, provided he/she is not notified of the call out at least six (6) hours prior to call out reporting hour. If notified six (6) hours in advance, he/she shall be paid premium pay only for those hours worked outside his/her normal shift.

- H. In an emergency, each and every employee shall be subject to call for overtime duty. After an individual employee has been contacted on three (3) separate occasions and failed to report to work, he/she will be subject to review by the Department Head and suspension or disciplinary action as warranted.
- I. At the Water Pollution Control Plant, overtime work shall be distributed as equally as possible among qualified personnel by rotation.
- J. Treatment Plant Employees required to work on Easter Sunday as part of their regular work schedule shall receive a compensatory day.

SECTION 4 - WORK OUT OF CLASSIFICATION

- A. When an employee is required to work in a higher classification for less than four (4) hours in a day, he/she shall be paid four (4) hours at the rate of the higher

classification.

- B. If he/she works in the higher classification for four (4) or more hours during a day, he/she will receive the rate of the higher classification for eight (8) hours. Overtime will be paid at the rate appropriate to the classification in which worked.
- C. When an employee is required to work in a lower classification, he/she shall continue to earn his/her regular rate of pay of his/her regular classification.
- D. Sewer pumping station mechanics who have completed one (1) year of employment and have met all other requirements will upon the recommendation of the Division Head, be upgraded to a "C" classification and after the completion of two (2) years, will be upgraded to a "D" classification.
- E. When a bargaining unit member is required to operate a vehicle requiring a Class A CDL, he/she shall be compensated at E grade for the entire shift.
- F. Weekend lead employees will be paid on Level E.

SECTION 5 - SHIFT WORK

A. SHIFT CHANGES

In the event of shift changes, the employee and the union are to be given five (5) calendar days notice unless the Administration notifies the Union of an emergency.

B. SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL

All employees required to work either a Saturday or a Sunday as part of their regularly scheduled forty (40) hours work week shall be entitled to an additional five percent (5%) of their base salary.

C. Night Shift

1. Employees who normally work the second shift, as hereinabove defined in Article VI, Section 2(B), shall receive, in addition to their regular pay, an additional five percent (5%) of their regular rate.

2. Employees who normally work the Third Shift, as hereinabove defined in Article VI, Section 2(B), shall receive, in addition to their regular pay, an additional ten percent (10%) of their regular rate.

WEEKEND WORK

A. When a shift extends into the weekend, the differential described below shall apply:

1. 1st shift - Saturday and Sunday - 10%
2. Saturday or Sunday - 5% each day
3. 2nd Shift - above compensation plus 5%

TREATMENT PLANT

A. Operation of the incinerator (MIP) and the Gravity Thickeners including all of their support and related processes; such as, the lime handling system, the polymer system, to be a D

position (operation of the above support and related systems only is and continues to be a C position).

- B. Ability to operate all of the above and after completion of a training program and after certification to be a D position. When a Grade C level employee is involved in training to qualify as a Grade D in accordance with Article 6, Section 5 herein, the employee who is in training and being supervised by a Grade D level or about employee shall not be entitled to out-of-title pay for any of the jobs related during the training to qualify for the Grade D level. An employee who is in training for the Grade D level will be entitled to out-of-title pay contained in Article 6, Section 4 herein only in instances when that employee is expressly directed by management to work without supervision during the training period for a shift or part thereof.
- C. When a D operator is put in charge of a shift, in the absence of a supervisor, for a period of four (4) hours or more hours, he/she shall receive a compensation of an E position.
- D. After a D operator has the ability to operate all of the above and has successfully completed the basic and advanced wastewater courses, that shall be E position.

ARTICLE VII

HOLIDAYS

- A. The following are recognized holidays for the purpose of this

Agreement, for which Union Employees shall receive a day's pay:

1. NEW YEAR'S DAY
2. MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY - OBSERVED
3. WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY - OBSERVED
4. GOOD FRIDAY
5. MEMORIAL DAY - OBSERVED
6. INDEPENDENCE DAY
7. LABOR DAY
8. COLUMBUS DAY - OBSERVED
9. GENERAL ELECTION DAY
10. THANKSGIVING DAY
11. DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING
12. CHRISTMAS DAY

B. Whenever any of the holidays listed above shall fall on a Sunday, the succeeding Monday shall be observed as the holiday. When any holiday listed above shall fall on a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be observed as the holiday.

C. Any employee covered by this Agreement who was hired prior to March 30, 2011 shall be given one floating day off at the start of each year, to be used at the discretion of the employee, under the same contractual restrictions as vacation days.

- D. Any employee of the Township transferring/promoting into Local 2274, who was employed by the Township prior to March 30, 2011 will be eligible for the floating day. Those hired by the Township after March 30, 2011 who subsequently transfer in will remain ineligible.
- E. Should an eligible employee not be able to utilize his/her floating day off during a calendar year, it shall convert to a vacation day and may be carried or lost, subject to the terms and conditions set in Article IX of this Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- F. Where the work week is other than Monday through Friday, the following shall prevail: Employees shall be paid straight time and holiday pay where a normal work day falls on a holiday. Effective January 1, 2016 (for the remainder of 2016 after date of signing) and annually thereafter, when a holiday as observed in A and B above falls on an employee's normal scheduled day off, such employee may opt for either: (a) a holiday/bank day or (b) eight hours (8 hr.) straight time pay for the day.

Such employee must opt for (a) or (b) on an annual basis, or when first assigned the applicable schedule on a permanent basis. Should neither (a) or (b) be chosen by December 31st of the preceding year or during the first week of new assignment; then option (b) shall apply as the default for

entire year or remainder.

