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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members
FROM: Christopher Longo, CPM., Deputy Municipal Manager/Acting Manager
DATE: October 16, 2026
RE: **Manager's Report** for the **October 20, 2026** meeting**.**

Resolutions

H.2. #352 Authorizing the Rejection of Propsal Regarding the Lease of Muncipal Facility (Lawrence Nieghborhood Center)

H.5. #355 Authorizing the Appointment of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Christopher Hart was previously appointed as CFO as of July 1, 2026 by Council after a public vote. His working test period has now ended and a Resolution being adopted by Council is appropriate at this time and is inline with Best Practices.

H.6. #356 Authorizing a Resolution to Terminate Participation in State Health Benefits Plan (SHBP) Effective January 1, 2027. Terminating participation in the SHBP will allow the Township to transition from the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) to an alternative health insurance provider offering equal to or better medical coverage at a reduced cost to both the Township and its employees.

This proposed change follows several months of extensive research, evaluation, and consultation with CBIZ, the Township's insurance broker. The initiative was originally prompted by requests from several of the Township's collective bargaining units during recent contract negotiations to explore opportunities to reduce employee health insurance premiums while maintaining quality coverage.

The proposed transition reflects the Township's commitment to fiscal responsibility and responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars, while continuing to prioritize the health and well-being of our employees and their families. By pursuing comparable or enhanced benefits at a lower cost, the Township seeks to achieve meaningful savings for both employees and taxpayers without compromising the quality of healthcare coverage.

H.7. #357 Authorizing a Resolution to join Central Jersey Health Insurance Fund (HIF). The Central Jersey Health Insurance Fund (HIF), will replace the SHBP. This plan is equal to or better than the SHBP and provides a significant savings to both the employees and Township.

The resolutions include items required by law and/or ordinance, preparation for operations, routine administrative authorizations, resolutions providing for refunds, the acceptance and release of various bonds, and the release of project escrow funds, etc.[1]

Please contact me with any questions or concerns before the meeting, if possible, to avoid tabling important Township business.

1 Mayor and Council Members please let me know if you have any questions on resolutions not detailed in the report.