General Conditions of Holiday/bank days under option (a):

- 1) Must be used in the same calendar year earned; and
- 2) May not be taken until after earned; holidays are earned when they occur on the calendar; and
- 3) Can only be used on a weekday; and
- 4) Only five Holidays/bank days per year may be used in this manner.

ARTICLE VIII

SICK LEAVE AND MODIFIED DUTY

SECTION 1 - GENERAL CONDITIONS

Sick leave is paid leave that may be granted to each full-time employee who is unable, through sickness or injury, to perform the duties of his/her position, or who is quarantined by a physician because he/she has been exposed to a contagious disease.

SECTION 2 - SICK LEAVE ALLOWANCE

A. Full time employees shall accumulate sick leave on the basis of sixteen (16) days per year. Sick leave can be accumulated without limit during the employee's length of service. Accumulated sick leave may be used by an employee for personal illness, illness in his/her immediate family which requires his/her attendance upon the ill member, quarantine restrictions, or disabling injuries.

1. No sick leave allowance will be paid in case of

dismissal.

2. Probationary employees shall not utilize paid sick leave or personal days until the six (6) months probationary period is completed. Upon completion of the 6-month probationary period an employee will receive the allotted annual sick time allowance retroactively. However, any sick time taken during the probationary period shall be uncompensated and compensation shall not be retroactive.
- 3.a. All employees covered by this Agreement who have been employed for at least one (1) year and are covered by the provisions herein shall be entitled to a payment of twenty-five dollars (\$25) for each accumulated sick day, upon separation from the service of the employer for any reason, save for cause. He/she shall be compensated in cash for the monetary value of his/her accumulated unused sick time standing to his/her credit at the time of his/her separation from service. In case of an employee's death in service, payment shall be made to his/her estate.
- 3.b. All members hired by the Township before June 19, 2007 having five years in Local 2274 at time of retirement shall be eligible to receive payment for accumulated sick days as follows:

0 - 50 \$25.00

51 - 150	\$50.00
151 - 200	\$75.00
200 +	\$100.00

Any payments for accumulated sick time under Article VIII shall be capped at \$14,000.

Those employees hired after June 19, 2007 will only be eligible for the \$25.00 payment for accumulated sick time as specified in Section 3.a of this Article.

4. Each year, three (3) of the sixteen (16) sick days may be used as personal days. All three (3) personal days may be used in hourly increments. Any personal days not used, will revert back to accumulative sick days. The days may be taken with two (2) working days prior notice whenever possible to the employee's Department Head, without restrictions. Religious holidays will be included as personal days.
5. It will be the policy of the Administration that personal days shall not be taken consecutively and not in conjunction with vacation days.
 - a. Any member of the Administration or Union representative may request a review of an employee's sick leave record at any time. The Union agrees to cooperate fully in minimizing sick leave taken and eliminate any abuses called to the attention of the Department Head. The employer retains the right to require an employee to be

examined by the Township physician at any time.

- b. In those instances where an employee is unable to perform his/her assigned tasks because of a modified duty permit issued by a physician, said employee will be subject to a salary reduction.
- c. Where the employee's injury or illness is not job related, the employee's salary will be reduced two (2) grades in job classification, and reduced one (1) grade where injury is job related.
- d. For job related injuries there shall be no reduction in pay for the first (55) fifty-five cumulative days of modified duty per injury. For non-job related injuries there shall be no reduction in pay for the first (30) thirty-days per injury of modified duty. All actions taken with respect to employees on modified duty shall be subject to recommendations by the Department Head and approval by the Employer.

SECTION 3 **OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS OR ACCIDENT**

During the period of occupational illness or accident where an employee accepts no compensation benefits under the Workers' Compensation Act and returns those benefits to the Township in exchange for his/her normal pay check, that sick leave time charged will be pro-rated for that portion which is not covered by the compensation benefits.

ARTICLE IX

VACATIONS

SECTION 1 **GENERAL VACATION ALLOWANCE**

A. Full time employees paid on an annual salary basis shall be granted vacation leave, with pay, each fiscal year in accordance with the following schedule:

1. If an employee is hired before July 1 of the year that employee will be entitled to 5 days vacation for that year.
2. If an employee is hired on or after July 1 of the year that employee shall be entitled to 0 days vacation for that calendar year.
3. Start of 1 full year to the completion of five years-10 vacation days.
4. Start of the 6th year to the completion of 10 years-15 vacation days.
5. Start of the 11th year to the completion of 15 years to the maximum of 20 vacation days.
6. Additionally, employees hired before June 19, 2007 shall be entitled at the start of their 16th year to receive one (1) additional day for each year of service in excess of 15 years up to maximum of 25 days.
7. Employees hired on or after June 19, 2007 shall only be

entitled to the maximum as set forth in #5 above.

- B. Employees shall be allowed to use vacation days which are allotted by contract for use as single days, in half day increments as per the following chart:

<u>Amount of Annual Vacation Leave</u>	<u>Vacation Utilization Blocks of 5 days</u>
5	1
10	1
15	1
20	1
25	1

- C. Vacation requests for the period January 1 - June 30 must be submitted to the respective Department Head for approval at least four (4) weeks prior to the requested vacation leave. Vacation requests for the period July 1 to December 31 must be submitted to the respective Department Head for approval no later than June 1. Requests for single day vacation leave must be submitted to the respective Department Head at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the requested vacation leave. Except for single day vacation requests, the employer's denial or approval of vacation leave requests must be given within five (5) work days of the request. All requests for changes in the original vacation schedule must be submitted to the Department Head for approval at least two (2) weeks prior to the change desired. Where employee vacation requests conflict, unit seniority will prevail. The employer will not

be unreasonable or arbitrarily deny a vacation request or change. Vacation requests and changes may be denied if such requests or change adversely affect staffing levels and/or the efficiency of the division.

SECTION 2 GENERAL CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO VACATION LEAVES

A. The following general conditions shall apply to vacation leave:

1. Accumulation of vacation leave beyond that earned in a twelve (12) month period shall be permitted only with the consent of the Department Head and Administration.
2. Under no conditions, however, shall an employee be permitted to accumulate more than a total of fifteen (15) days of unused vacation leave, and shall not be carried for more than two (2) years (except as in #4 below).
3. Block requirements do not apply to carried over vacation.
4. Vacation carry-over will increase one day for every month an employee is unable to work (treating Workers' Compensation Doctor's orders) due to an on-the-job injury (Workers' Compensation). Such carry-over shall increase by no more than twelve days in a calendar year.
5. Vacation leave shall begin to accrue to permanent employees upon their first (1st) day of service; however, new employees who are serving the 6-month probationary period shall not utilize or be eligible for compensated

vacation leave until they have satisfactorily completed the probationary period as set forth herein.

6. The fiscal year for the purpose of the vacation schedule shall begin on January 1st and end on December 31st.

7. Accrued vacation leave shall be compensated for when the employee becomes separated, either voluntarily, or involuntarily, from the Township service unless the employee terminates without giving two (2) weeks' notice to his/her Department Head.

B. Any employee who is laid off, retires or separates from the service of the Employer for any reason (save for cause) shall be compensated in cash for the monetary value of his/her accumulated and unused vacation time on a prorated monthly basis standing to his/her credit at the time of his/her separation from service. In case of an employee's death in service, payment shall be made to his/her beneficiaries or estate.

B. Time on paid sick leave and all other time paid for but not actually worked shall be considered as days worked for the purpose of computing vacation eligibility and accrual.

ARTICLE X

INSURANCE BENEFITS

A. Life Insurance

All employees covered by this Agreement will be covered by life insurance in the amount of one-half employee's salary to a maximum of \$50,000.00.

B. Medical Insurance

All new hires/spouses/eligible dependents will not be covered by any health benefits for the first thirty (30) days of employment with the Township. Such coverages are referred to as Blue Collar Plans I and H respectively (formerly referred to as Blue Collar Plans A and B respectively).

Effective date of June 19, 2007, upon the expiration of a ninety (90) day enrollment period, all new employees/spouses/eligible dependents will be covered by Blue Collar Plan H (formerly referred to as Plan B) medical insurance, hospital insurance, Major Medical insurance including medical emergency coverage, prescription and dental insurance coverage that is equal to or better than the existing Blue Collar Plan H (formerly referred to as Plan B) coverage during time of contract provided by the Township. Employees being transferred/promoted into Local 2274 who previously were entitled to Plan G (formerly referred to as Plan A) shall be entitled to Blue Collar Plan I (formerly referred to as Plan A)

all others will be enrolled in Blue Collar Plan H. Plan I (formerly Plan A) and H (formerly Plan B) being equal to or better than, regardless of carrier, for duration of contract.

C. All employees hired prior to June 19, 2007 shall be entitled to Blue Collar Plan I (formerly Plan A) and have the option to switch to Plan H (formerly Plan B).

D. No decrease in benefits or coverage shall be affected without the consent of the Union.

E. Prescription Coverage

Effective July 1, 2011 the prescription co-pay shall be as follows:

 \$2.00 for generic prescriptions and

 \$25.00 for non-generic prescriptions

F. Effective July 1, 2007 prescription co-pays can no longer be submitted to major medical for reimbursement nor shall they count toward the major medical deductible.

G. All members not enrolled in Blue Collar Plan H (formerly referred to as Plan B) may voluntarily switch to Plan H (formerly referred to as Plan B). Should any such member switch back to Plan I (formerly referred to as Plan A) during the open enrollment period will be subject to the same eligibility and status as prior to the switch to Plan H (formerly referred to as Plan B).

H. Effective July 1, 2007 members having Plan I (formerly

referred to as Plan A) shall have a forty-five (45) visit per year limit on chiropractic per member, and a thirty-six (36) visit per year limit per covered spouse and/or dependent.

I. Effective January 1, 2008 all insurance deductibles shall be on a yearly calendar basis running from January 1 to December 31.

J. Major Medical coverage for all employees will have an unlimited maximum dollar amount.

K. Upon the death of an active employee who has been employed by the Township for (3) three continuous years or more, all health benefits for spouse and eligible dependents will continue for a period of six (6) months at no cost, after which the spouse and eligible dependents may elect to continue medical coverage at his/her own expense under COBRA at the Township group rates.

L. Each employee and his/her spouse shall be reimbursed up to \$150.00 in each calendar year for charges incurred for preventive care which would include one physical and/or routine immunization.

M. Effective February 1, 2010 each employee shall be reimbursed for the full cost of eye examinations with a total cost not to exceed \$60.00 per annum, non cumulative.

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. The term "hired" shall mean an individual's initial date of

hire with the Township. If an employee leaves the employment of the Township and is subsequently rehired, he or she shall be considered a new hire for the purposes of this section.

O. All employees shall contribute towards his/her health insurance benefits at the Tier IV rates set forth in Ch. 78, P.L. 2011, or as may be amended by applicable law.

SECTION 1 **RETIREMENT BENEFITS**

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Township by *N.J.S.A.40A:10-23*, the Township shall provide the following benefits:

A. Any employee who is a member of this Bargaining Unit who retires from the employment of the Township and who at the time of retirement has reached the age of sixty-two (62) years or older with at least fifteen (15) continuous years of service with the Township shall be entitled to receive at no cost the following medical benefits for the retiree and his/her spouse:

1. Hospital Coverage at Township expense.
2. Medical/Surgical Coverage at Township expense.
3. \$250 per year toward laboratory testing and X-rays at Township expense.
4. The ability to purchase major medical coverage and prescription drug coverage for himself/herself and spouse

at the Township group rate.

Upon the death of the retiree the surviving spouse may elect to continue medical coverage at his/her own expense under COBRA. Upon the expiration of COBRA all benefits shall cease.

B. Any employee who is a member of this Bargaining Unit who regardless of age retires from the employment of the Township and who at the time of retirement has twenty-five (25) years or more of service credit in the Public Employee's Retirement System and a period of service of twenty-five (25) continuous years with the Township shall be entitled to receive at no cost the following medical benefits for the retiree and his/her spouse:

1. Hospital Coverage at Township expense.
2. Medical/Surgical Coverage at Township expense.
3. \$250 per year toward laboratory testing and X-rays at Township expense.
4. The ability to purchase major medical coverage and prescription drug coverage for himself/herself and spouse at the Township group rate.

Upon the death of the retiree the surviving spouse may elect to continue medical coverage at his/her own expense under COBRA. Upon the expiration of COBRA all benefits shall cease.

C. Any employee who is a member of this Bargaining Unit and who

at the time of retirement has reached the age of sixty-five (65) years or older with twenty-five years (25) or more of service credit in the Public Employees' Retirement System and a period of service of twenty (20) years with the Township at the time of retirement shall be entitled to receive at no cost the following medical benefits for the retiree and his/her spouse:

1. Hospital Coverage at Township expense.
2. Medical/Surgical Coverage at Township expense.
3. \$250 per year toward laboratory testing and X-rays at Township expense.
4. The ability to purchase major medical coverage and prescription drug coverage for himself/herself and spouse at the Township group rate.

Upon the death of the retiree the surviving spouse may elect to continue medical coverage at his/her own expense under COBRA. Upon the expiration of COBRA all benefits shall cease.

D. Any employee who was employed by the Township on or before February 7, 2002, and who is covered by this bargaining unit, who retires at age sixty-two (62) with a minimum of twenty (20) years of continuous service with the Township shall receive the following benefits for him/herself and spouse:

1. Hospital Coverage at Township expense
2. Medical/Surgical Coverage at Township expense.

3. \$250 per year toward laboratory testing and x-rays at Township expense.
4. The ability to purchase dental insurance for his/herself and spouse at his/her expense at the Township group rate.
5. The ability to receive coverage for the retiree, at the retiree's sole discretion, of either major medical or prescription insurance at the Township's expense. Once the retiree has selected, and has begun to receive, either major medical or prescription coverage the retiree cannot elect to substitute one for the other.
6. The ability to purchase major medical coverage and/or the prescription drug plan, for himself/herself and his/her spouse at his/her expense at the Township group rate.

Upon the death of the retiree the surviving spouse's health benefits will continue for six (6) months at the Township's expense after which time the spouse may elect to continue the coverage at his/her own expense under COBRA. Upon the expiration of COBRA the spouse may elect to continue receiving these same benefits at his/her own expense at the Township group rate.

E. Any employee who was employed by the Township on or before February 7, 2002, and who is covered by this bargaining unit,

who retires at age sixty-five (65) with a minimum of twenty-five (25) years of continuous service with the Township shall receive, at no cost to him/herself and his/her spouse, the same health benefits that the employee and spouse received while employed by the Township.

Upon the death of the retiree the surviving spouse's health benefits will continue for six (6) months at the Township's expense after which time the spouse may elect to continue medical coverage at his/her own expense under COBRA. Upon expiration of COBRA the spouse may elect to continue receiving these same health benefits at his/her own expense at the Township group rate.

F. Any employee who was employed by the Township on or before February 7, 2002, and who is covered by this bargaining unit, who retires with a minimum of thirty (30) years of continuous service with the Township, no minimum age, shall receive, at no cost to him/herself and his/her spouse, the same health benefits that the employee and spouse received while employed by the Township.

Upon the death of the retiree the surviving spouse's health benefits will continue for six (6) months at the Township's expense after which time the spouse may elect to continue medical coverage at his/her own expense under COBRA. Upon the expiration of COBRA the spouse may elect to continue receiving these same health benefits at his/her own expense at the Township group rate.

G. With the exception of prescription, employees subject to co-pay

prior to retirement shall not be subject to any co-pay upon retirement. Those who retire with Plan H (formerly referred to as Plan B) shall keep Plan H upon retirement.

- H. Life insurance in an amount equal to one-half of the employee's annual salary, to a maximum of fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars at the time of retirement will be continued for the retired employee at no cost to the retired employee.
- I. Benefits granted at time of retirement for the employee and his/her spouse shall remain in effect for the life of employee and are not subject to reduction or elimination in future negotiations.
- J. Any retired employee whose medical benefits are granted by the Township must file an Affidavit with the Chief Financial Officer of the Township on January 1st of every year and not later than March 1st, in effect that he has not changed his status as a retiree or his marital status and that he has not been employed by a firm covering him or his spouse with a Hospitalization Plan. On February 1st, the Township will notify by Certified Mail, those retirees who are delinquent that they have the month of February to file. Failure to file will result in termination of benefits.
- K. Except for those retirees who have twenty or more years of creditable service in one or more State or locally-administered retirement systems as of December 31, 2014, all

qualifying retirees shall contribute towards his/her health insurance benefits at the Tier IV rates set forth in Ch. 78, P.L. 2011, or as may be amended by applicable law.

ARTICLE XI

LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITH PAY

SECTION 1 JURY DUTY

Any full-time employee who is subpoenaed as a witness in a civil or criminal case, not involving him/her in his/her capacity as a Township employee, or an employee who is called and serves on a jury, may be granted paid leave for that period of time which he is officially involved with the court in such capacity.

SECTION 2 UNION LEAVE

- A. The Employer will grant time off necessary for three (3) elected delegates to attend with no loss of pay, Union conventions, Education and conferences called by the AFSCME New Jersey State Council 63, AFL0-CIO and District Council 63. The Employer will grant time off necessary for two (2) elected delegates to attend with no loss of pay, Union Conventions, Educational and Conferences called by the International Union.
- B. The amount of time per delegate to be utilized by the Union for such purpose shall not exceed a total of ten (10) days during the life of the Agreement.
- C. The Union shall certify in writing to the Employer at least two (2) weeks in advance of such Conventions, Educational or

Conferences, the names of delegates attending, the amount of time required and the dates of such leaves.

SECTION 3 **MILITARY SERVICE**

Any full-time employee, who is a member of the National Guard or Reserve Components of the Military or Naval Service of the United States and is required to perform active duty for training periods shall be granted a leave of absence with base pay for the period of such training. This paid leave of absence shall be in addition to his/her vacation leave, but shall not exceed fifteen (15) days in any fiscal year.

SECTION 4 **CIVIC DUTY**

Employees required by subpoena to appear before a court or other public body on any matter not related to their work in which they are not personally interested shall be granted a leave of absence therefor. The Employer agrees to pay them the difference, if any, between the compensation they receive from the court or other public body and their regular wages for a day of service.

SECTION 5 **BEREAVEMENT LEAVE**

Each full-time employee may be granted, upon approval of said employee's Department Head, time off with pay, not to exceed three (3) days, in the event of a death in his immediate family. Upon recommendation of the Department Head and approval by the Administration, a reasonable extension beyond three (3) days may be allowed where circumstances justify such action. The term "immediate family" as used in this paragraph includes the

employee's father or mother; wife or husband; brother or sister; son or daughter; mother-in-law or father-in-law; brother-in-law or sister-in-law; grandmother or grandfather; grandchildren.

SECTION 6 **EDUCATION LEAVE**

Full time employees may be granted skill or professional improvement leave for specific courses of study relating to the work of the Township in which he is employed, or leave to attend conferences of professional and similar associations. Such leave may be granted with full or part pay upon recommendations of the employee's Department Head and approval by the Administration, in an amount not exceeding one (1) calendar month during any calendar year.

ARTICLE XII

LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY

A full-time employee may be granted leave without pay for a period not exceeding one (1) month during a calendar year for specific personal reasons, or other reasons deemed in the best interest of the Township when recommended by the Department Head and approved by the Administration. Applications for leave without pay must be submitted in writing to the employee's Department Head showing the employee's reason for requesting such leave and must contain a statement that he/she intends to return to the Township service.

Employees returning from authorized leaves of absence as set forth in Articles XI, XII, XIII and XIV will be restored to their

original classification at the appropriate rate of pay with no loss of seniority, employee rights, privileges or benefits.

SECTION 1 MATERNITY/PATERNITY LEAVE

Maternity/Paternity leave without pay for pregnancy and confinement will be granted to employees. Such request must be accompanied by a written and signed physician's statement. Such leave will be granted for a period of six (6) months. The employee may exhaust all sick and vacation time in addition to such leave either before beginning the leave or at the end of the leave.

Any salary raise or increment granted as a result of Union negotiations and becoming effective while an employee is on maternity/paternity leave shall be added to the employee's annual salary. This increase will only take effect upon the employee's return from such leave and will apply to services performed from the time forward.

SECTION 2 MILITARY LEAVE

When an employee has been called to active duty or inducted into the military or naval forces of the United States, he shall automatically be granted an indefinite leave of absence without pay for the duration of such active military service. However, in order that the employee may be reinstated without loss of privileges or seniority, he must report for duty with the Township within thirty

(30) days following his honorable discharge from such services.

ARTICLE XIII

SENIORITY, LAYOFFS AND RECALL

SECTION 1 SENIORITY

- A. Seniority is defined as an employee's total length of service with the Employer beginning with his/her latest date of hire.
- B. In case of promotions, demotions, layoff, recall, shift assignment, vacation schedules, and other situations where substantial employee advantages or disadvantages are concerned, employees with the greatest amount of seniority shall be given preference.
- C. If a question arises concerning two or more employees who are hired on the same date, preference shall be given in alphabetical order of the employee's last name.
- D. Full time temporary employee on continuous employment will not accrue seniority rights until they have accumulated one hundred eighty (180) calendar days with the Township, at which time their seniority will have been considered to have commenced on their first day of employment.
- E. Where more than one work shift per day, within a given classification, is in effect, employees within such classification will be given preference of shifts in

accordance with their seniority at the request of the employee. Such preference for a change in shift will be exercised only when vacancies occur or when for other reasons changes in the number of employees per shift are made.

F. In case of transfers into the bargaining unit or divisional transfers within the bargaining unit, the transferring employee will be subject to assuming the least seniority in the division.

G. Six (6) "Super Seniority" ratings are hereby established for Shop Stewards, consisting of one (1) for the Division of Roads and Traffic, one (1) for the Division of Water and Sewer, one (1) for the Division of Parks and Forestry, one (1) for Division of Equipment Maintenance, one (1) for the Water Pollution Control Plant and one (1) for the Division of Recycling and Solid Waste.

SECTION 2 LOSS OF SENIORITY

An employee shall lose his/her seniority for the following reasons only:

- a) He/she quits;
- b) He/she is discharged and the discharge is not reversed;
- c) Heshe does not return to work when recalled from layoff

as set forth in the recall procedure.

SECTION 3 LAYOFF

A. The word "layoff" means a reduction in working force.

- B. Seniority shall prevail in case of layoff. Senior employee shall demote to next appropriate title by division and classification within his/her respective department.
- C. Employees to be laid off for an indefinite period will have at least seven (7) calendar days notice of layoff. The Local Union Secretary shall receive a list from the employer of the employees being laid off on the same date that such notices are issued to the employees.

SECTION 4 **RECALL PROCEDURE**

- A. When the working force is increased after a layoff, employees will be recalled according to seniority, provided they meet the requirements of the job. Such notice of recall shall be in the first instance by telephone except that, should no personal contact be made with such employee by the telephone for whatever reasons, then the employee shall be sent notice of such recall by certified mail to his/her last known address.
- B. If an employee fails to report for work within ten (10) days from the date of mailing of recall notice and no personal contact has been successfully accomplished by telephone, then he/she shall be considered a quit.
- C. If an employee fails to report as ordered on completion of a telephone notification, then he/she shall be considered a quit. The telephone order will be confirmed by certified mail.

- D. Recall rights for an employee shall expire six (6) months from date of layoff. Written notice of expiration of recall rights shall be sent to the employee at his/her last known address by certified mail.

SECTION 5 SENIORITY ROSTER

- A. The Shop Steward shall maintain an accurate seniority roster showing each employee's date of hire, rate of pay and classification. Such lists will be made available to the Union Secretary by July 1st of each year.
- B. The Shop Steward shall promptly advise the appropriate Union representative of any changes which necessitate amendments to the seniority list.

ARTICLE XIV

FILLING POSITIONS, TEMPORARY VACANCIES, TRANSFERS

SECTION 1 METHOD OF FILLING POSITIONS

- A. In the event a vacancy occurs, a new position is created, or an opportunity for a promotion to a higher classification occurs within the bargaining unit, such position availability shall be posted for five (5) days. The posting notice will be given to the Union President who will date said notice and be responsible for posting same. If no employee within the unit makes written application for such position within these five (5) days, the Township may withdraw the offer and attempt to fill the position in another manner. Division, then

Department, then Unit Seniority shall be considered in this order in the selection of an individual to fill the vacancy. The posting procedure will apply to Grade B and higher positions only.

- B. The Shop Steward will notify any employee of an open classification if this employee is on leave, sick, etc., and not aware of the opening. The Department Head shall notify the Shop Steward of employee's absence.
- C. The Employer shall establish reasonable job specifications for any new position.
- D. In accordance with the procedures hereinabove set forth, when the employee is appointed to another classification within the unit, he/she shall be required to undergo a trial period of a minimum of sixty (60) working days.
- E. If the employee is demoted during the trial period described in the previous paragraph, he/she shall be restored to his/her former position and the manner of the demotion shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.
- F. During the trial period of an employee working in a new capacity, he/she shall be paid the probationary rate of the higher classification.
- G. Job vacancies occurring within the Table of Organization or new positions created shall be posted in sufficient time to allow for the bidding of the positions before the positions

are filled.

SECTION 2 TEMPORARY VACANCIES

- A. Temporary job vacancies are defined as job vacancies that may periodically develop in any job classification which do not exceed thirty (30) days. Job openings which recur on a regular basis and remain open more than thirty (30) days at a time shall not be considered temporary job openings.

SECTION 3 TRANSFERS

- A. Employees desiring to transfer to other jobs shall submit an application in writing to their immediate supervisor. The application shall state the reason for the requested transfer.
- B. In case of divisional transfers, the employee will be subject to assuming the least seniority in the division.
- C. During probation or trial period the employee may not apply for a transfer or a new position.

ARTICLE XV

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

SECTION 1 GRIEVANCES

A grievance shall be defined as any dispute or complaint arising between the parties, or out of the employee's employment, including the interpretation, application, performance or any alleged breach of this Agreement, except those items specifically excluded in this Agreement and shall be processed and settled in the following manner:

Grievance by the Union

Step 1. The Union Steward or other authorized representative of the Union, along with the employee, shall take up the grievance or dispute with the Division Head of the employee within ten (10) work days of its occurrence. The Division Head shall attempt to adjust the matter and respond in writing to the Steward within five (5) work days.

Step 2. If the grievance has not been settled, it shall be reduced to writing, presented and taken up by the Union Steward and an authorized representative, along with the grievant. with the Department Head within ten (10) work days of the receipt of the answer in Step 1. The Department Head shall attempt to adjust the matter and respond in writing to the steward and the other authorized representative within five (5) work days.

Step 3. If the grievance has not been settled, it shall be presented, in writing by the Union to the Administration within twenty (20) work days of receipt of the response by the Department Head. The Administration shall attempt to schedule a meeting within ten (10) work days after receipt of the grievance with the President of the Local, authorized representative of the Union and AFSCME Council representative, along with the grievant. The Administration shall render an answer to writing to the Local Union President, within ten (10) work days of such meeting.

Step 4. If the grievance is still unsettled, the Union

representative may within ten (10) work days after the response from the Administration by written notice, submit the dispute to arbitration.

SECTION 2 **ARBITRATOR**

Should the above procedure fail to produce satisfactory results, it is hereby agreed that a single arbitrator, acceptable to both parties, shall be chosen to review the grievance, after which his determination concerning same will be binding upon both parties. The arbitrator shall be selected pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Public Employment Relations Commission. The cost for such arbitration will be distributed equally between the parties.

SECTION 3 **MATTERS RELATING TO THE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

- A. It is mutually agreed by both parties that no grievance relating to an incident that occurred prior to the execution of this Agreement will be entertained under the provisions of this contract.
- B. The Union will notify the Employer, in writing, of the names of not more than three (3) employees who are designated by the Union to represent employees under the grievance procedure. Employees designated by the Union will be permitted to confer with other Union Representatives, employees and with Employer representatives regarding matters of difference during working

hours without loss of pay by agreement with his immediate superior.

- C. Representatives of the Union who are not employees of the Employer will be permitted to visit with employees during working hours at their work stations for the purpose of discussing Union representation matters so long as the municipality's work does not suffer any undue delay. Such representative shall also be recognized by the Employer as authorized spokesmen for the Union in meetings between the parties regarding employee representation matters. Such representatives shall report to the employee's supervisor prior to meeting with the employee.
- D. The Employer retains all its rights not herein expressly amended, modified or otherwise limited and the utilization of any such right by the Employer shall not be subject to the grievance procedure of this Agreement. This includes all rights under PERC.
- E. The time limits in the procedure may be extended by mutual agreement, in writing.
- F. Any step of the grievance procedure may be by-passed by mutual agreement, in writing.
- G. The affected employee shall be present at each step of the grievance procedure.
- H. The arbitrator shall not have authority to add to, subtract

from or otherwise change or modify the Agreement between the parties.

ARTICLE XVI

SAFETY AND HEALTH

SECTION 1 TOWNSHIP RESPONSIBILITY

The Employer shall at all times endeavor to maintain safe and healthful working conditions, and provide employees with tools or devices to promote the safety and health of said employees.

SECTION 2 COMMITTEE

The Employer and the Union may each designate one (1) safety committee member.

SECTION 3 COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITY

It shall be their joint responsibility to investigate and recommend a correction of unsafe and unhealthy conditions. They shall meet periodically, as necessary, to review conditions.

SECTION 4 USE OF SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Any employee failing to use the safety equipment provided will be subject to disciplinary action.

SECTION 5 EXPOSURE TO TOXIC CHEMICALS

All employees routinely exposed to toxic chemicals in the performance of their duties will be given a medical examination once a year at the expense of the Township.

ARTICLE XVII

WORK UNIFORMS

- A. The Employer shall supply each employee covered by this Agreement with six (6) uniforms per year, which shall consist of six (6) pants, six (6) shirts and two (2) jackets. Six (6) T-shirts shall be provided for the warm weather months. Each employee's cleaning shall be assumed by the Township at the rate of twice per week (if six uniforms are supplied) except for summer T-shirts. Cleaning can become once a week or less provided a sufficient number of uniforms are supplied, to cover the time span.
- B. Any employee failing to wear the uniforms provided will be subject to disciplinary action.

ARTICLE XVIII

TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAM

- A. Any trainings the Township requires an employee to take to maintain license or certification shall be paid by the Township.
- B. Water Pollution Control Plant Training
 - 1. The Township shall provide Transportation to and pay the tuition of Water Pollution Control employees enrolled in Water Pollution Control basic and advanced operations courses.

2. Employees who successfully complete the basic operations course shall receive \$500 added to their base salary.
 3. Employees who successfully complete the advanced operations course shall receive an additional \$500 added to their base salary.
- C. Employees who hold a specific license(s) and/or certificate(s) for their job title shall receive \$500.00 added to their base salary.

ARTICLE XIX

EQUAL TREATMENT

The Employer agrees that there shall be no discrimination or favoritism for reasons of sex, age, nationality, race, religion, marital status, political affiliation, union membership, or union activities.

ARTICLE XX

MEETINGS

It is agreed that representatives of the Employer and representatives of the Union will meet from time to time upon request of either party to discuss matters of general interest or concern, matters which are not necessarily a grievance, as such. The purpose of the meeting shall be noted in writing prior to the meeting and mailed or delivered by hand to all interested parties.

ARTICLE XXI

MISCELLANEOUS

Bulletin Boards will be made available by the Employer at each of the work locations for the exclusive use of the Union for the purpose of posting union announcements and other information of a non-controversial nature.

MECHANICS TOOLS

- A. Mechanics will purchase existing tools and tool boxes from the Township. All new mechanics shall provide their own tools and lockable tool boxes. Township will furnish only tools over 1 - 1/2-inch size on a sign-out basis.
- B. All damaged tools will be replaced with tools of like make and quality from the Township's bidding supplier if such damaged tools are turned in to the Township.
- C. Effective January 1, 2019 all mechanics and climbers shall receive a tool and equipment allowance of \$500.00 per year to be received no later than July.

PRIOR BENEFITS

Any benefits presently enjoyed other than those under Article XIX by employees subject to this Agreement which are specifically mentioned herein shall be continued during the term hereof, subject to provisions of applicable law.

ARTICLE XXII

SEVERABILITY

The parties acknowledge that, during negotiations which resulted in this Agreement, each had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any subject or matter not removed by law from the area of collective bargaining and that the understanding and agreements arrived at by the parties after the exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this Agreement.

Therefore, the Employer and the Union, for the life of this Agreement, each voluntarily and unqualifiedly waives the right, and each agrees that the other shall not be obligated to bargain collectively with respect to any subject or matter referred to or covered in this Agreement, or with respect to any subject or matter not specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement, even though such subject or matter may not have been within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both of the parties at the time they negotiated or signed this Agreement.

Should any portion of this Agreement be held unlawful and unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the Court shall apply only to the specific portion of the Agreement affected by such decision.

ARTICLE XXIII

FULLY BARGAINED PROVISIONS

A. This Agreement represents and incorporates the complete and final understanding and settlement by the parties of all bargainable issues which were or could have been the subject of negotiations. During the terms of this Agreement, neither party will be required to negotiate with respect to any such matter whether or not covered by this Agreement, and whether or not within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both of the parties at the time they negotiated or signed this Agreement.

ARTICLE XXIV

DURATION

This Agreement shall be effective as of the 1st day of January 2023 and shall remain in full force and effect until the 31st day of December 2027. It shall be automatically renewed, unless either party shall notify the other in writing one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the budget submission date that it desires to modify this Agreement. In the event that such notice is given, negotiations shall begin not later than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the budget submission date. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effective during the period of negotiations and until notice of termination of this Agreement is provided to the other party in the manner set forth in the

following paragraph. In the event that either party desires to terminate this Agreement, written notice must be given to the other party not less than ten (10) days prior to the expiration date.

The parties acknowledge that the terms and conditions are subject to ratification by the Township of Wayne and Local 2274 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO NJ Council 63.

All parties agree to recommend these terms and conditions to their respective constituents for ratification.

PAY SCHEDULE A

APPRENTICE RATE:

1/1/23	47,133
1/1/24	48,076
1/1/25	49,278
1/1/26	50,510
1/1/27	51,520

GRADE B

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Custodian/Groundsman	1/1/23	69,845
Driver/Repairman	1/1/24	71,241
Driver Repairman/Installer	1/1/25	73,022
Grounds man	1/1/26	74,848
Meter Installer Repairman	1/1/27	76,345
Park Maintenance Man		
Pump Station Maint. Man		
Repairman		

Grade B changes to Grade C after fifteen (15) years of continuous service with the Township.

After five (5) years of on crew service B Grade employees will move to Grade D (aerial lift operator) in the Tree and Traffic crews.

GRADE C

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Driver Repairman	1/1/23	72,207
Jr. Plant Operator	1/1/24	73,651
Meter Reader	1/1/25	75,492
Station Maint. Man	1/1/26	77,380
Sr. Meter Installer	1/1/27	78,927
Sr. Park Maint. Man		
Sr. Repairman		
Sr. Sewer Maintenance		
Sewer Line maint. Man		
Sign Maker/Installer		
Tractor Operator		
Traffic Signal Repairman		

PAY SCHEDULE A cont'd.

<u>GRADE D</u>	Probationary		Regular
	<u>Date</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Sr. Plant Operator	1/1/23	72,675	74,578
Repairman	1/1/24	74,129	76,070
Parks Utility Driver	1/1/25	75,982	77,972
	1/1/26	77,881	79,921
	1/1/27	79,439	81,519

<u>GRADE E</u>	Probationary		Regular
	<u>DATE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Climber	1/1/23	75,036	76,947
Heavy Equipment Operator	1/1/24	76,537	78,486
Maintenance Man/Mechanical	1/1/25	78,450	80,448
Sr. Plant Operator	1/1/26	80,412	82,459
Mechanic	1/1/27	82,020	84,108
Generator Mechanic			
Park Mechanic/Equip Main.Man			
Sr. Climber			
Sr. Maintenance Man			
Sr. Pump Station Maintenance			
Sr. Repairman			
Sr. Traffic Signal Repairman			
Vactor Operator			
Welder			
Generator Service Technician			
HVAC Service Technician			

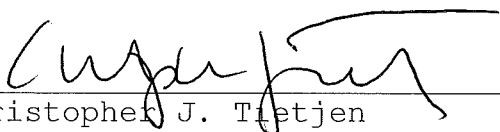
Any employee operating an aerial lift will be paid at minimum D rate, regardless of the department.

INACTIVE GRADE A

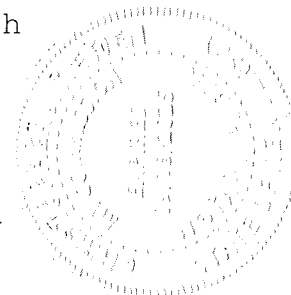
- Custodian
- Jr. Plant Operator
- Park Laborer
- Pump Station Maintenance
- Repairman
- Sewer Line Maint. Man.

acknowledged under oath to my satisfaction, that:

- (a) This person is the Township Clerk of the TOWNSHIP OF WAYNE, the corporation named in the attached document;
- (b) This person is the attesting witness to the signing of this document by the proper corporate officer who is Christopher Vergano the MAYOR of the corporation;
- (c) This document was signed and delivered by the corporation as its voluntary act duly authorized by a proper resolution of its Municipal Council;
- (d) This person knows the proper seal of the corporation which was affixed to this document; and
- e) This person signed this proof to attest to the truth of these facts.



Christopher J. Tietjen



Sworn to and Subscribed
before me the date aforesaid

